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Maine
Report**

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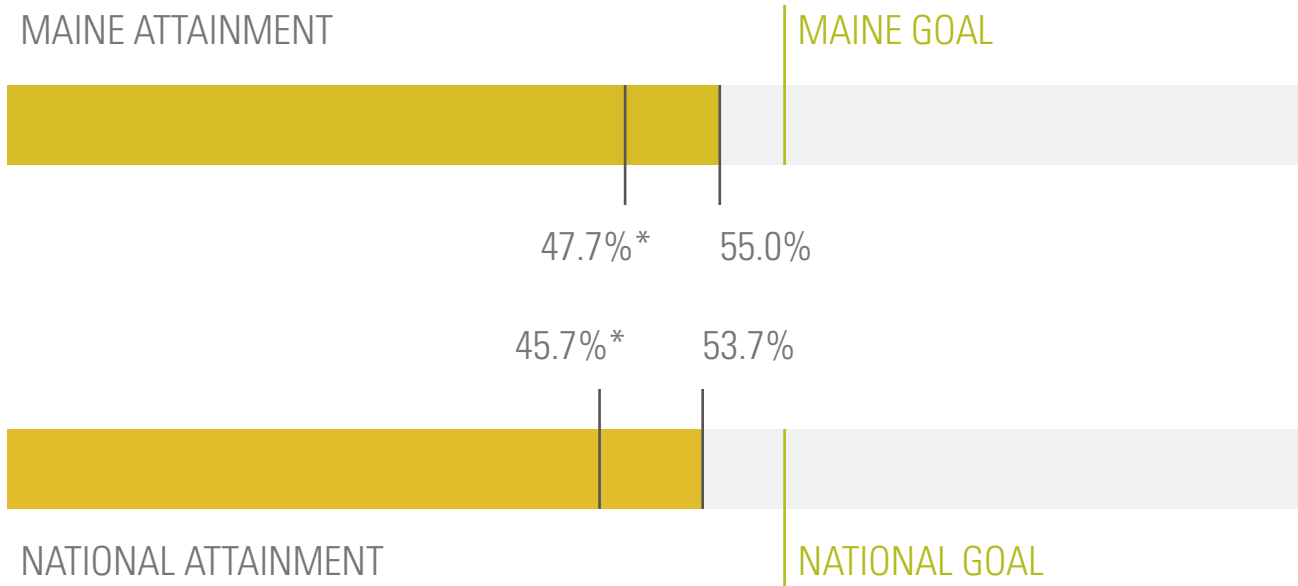
LEARNING BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDS AMERICAN TALENT

Ages 25-64

We are tracking Maine's progress.

How Maine compares to the nation

Educational attainment in Maine exceeds the national average of 53.7 percent, but work remains before it reaches 60 percent.



*without short-term credentials

In addition to comparing Maine to the nation, the bars above show the difference in attainment with and without short-term credentials.

Short-term credentials are an essential part of education beyond high school. These include certificates (added to attainment calculations in 2014) and industry-recognized certifications (added in 2018). The current short-term credential attainment rate in Maine is 7.3% which includes 1.7% of certificates and 5.6% of certifications. Data about these credentials are not yet collected at the county level or disaggregated by race and ethnicity, so they are omitted from state totals in the charts below.

Maine's attainment rate is 55.0 percent, and the state is working toward its attainment goal of 60 percent by 2025.

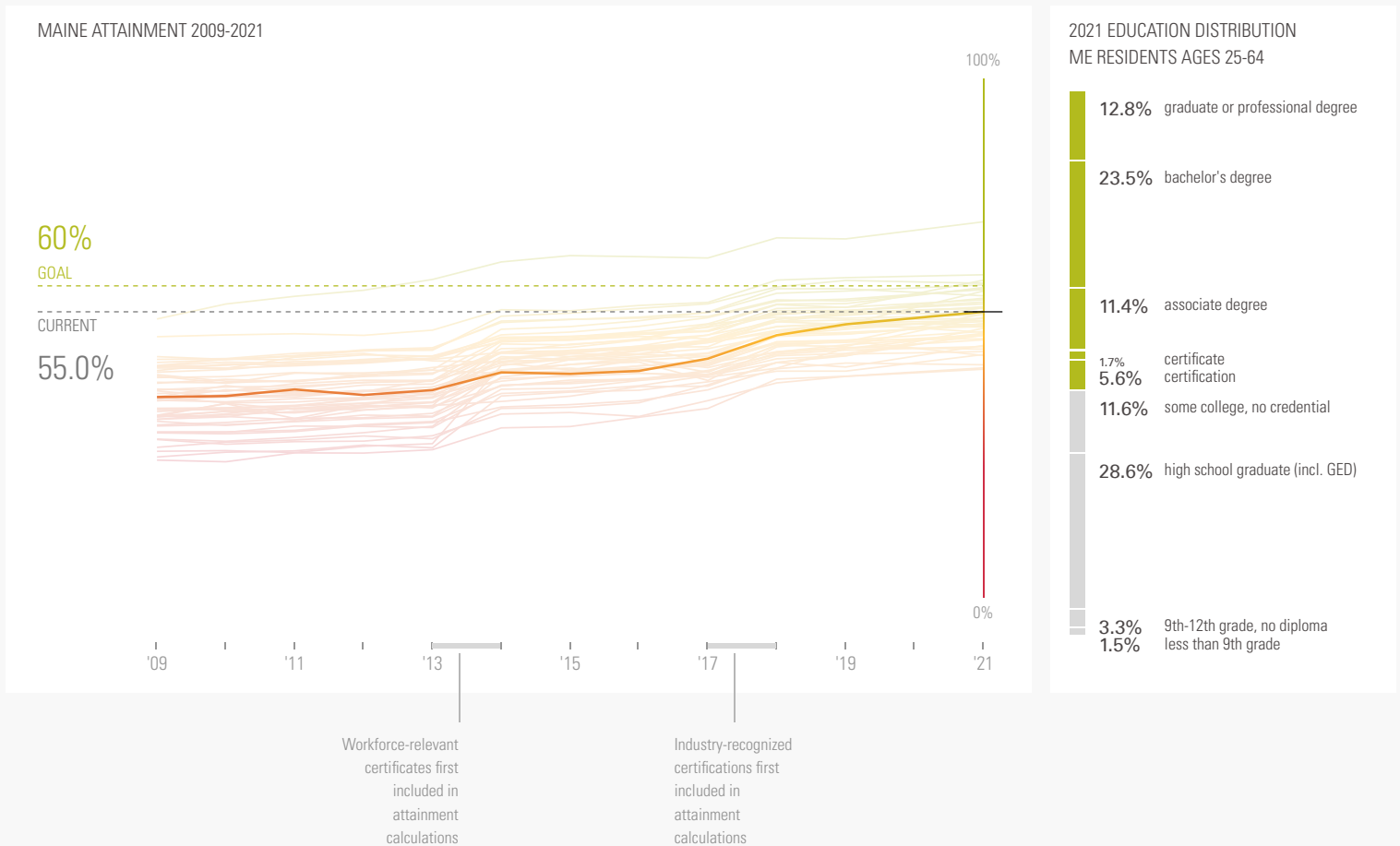
By 2025, 60 percent of adults in the United States will need some quality credential beyond high school. To count toward this goal, any credential must have clear and transparent learning outcomes that lead to further education and employment.

Maine's progress.

To reach state goals, the state will not only have to maintain current rates of attainment but also significantly increase the number of people who enroll in programs and earn all types of credentials beyond high school. With the inclusion of workforce certificates (beginning in 2014) and certifications (in 2018), Maine's overall rate of educational attainment has increased by 16.4 percentage points since 2009.

Maine overall

Track Maine's average attainment across time and see how various credentials contribute to the current 2021 level.



DATA NOTES

Sample: U.S. residents, ages 25-64

2020 data are omitted as the data gathered did not meet our quality standards. See Methods and Sources for more information.

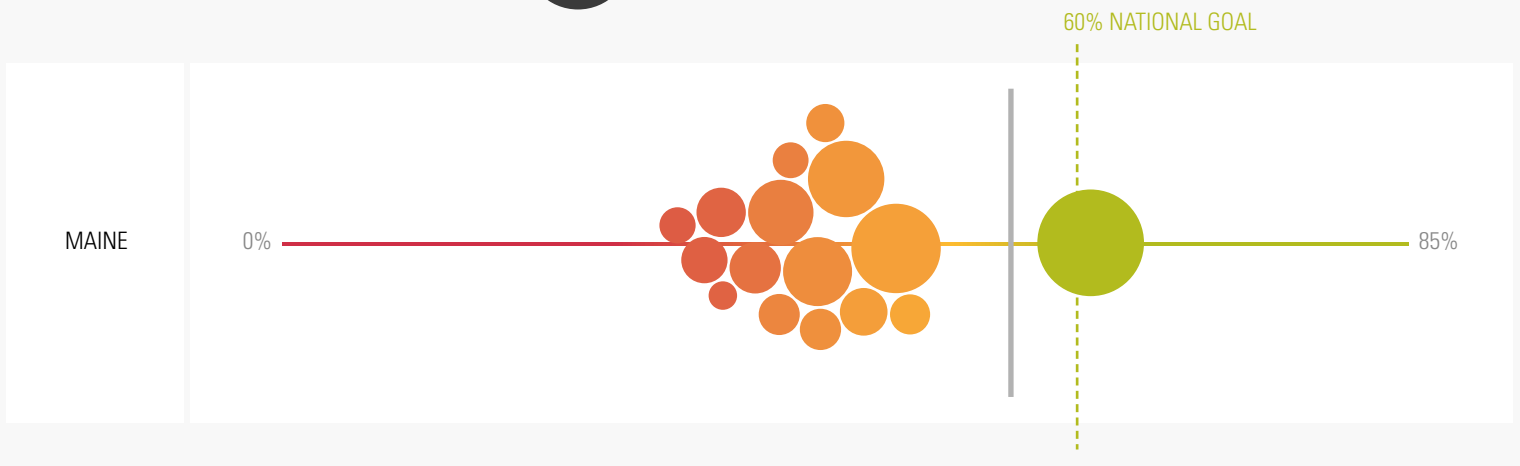
Credentials included: graduate or professional degrees, bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, certificates, industry-recognized certifications.

County-level comparisons

Compare degree-attainment rates across Maine's 16 counties and metropolitan areas. Attainment is shown here as the percentage of people with an associate degree or higher.

1K people ●

164K people ●



COUNTY	ATTAINMENT	POPULATION
Androscoggin	38.2%	57,365
Cumberland	61.0%	163,509
Hancock	44.1%	28,496
Knox	41.4%	20,556
Oxford	33.1%	30,846
Piscataquis	32.9%	8,530
Somerset	32.5%	26,735
Washington	31.8%	15,189

COUNTY	ATTAINMENT	POPULATION
Aroostook	35.6%	33,690
Franklin	38.3%	14,828
Kennebec	40.7%	64,518
Lincoln	41.7%	17,171
Penobscot	42.9%	80,431
Sagadahoc	45.9%	19,266
Waldo	39.5%	20,348
York	44.6%	112,601

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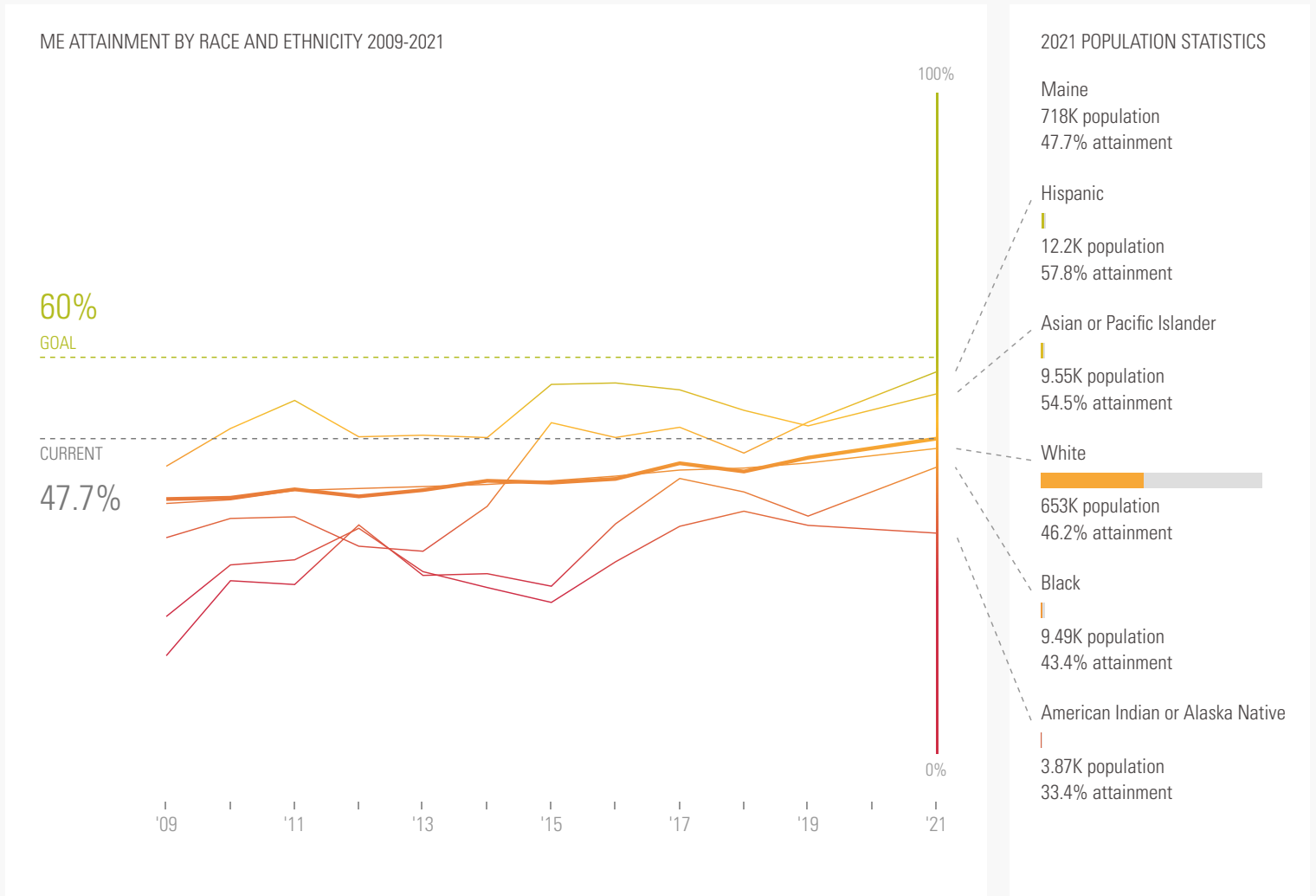
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Short-term credentials are excluded as data are not available by county.

Racial and ethnic comparisons

Explore Maine's attainment rates across different racial and ethnic groups and see how it performs relative to other states. Attainment is shown here as the percentage of residents with an associate degree or higher.



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