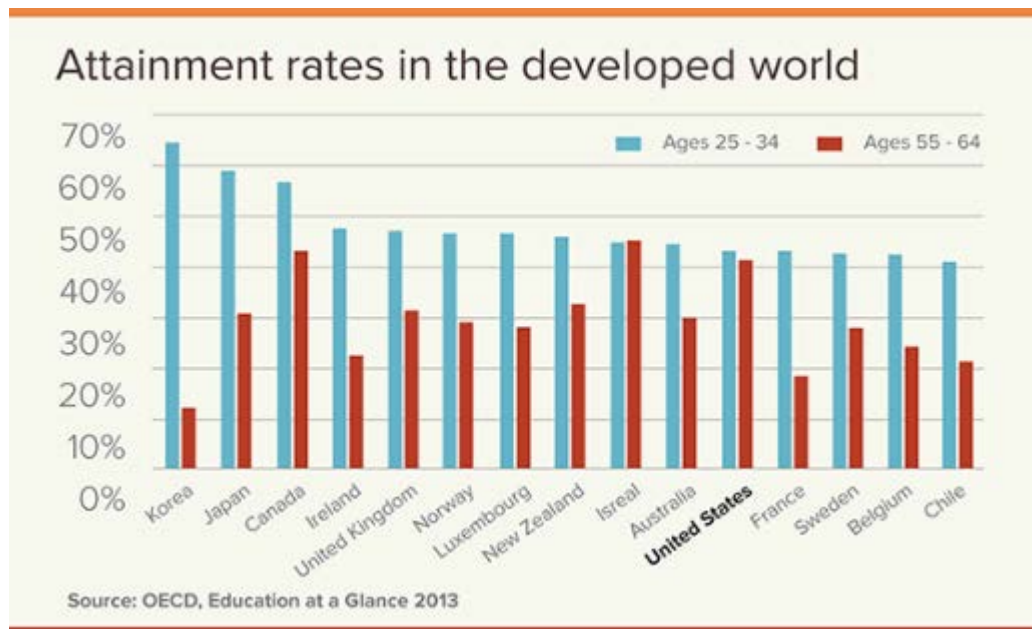


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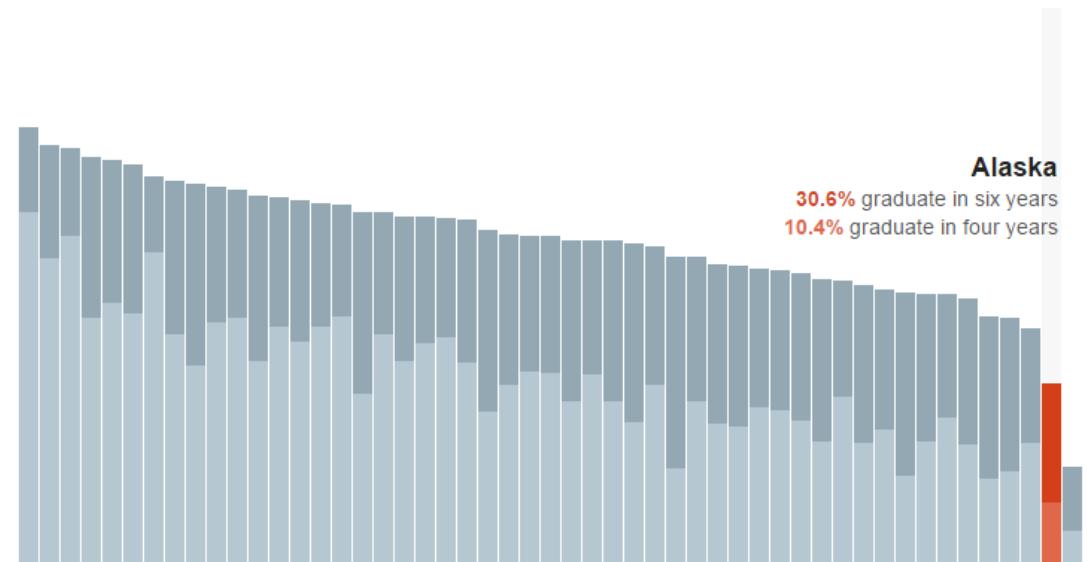
Alaska's Postsecondary Attainment Goal

# We have poor attainment & completion rates – in the US and Alaska.

**US is 11<sup>th</sup> in Global Postsecondary Attainment**



**Alaska is 49<sup>th</sup> in Postsecondary Completion**



# Our education levels to not match job market needs.

## **U.S.** (Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce)

- By 2020, two-thirds of new jobs will require some form of postsecondary education. Today, about 45% of adults in the US have achieved that level of education.

## **Alaska** (DOL)

- By 2025, 65% of Alaska's fastest growing high-wage jobs will require some form of postsecondary education. Today, 43% of adults in Alaska have achieved that level of education.

# So we have attainment goals

**U.S.:** By 2025, 60% of Americans will have high-quality degrees, certificates and other postsecondary credentials – in order to meet workforce needs.



**Alaska:** 65% of Alaskan adults will have a credential or postsecondary degree by 2025.

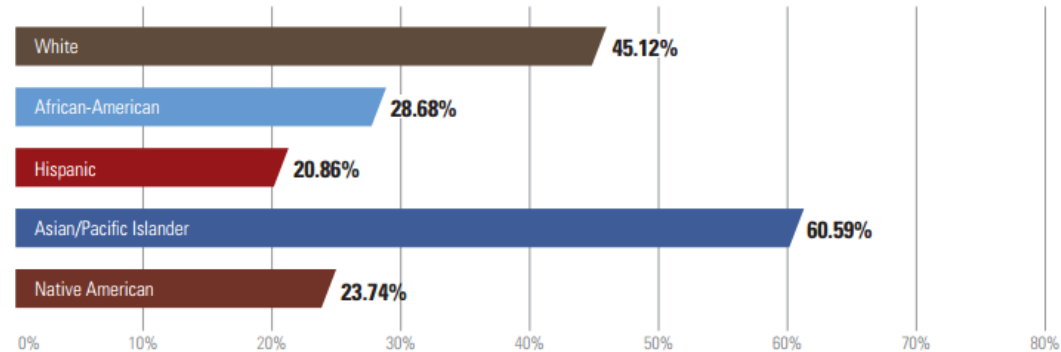


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# The gap is larger in communities of color

## National

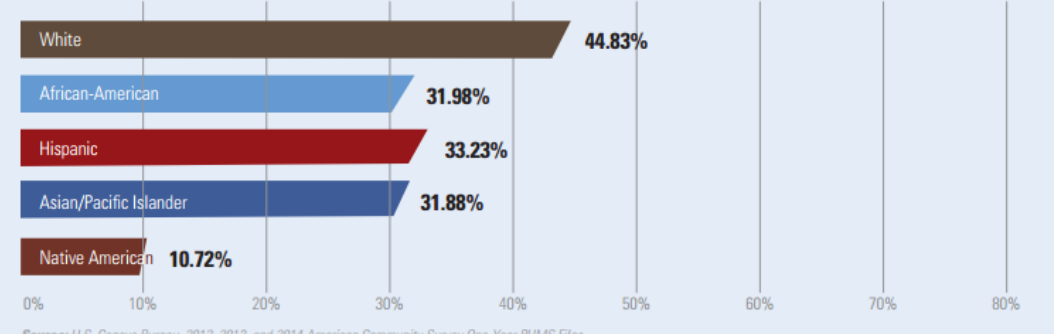
Degree-attainment rates among United States residents (ages 25-64), by population group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-14 American Community Survey PUMS File

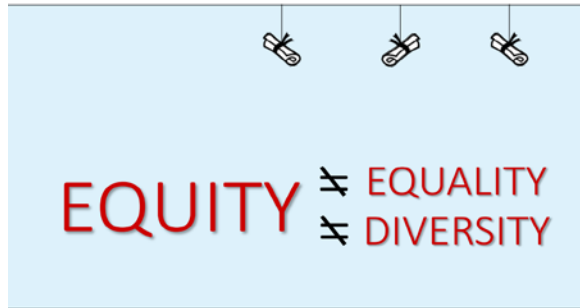
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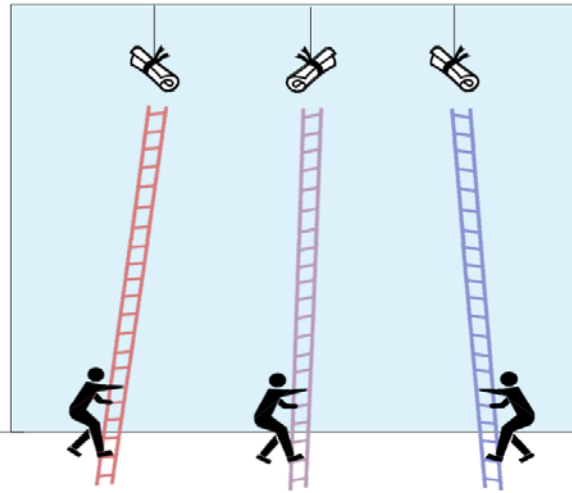
# Attainment efforts must address racial equity



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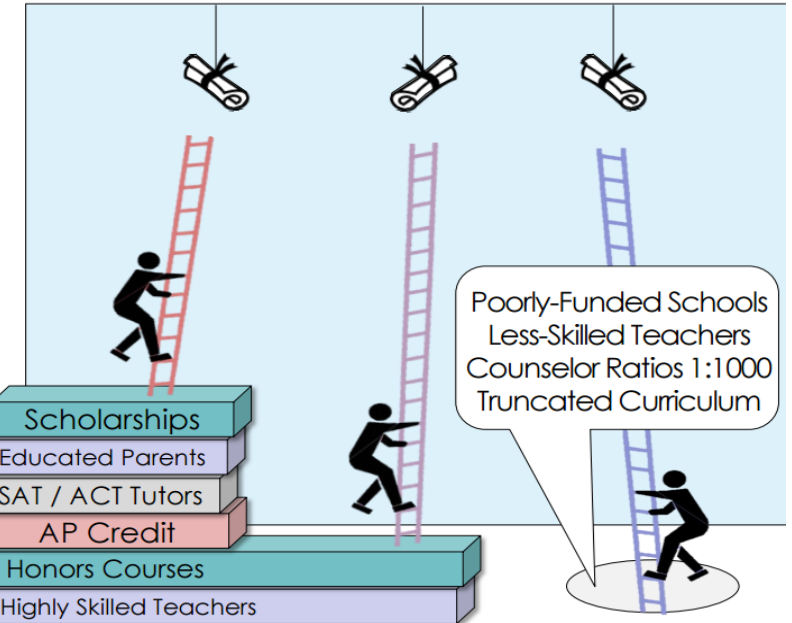
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# Take-away

- If every high school graduate moved into the 65% goal category, that would get us to 52% by 2025. (DOL presentation)
  - Therefore, we cannot achieve the goal without targeting adult degree completion.
- **3rd Annual Alaska CAN! Conference** March 23-24, 2017 Downtown Marriott Anchorage.
- For more information visit [65by2025.org](http://65by2025.org) and [luminafoundation.org](http://luminafoundation.org)