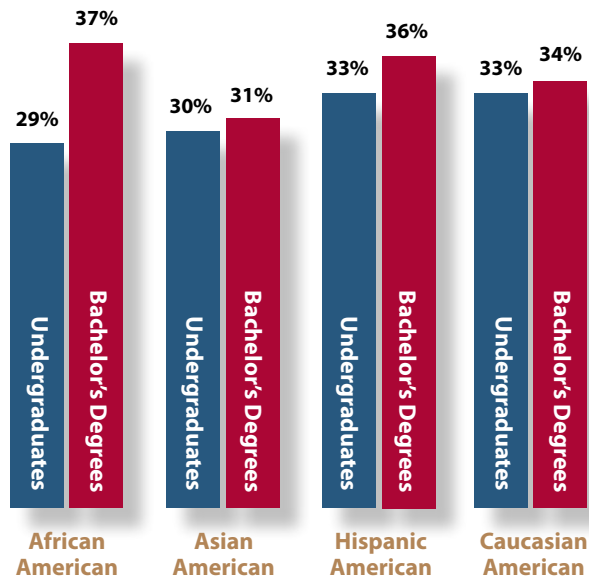


Ohio's Independent Colleges' Share of Undergraduates and Bachelor's Degrees Awarded at Four-Year Ohio Colleges and Universities by Race/Ethnicity



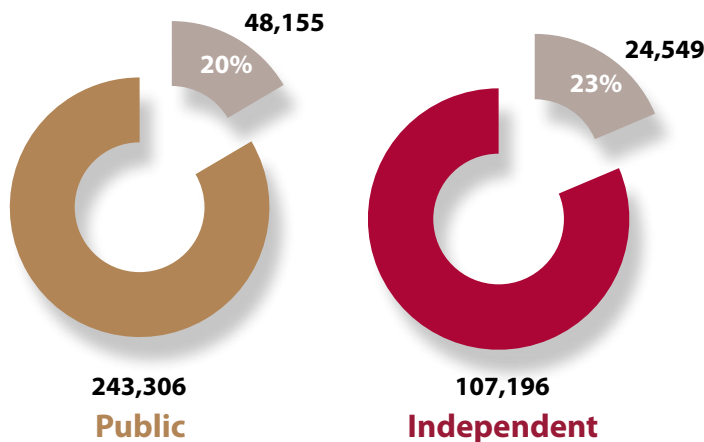
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Minority Students in Ohio's Public and Independent Colleges and Universities

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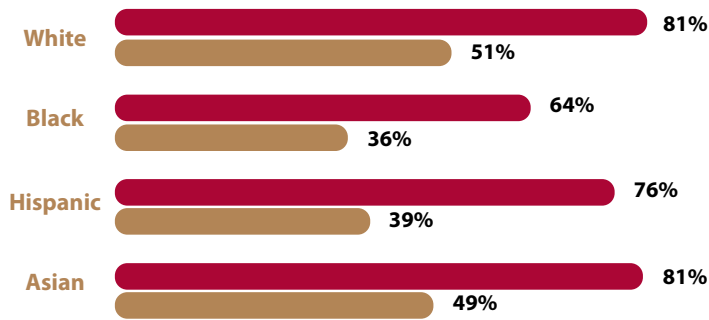
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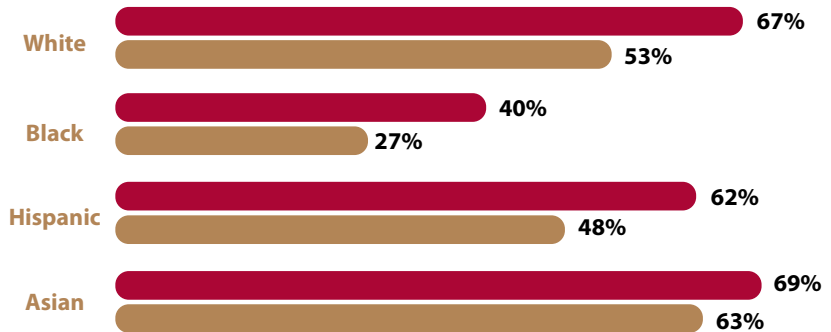
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National Graduation Rates (within four years)



Ohio Graduation Rates (within four years)



Ohio's Students Need Our Help

The state remains ranked **38/50** in percentage of population holding a bachelor's degree.

This comes at a time when **7 out of 10** new jobs created require a college degree.

While independent colleges in Ohio are faring better than the state's public colleges and universities in graduation rates of minorities, the state as a whole is well below the national graduation rates.

Ohio's per capita income is **5.7%** below the national average.

In order for this to change and Ohio's economy to turn around, we **need** more students advancing to and graduating from our colleges and universities and entering the workforce.