

# Profile of young adults aged 18-24 in Prince George's County

Young people aged 18-24 are in a pivotal transition period from childhood to adulthood and financial independence. Those who earn a high school diploma and a post-secondary credential are much more likely to succeed in the labor market. Blacks and Hispanics consistently fare worse on educational and employment outcomes, placing their economic prospects at risk as well as the region's ability to maintain a skilled and competitive workforce.



All data presented is for the three year period 2011-2013.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

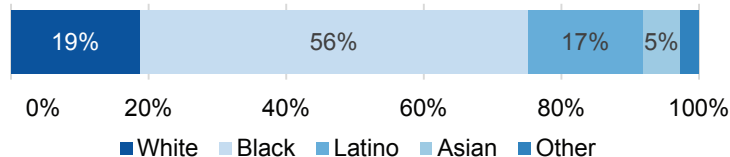
Young adults aged 18-24 Share of total population

**99,841** **11.3%**

Of young adults in Prince George's, **16.9 percent** are foreign born. The top countries of origin are: **El Salvador (23%), Guatemala (15%), and Mexico (6%)**.

Just over half of young adults in Prince George's County are black.

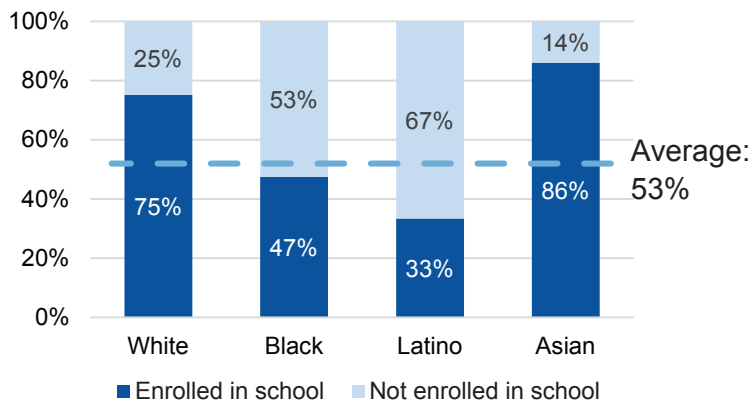
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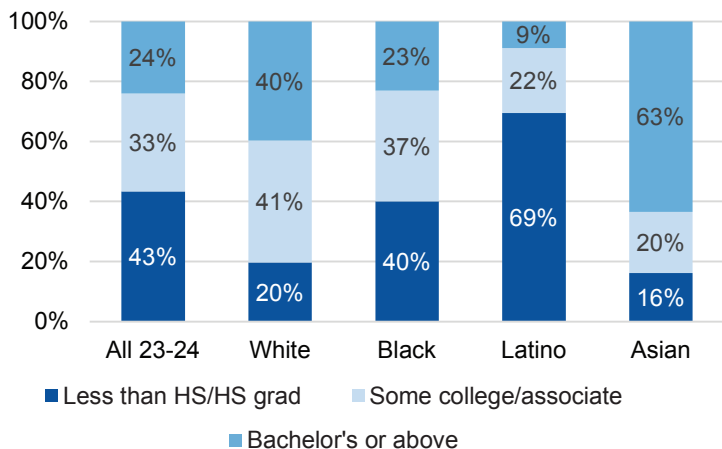
## EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Blacks and Latinos have lower than average rates of school enrollment and are much less likely than whites and Asians to have a bachelor's degree by their early 20s.

### School enrollment, 18-24 year olds



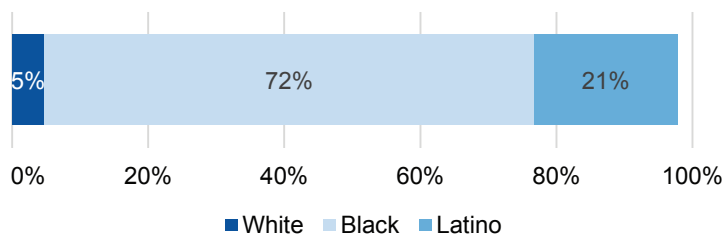
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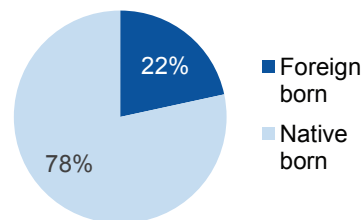
## DISCONNECTED YOUTH

Of young adults aged 18-24 in Prince George's, **5,400** or **5.4 percent** are disconnected, meaning they are low-income (with income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line), neither in school nor working, and have less than an associate degree. These young people are at increased risk for poverty and unemployment.

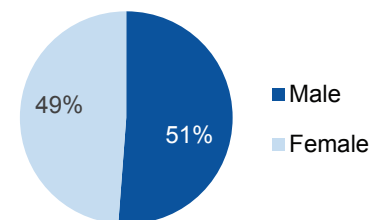
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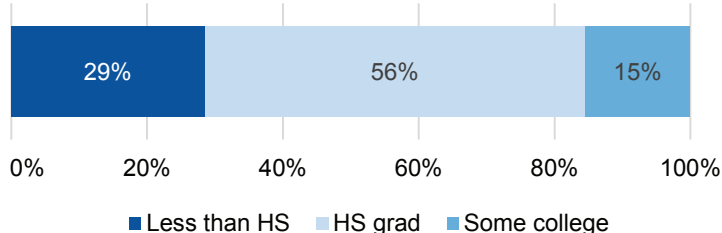
### Nativity



### Gender



### Educational attainment



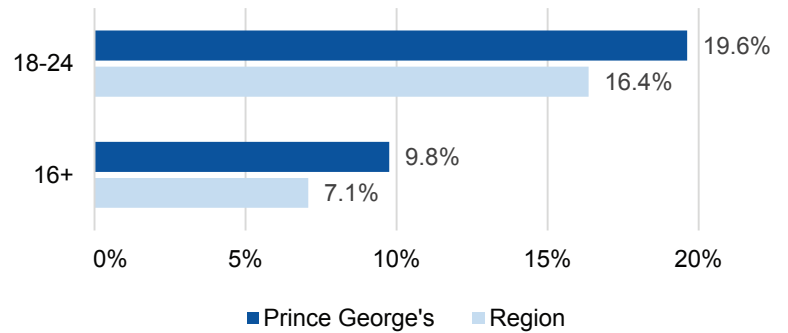
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## EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

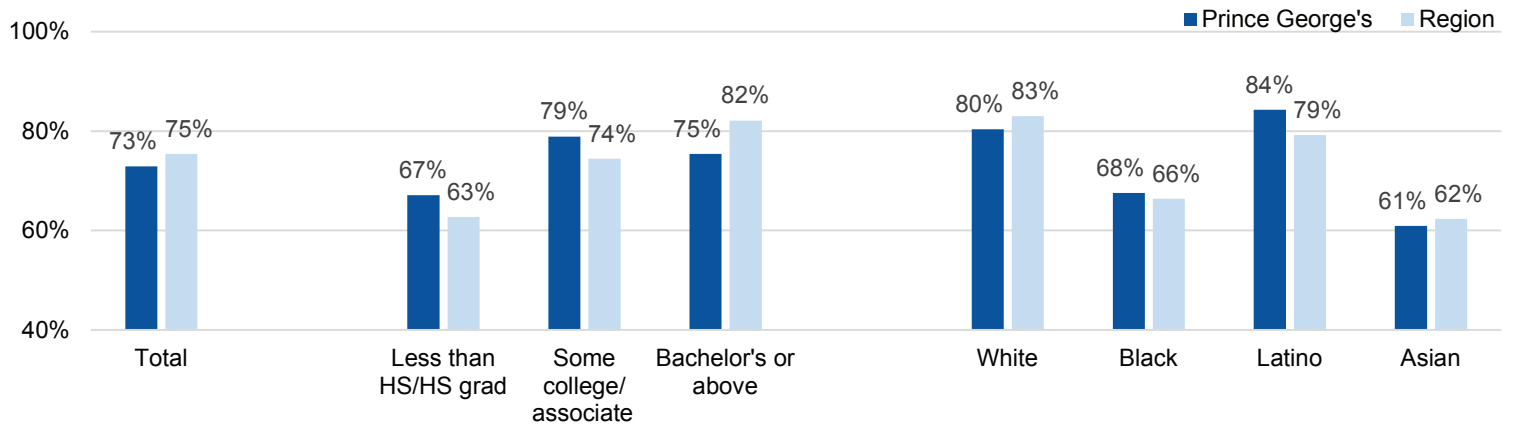
Young people typically have higher unemployment rates and lower earnings than older workers, consistent with their lower levels of experience and skills. However, young people of color and those with lower levels of education are particularly likely to experience low earnings.

Although the Washington region overall skews toward highly educated workers, the educational attainment of people working in Prince George's County more closely mirrors the national average. **Thirty-six percent (36%)** of people working in Prince George's have a bachelor's degree or above (compared to 33 percent in U.S. and 55 percent in the region), with median annual earnings of **\$75,000**. The same share (**36%**) of people working in Prince George's have a high school diploma or less (compared to 23 percent in the region and 35 percent in the U.S.), with median annual earnings of **\$37,000**.

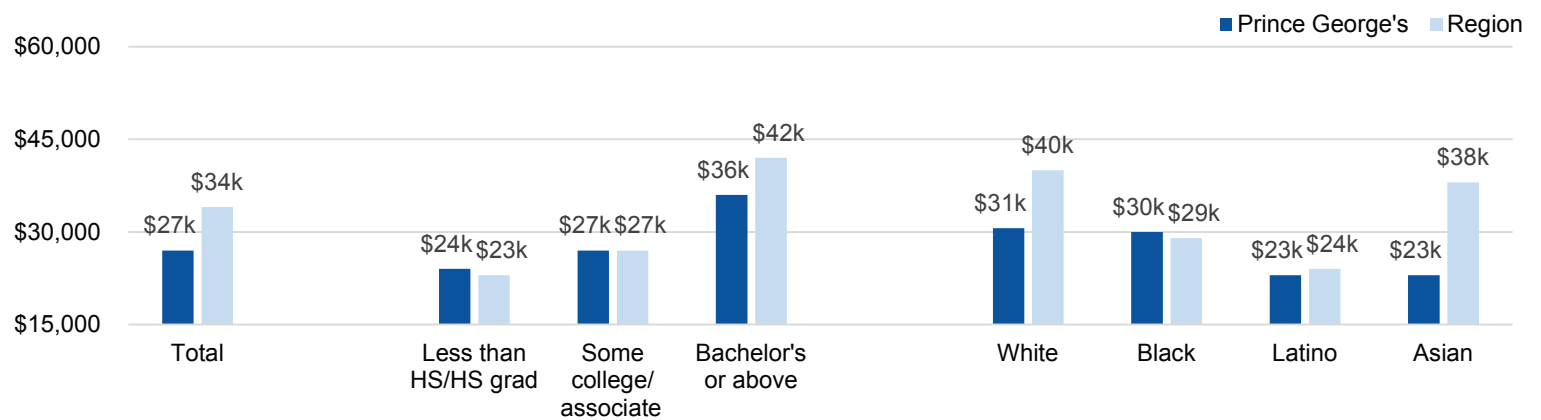
### Unemployment rate



### Employment rates, 23-24 year olds



### Median annual earnings of 23-24 year olds\*



## NOTES

Source: 2011-2013 American Community Survey 3-year microdata.

\*Median annual earnings presented for workers who are employed full-time, year-round in 2013 dollars. Data presented for the region includes the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Alexandria City, Arlington County, Falls Church City, Fairfax City, and Fairfax County. For more information, contact Martha Ross, Fellow, at [mross@brookings.edu](mailto:mross@brookings.edu) or Nicole Prchal Svajlenka, Research Analyst, at [nsvajlenka@brookings.edu](mailto:nsvajlenka@brookings.edu).