Education attainment among Asians

In the U.S., 44 percent of undergraduate Asians attend a community college.

![Average education attainment for ages 25 and older, 2008–10](chart)


AACC data analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Fall 2012 Enrollment Survey file.

Although a notable characteristic of Asians is their high rate of degree attainment, disparities exist when comparing educational outcomes within Asian sub-groups. About 25 percent of both Filipinos and Japanese had some college or an associate degree, compared to 12 percent of Chinese. Vietnamese had the lowest degree attainment: 22 percent had less than a high school diploma and 31 percent peaked with a high school diploma. Whereas Asian-Indians had the highest educational attainment — 75 percent had earned a bachelor’s degree or higher — only 8 percent had some college or an associate degree. The [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](https://aacc.nche.edu) provides further breakdowns.

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