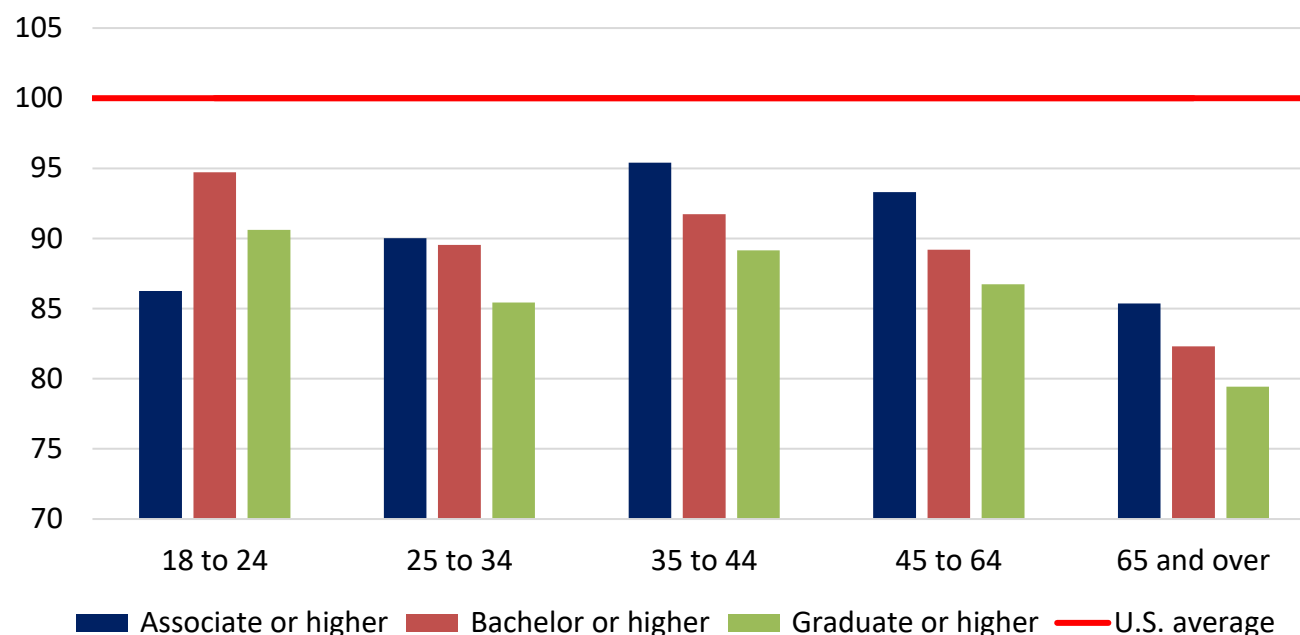


# Ohio's Postsecondary Educational Attainment



# Postsecondary educational attainment in Ohio lags behind national average

Index of Ohio's Educational Attainment, 2024\*  
(U.S. Average = 100)

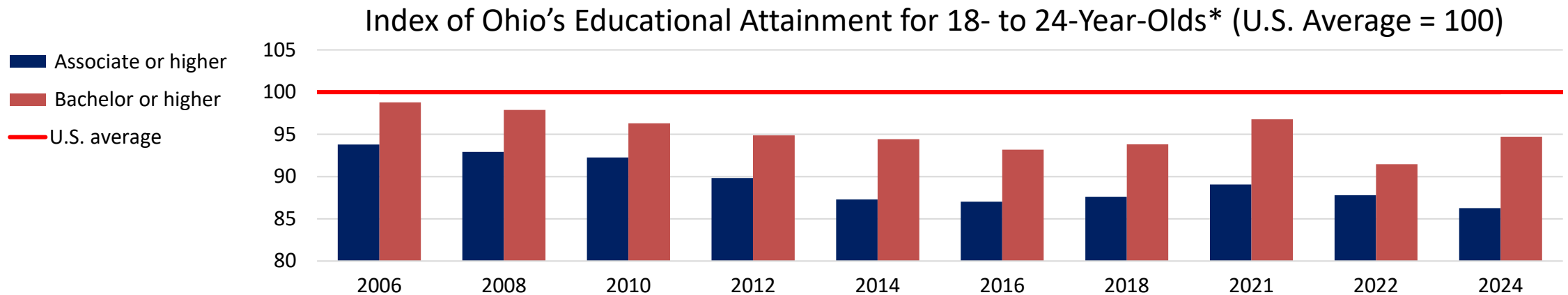


\*This index compares Ohio's educational attainment to the national average. An index score of 95 indicates that Ohio is 5% below the national average.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- The percentage of Ohioans with postsecondary degrees is below the national average for all age groups in 2024.
- Although the percentage of Ohioans with at least a bachelor's degree is below the national average for all age groups, the percentages for younger Ohioans (ages 25 to 44) are closer to the national average than those for older Ohioans (45 and older).
- The index for Ohioans with at least a bachelor's degree is:
  - 94.7 for 18- to 24-year-olds
  - 89.5 for 25- to 34-year-olds
  - 91.7 for 35- to 44-year-olds
  - 89.2 for 45- to 64-year-olds
  - 82.3 for 65-year-olds and over
- Compared to all states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, Ohio's percentage of people with at least a bachelor's degree ranks 24<sup>th</sup> for ages 18 to 24, 35<sup>th</sup> for ages 25 to 34, 34<sup>th</sup> for ages 35 to 44, 40<sup>th</sup> for ages 45 to 64, and 45<sup>th</sup> for ages 65 and over.

# Gap between young Ohioans and national average for postsecondary educational attainment widens



\*This index compares Ohio's educational attainment to the national average for those ages 18 to 24. An index score of 105 indicates that Ohio is 5% above the national average; an index score of 95 indicates that Ohio is 5% below the national average.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Relative to the national average, Ohio's postsecondary educational attainment for the youngest age group (18- to 24-year-olds) has generally decreased over the last two decades.
- In 2006, Ohioans in this age group with at least an associate or bachelor's degree were 6.2% and 1.2% below the national average, respectively. Decreases since 2006:
  - 7.5 percentage points for associate degrees or higher
  - 4.1 percentage points for bachelor degrees or higher
- From 2006 to 2018, the gap between Ohioans in this age group with associate or higher and bachelor or higher degrees and the national average, generally, widened slightly from year to year.
- Since narrowing to 10.9% and 3.2% below the national average in 2021, respectively, the gap between Ohioans in this age group and the national average widened in 2024:
  - 13.7% below national average for associate degrees or higher
  - 5.3% below national average for bachelor degrees or higher