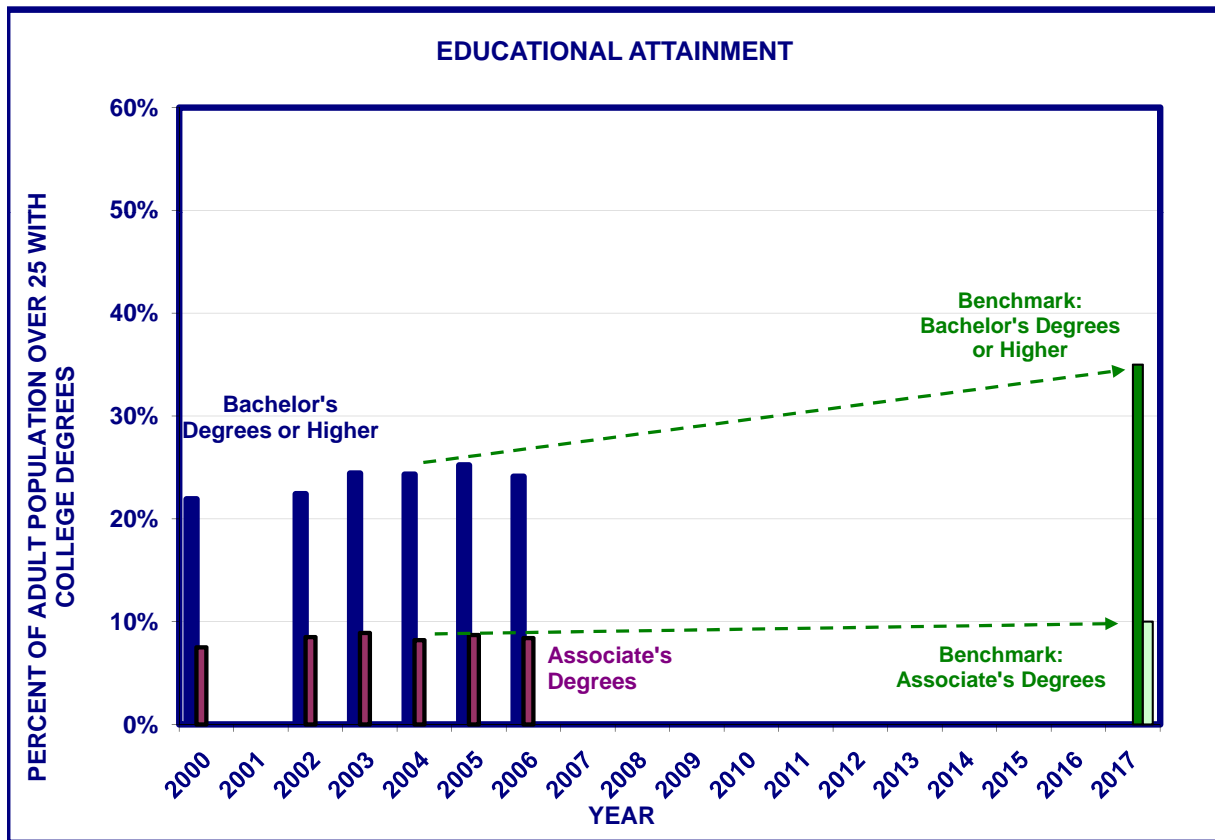


2. Education

d. Higher Education -- By 2017, 35 percent of Duval's population age 25 and over will have bachelor's degrees or higher and an additional 10 percent will have associate's degrees.

The Florida Chamber Foundation, in its 2002 New Cornerstone Report, identified improving Florida's lagging intellectual performance as a critical priority for future economic competitiveness. Educational attainment correlates strongly with increased income levels and prosperity. Census data for 2000, and later American Community Survey data, show Duval County with only slightly more than half the number of college graduates that the New Cornerstone report recommended to be economically competitive. While trends until 2006 were positive, the slight drop in 2006 can most likely be attributed to a change in census data collection that began including in its population count those individuals in group living quarters, such as military barracks or jails.



Duval	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BA or above	21.9%	NA	22.4%	24.4%	24.3%	25.2%	24.1%
AA/AS	7.5%	NA	8.5%	8.9%	8.2%	8.7%	8.4%
United States					27.0%	27.2%	27.0%
					7.1%	7.4%	7.4%

Source: U.S. Census and American Community Survey