



Education by District

Educational Attainment

Economic development experts like to quote the educational attainment statistics for Colorado because of the high percentages of college graduates in the state. This section looks at the 2016 information on educational attainment for the populations in the County Commissioner Districts. The table summarizes the 2016 data for various attainment groups. The colors emphasize the district with the highest percentage in green and the district with the lowest percentage in yellow with shading in between. For example, District 2 has the highest percentages of persons with

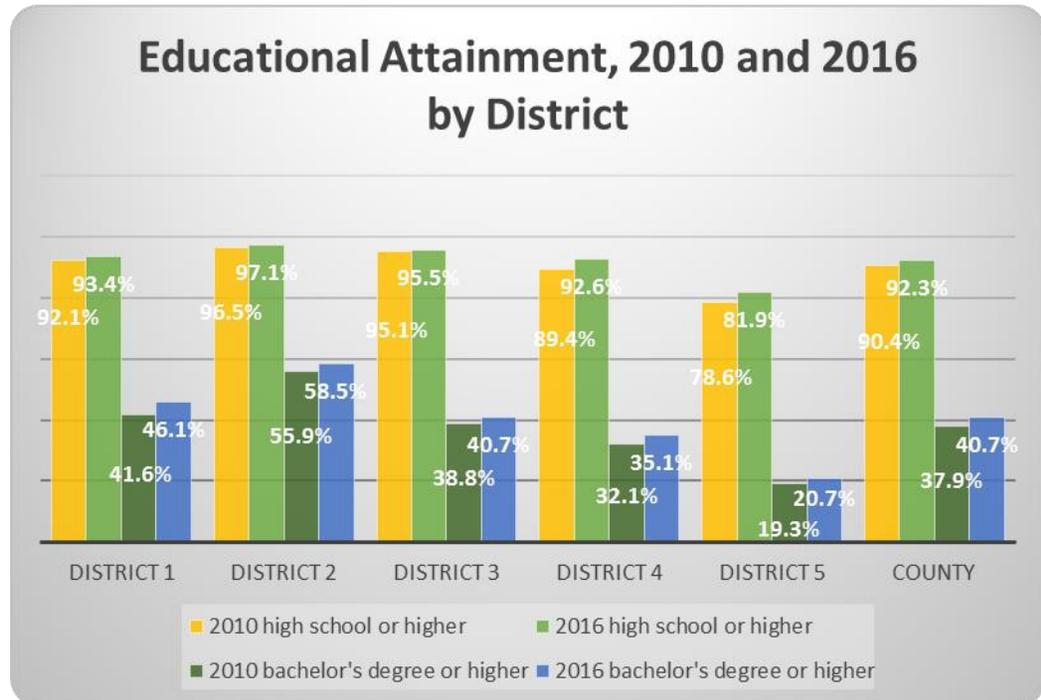
	Less than 9th grade	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college, no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree
District 1	2.3%	4.3%	18.7%	21.8%	6.8%	29.2%	16.9%
District 2	1.0%	1.9%	12.5%	19.2%	7.0%	35.1%	23.4%
District 3	1.6%	2.8%	19.3%	24.2%	11.3%	27.6%	13.2%
District 4	3.3%	4.1%	23.8%	24.1%	9.6%	23.2%	11.9%
District 5	8.8%	9.3%	29.8%	22.8%	8.6%	14.8%	5.9%
County	3.3%	4.4%	20.6%	22.4%	8.6%	26.2%	14.5%

bachelor’s degrees and with graduate or professional degrees. District 5 has the highest percentages for all of the groups with high school graduates or less. It is interesting that about one quarter of the population in the County and in four of the five commissioner districts have some college but no degree. This would seem to be a great market for community colleges.



Arapahoe County Colorado Demographics

The statistic of most interest to economic developers is the percentage of college graduates. The chart shows that percentage as well as the percentage of high school graduates for each district for both 2010 and 2016. For the County and all of the districts, the percentages have increased between 2010 and 2016. Only District 5 has a percentage of population with at least a high school diploma below the County figure (81.9 compared to 92.3 percent). District 2 (58.5 percent) and District 1 (46.1 percent) have higher rates of college graduates than the County (40.7 percent). District 1 has shown the most improved in college graduates, adding 4.5 percentage points to the 2010 rate. The County figures are slightly higher than the Colorado figures.

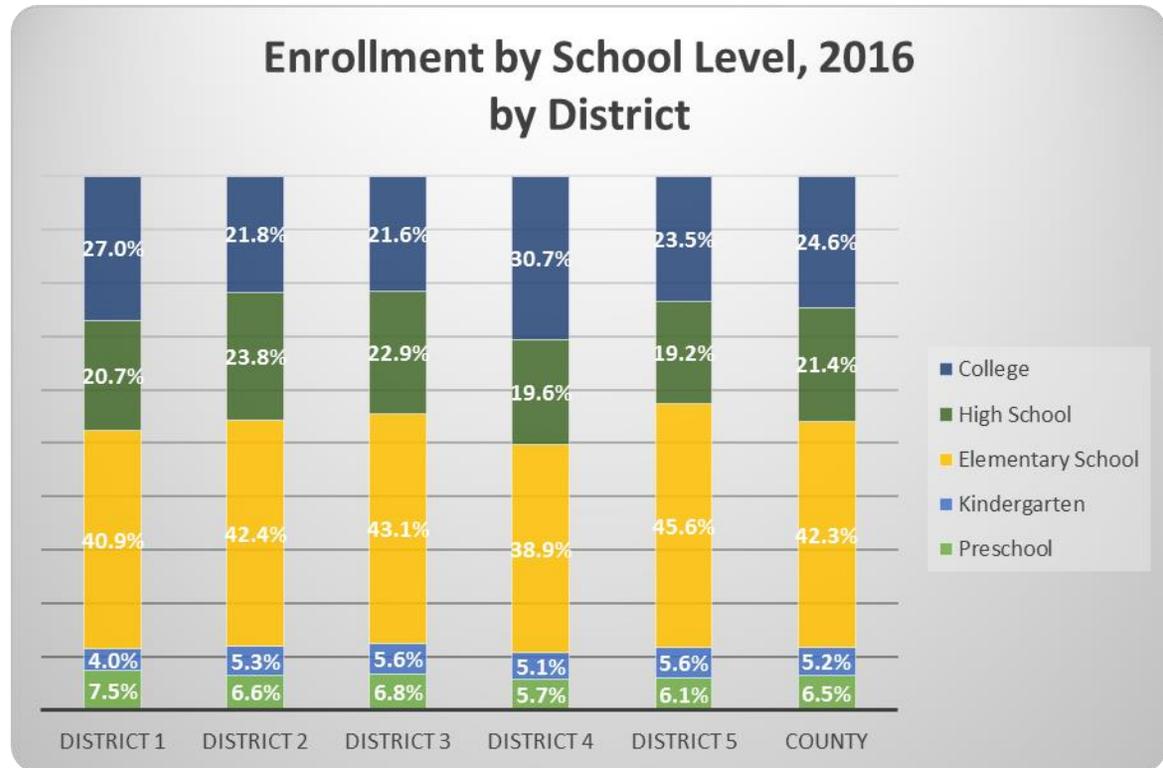




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School Enrollment

The American Community Survey also provides school enrollment in each of the five Commissioner districts. Remember that this is reporting from households about students in their household rather than an inventory of school district reports and includes private as well as public enrollment. The first chart shows the percentage of the population 3 years and over enrolled in different school levels. District 4 stands out for the percentage enrolled in college or graduate school, 6 percentage points above the County average. District 2 had 23.8 percent enrolled in high school (grades 9 to 12) and District 3 had the highest proportion of elementary school enrollees at 43.1 percent. It is interesting that District 1 with the oldest population had the highest percentage of preschoolers, at 7.5 percent.





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Elementary School Enrollment, 2010 and 2016



The next two charts compare school enrollments for two levels (elementary school and college) in 2010 and 2016. For elementary school, all districts showed increased enrollment during the five years. District 3 added the most enrollees with 2,400 new students. District 4 had the least elementary school students in 2010 but passed District 1 by 2016 with about 250 more elementary school students.

College enrollment grew in all districts except District 1, where it remained essentially the same as 2010. District 4 had the highest college enrollment in 2010 but expanded that lead in 2016. It added 1,400 college students. District 5 moved from having the least number of college students to the third highest by adding 1,300 students. For the County as a whole, college enrollment had grown to 39,800 from 35,500. This growth of 12.1 percent compares with the national change of 7.8 percent.

College Enrollment, 2010 and 2016

