

EDUCATION



Post secondary education is critical for females as it is connected to higher earnings, better benefits, and lower rates of unemployment. This means a decrease in the rate of poverty especially for female-headed households.

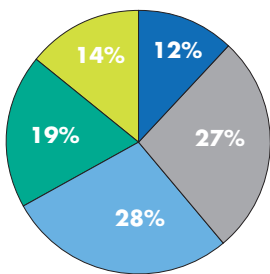
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Percentage of Latina females over age 18 in Hartford County who do not have a high school diploma

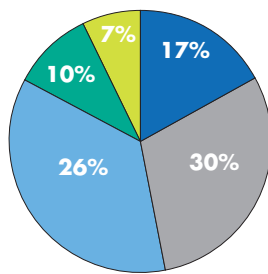
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Percentage of Hartford County females age 18 to 24 enrolled in college or graduate school

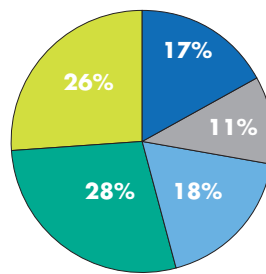
Educational attainment for women in Hartford County by race/ethnicity (2011)



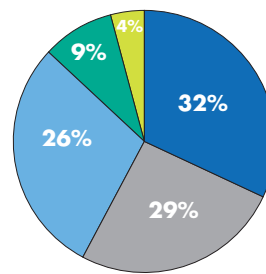
ALL FEMALES



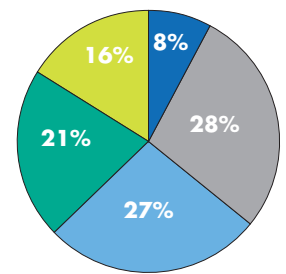
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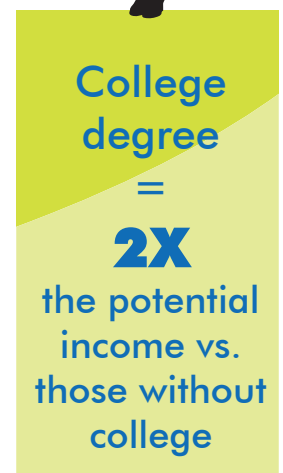
LATINA



CAUCASIAN

- NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/GED
- SOME COLLEGE, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- MASTER'S DEGREE AND ABOVE

Low levels of educational attainment are highly correlated with poverty, as are maternal education and child outcomes. Research shows that investments in early childhood through postsecondary education for females will break the cycle of poverty and significantly reduce social costs.

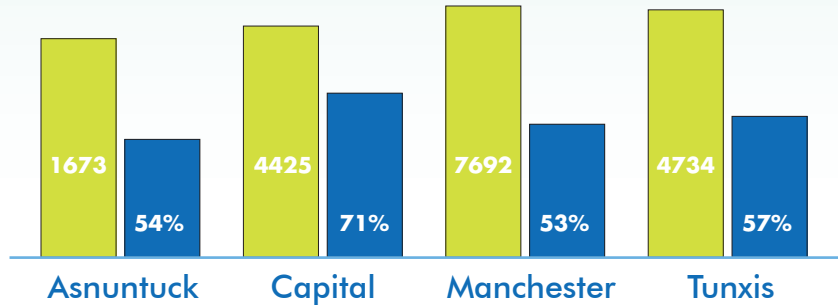


HIGHER EDUCATION

for females leads to higher earnings, and bears great significance to Hartford County, as the number of women who are the primary financial support for their families is on the rise. Female educational attainment rates have risen in the county, but Latinas and African American females still lag far behind. For those without postsecondary training or education this translates to greater financial instability.

Hartford County enrollment in 2011-2012 by community college and gender.

■ TOTAL NUMBER
■ PERCENTAGE OF FEMALES

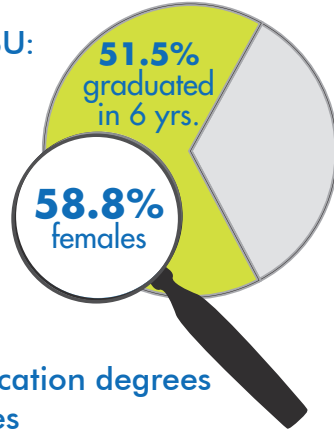


FEMALES & DEGREES

The average time to complete a degree is on the rise and is significantly higher for students who are part-time or who are attending community college. These students are far more likely to have jobs, family obligations, constrained financial resources, or lapses in enrollment.

The 2007 cohort at CCSU:

1851
bachelor
degrees
awarded*



96 percentage of education degrees awarded to females

88 percentage of social work degrees awarded to females

ZERO females were awarded degrees in computer engineering, technology or physics

<18 percentage of degrees conferred to females in computer science, economics, OR civil and mechanical engineering



52.1



41.8

Percentage of people, by gender, age 18-24 enrolled in college or graduate school in Hartford County

RETENTION

Latino students are less likely to be retained for a second year of college as compared to students of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. Females are more likely than males to complete their degrees or certificates and graduate.

Labor market projections indicate that

9 of 10

of the fastest growing occupations requiring a Bachelor's Degree or more will require significant STEM skills.

*2012-2013