

# Two Philadelphias-

Racial and ethnic disparities in educational attainment and employment are pervasive in Philadelphia.

Distribution of Educational Attainment in Philadelphia  
Age 25 years and older, by race and gender, 2005

Educational Attainment	White, Not Hispanic		Black, African-American	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Less than 9th grade	3.5%	4.1%	6.2%	4.8%
9th to 12th grade	11.4%	13.1%	19.4%	18.0%
High school graduate	33.7%	38.0%	36.9%	38.1%
Some college	15.0%	13.6%	18.4%	19.2%
Associate's degree	3.6%	4.8%	5.6%	6.7%
Bachelor's degree	18.5%	14.1%	8.9%	8.1%
Graduate degree	14.4%	12.3%	4.6%	5.1%

## City Ranking of Educational Attainment Among Black Adults, 2005

### Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Los Angeles	22.1%
District of Columbia	21.0%
New York City	20.1%
Houston	18.3%
Atlanta	17.5%
Chicago	16.6%
<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Memphis	13.2%
Detroit	10.6%
Baltimore	10.6%

### Less Than High School Diploma

Los Angeles	18.5%
Houston	18.7%
New York City	20.5%
Memphis	21.3%
Chicago	22.4%
Detroit	22.4%
District of Columbia	22.8%
<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
Atlanta	27.3%
Baltimore	28.0%

Unemployment Rates by Race and Gender, 2005

Age Group	White, Not Hispanic		Black, African-American	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16-19	14.5%	23.8%	62.5%	42.0%
20-24	13.3%	6.9%	44.5%	26.2%
25-54	7.4%	6.2%	17.2%	14.3%
55-64	3.1%	1.9%	6.2%	7.4%

Contact with the criminal justice system underlie poor employment prospects for Black men.

**Conservative estimates show that Black ex-offenders constitute about 22 percent of the young Black male workforce (males under age 40).**