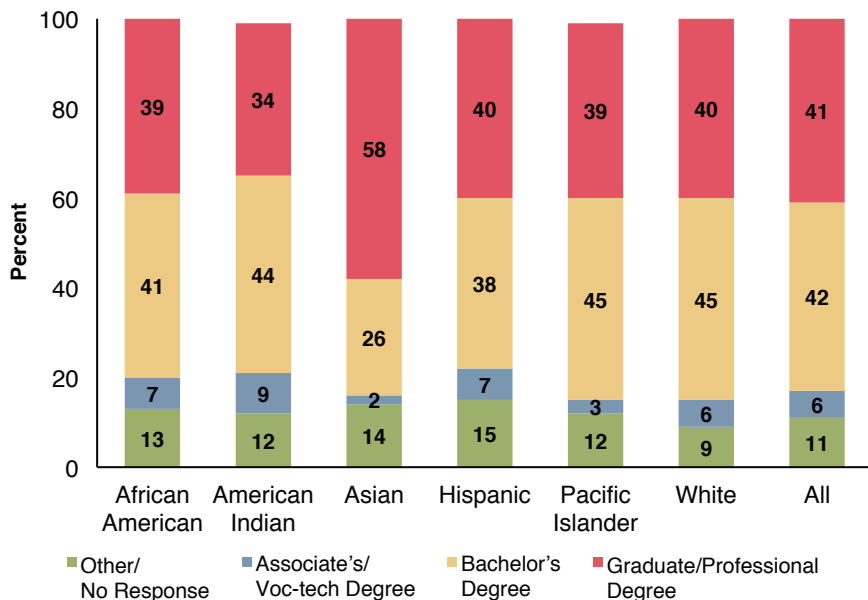


Educational/Career Aspirations & Economic Development

Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity and Educational Aspirations, 2011



Educational Aspirations by Race/Ethnicity

About 89% of all 2011 ACT-tested high school graduates aspired to attain at least a 2-year postsecondary degree, regardless of race/ethnicity.

About 84% of Asian graduates aspired to earn at least a bachelor's degree, with 58% aspiring to continue their formal education beyond a 4-year degree. American Indian graduates (34%) were the least likely to aspire to a graduate or professional degree; 39%–40% of African American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, or White graduates aspired to a graduate or professional degree.

Graph reads: In 2011, 39% of ACT-tested African American high school graduates aspired to a graduate or professional degree, 41% to a bachelor's degree, 7% to an associate's or voc-tech degree, and 13% to another degree type (or provided no response).

Note: Columns may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Race/ethnicity categories changed to reflect updated US Department of Education reporting requirements.