

Postsecondary Learning

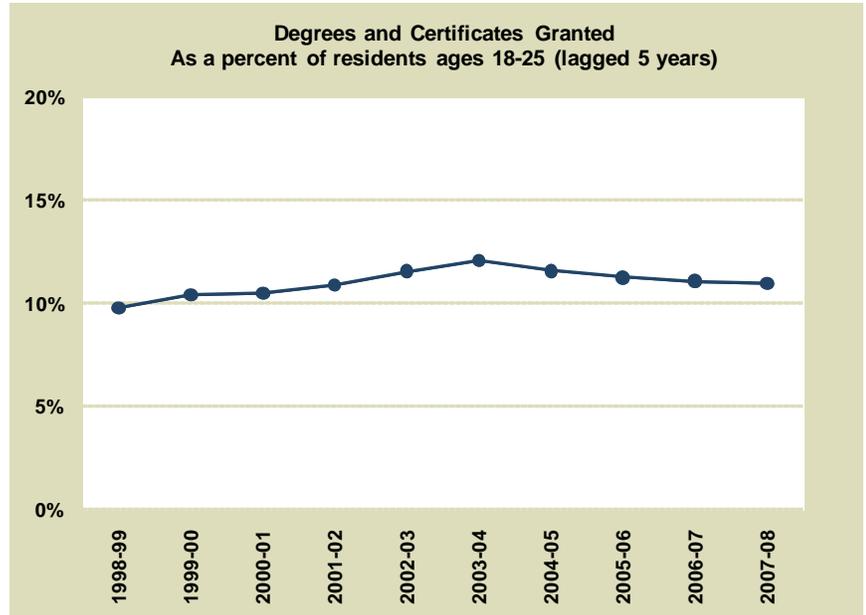
Indicator 1: Increase the Educational Attainment of Washington Adults

Measure a: Degrees and Certificates Granted as a Percent of Residents Age 18-25 (lagged 5 years)

Description:

This indicator uses the total number of degrees and certificates awarded in a year as the numerator and the population age 18 to 25 lagged five years as the denominator. The count of two-year degrees and certificates includes all awarded by institutions in the public community and technical college system. The count of four-year degrees includes degrees at all levels, baccalaureate and above, awarded by public and independent four-year higher education institutions. The prime college-attending age group of 18 to 25 was selected as the population base for this indicator.

Population data are based on OFM's November 2006 state population forecast. Degree and certificate counts are based on the U.S. Department of Education Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).



	IPEDS Degrees / Certs Total	Degrees as % of Population	Population	
			Year	Population
1998-99	57,250	9.8%	1994	583,798
1999-00	61,025	10.4%	1995	585,198
2000-01	61,281	10.5%	1996	583,094
2001-02	63,540	10.9%	1997	581,854
2002-03	69,162	11.6%	1998	597,028
2003-04	74,661	12.1%	1999	617,300
2004-05	73,998	11.6%	2000	637,383
2005-06	73,797	11.3%	2001	653,913
2006-07	74,325	11.1%	2002	669,933
2007-08	75,078	11.0%	2003	683,440

Sources:

[Office of Financial Management, State Population Survey](#)

[U.S. Department of Education Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System \(IPEDS\)](#)