

U.S./ Mexico Border Fact Sheet: Educational Attainment



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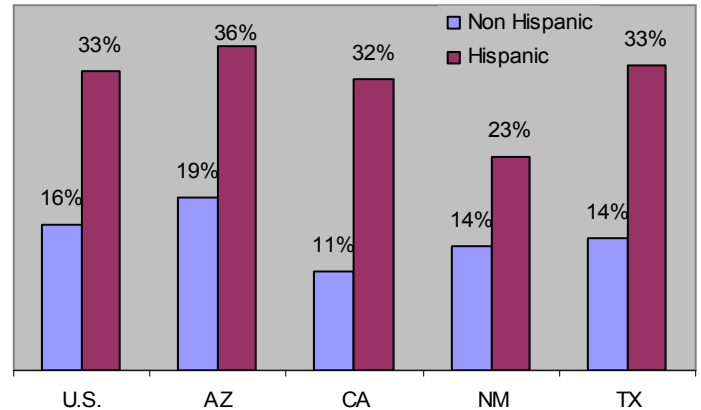
- Regardless of where they live, Hispanics are less likely to have completed high school or have a college degree. Hispanics living in border states are more likely to have lower levels of academic achievement than Hispanics who lived in non border states. ('05)
- In 2000, 73% of Border County residents above the age of 25 had completed high school, compared with 80.4% nationally, ranking border counties.
- Border Counties would rank 27th among the states in the percentage of adults with a four year college degree. Excluding San Diego, the ranking would drop to 46th. ('00)
- Hispanic students are three times (15%) more likely to Drop-Out of High School compared to Non-Hispanic (5%). ('00)
- But teens that live on the Border (16-19) are less likely to Drop-Out of High School than non-border residents. ('00)

Percent of Population over 25 with a Bachelor's degree or higher

Non-Border States
Non-Hispanic 30%
Hispanic 16%

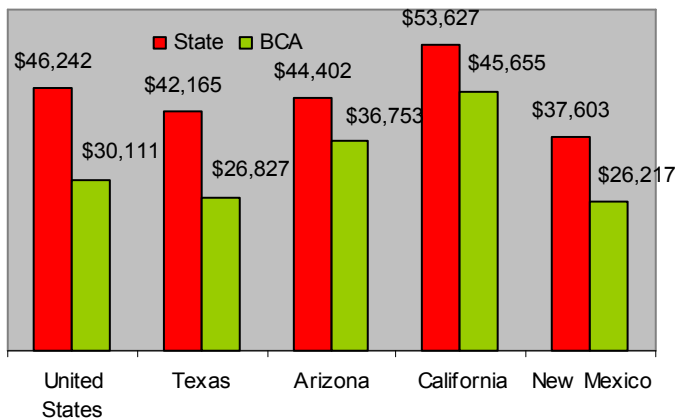
Border States
Non-Hispanic 38%
Hispanic 11%

Percent of People 18 to 25 Who Have No High School Diploma or Equivalent (2007)



Source: US Census Bureau Current Population Survey, 2008

Median Household Income of Border States & Their BCA; 2005



Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, 2008

Percent of People living in Poverty; 2005

	All Ages	Under 18
<u>United States</u>	13.3	18.5
<u>Arizona</u>	14.4	20.9
High Santa Cruz	20.4	29.2
Low Pima	14.9	21.5
<u>California</u>	18.5	18.5
High Imperial	21.3	27.4
Low San Diego	11.0	15.7
<u>New Mexico</u>	18.4	18.5
High Luna	31.7	47.4
Low Dona Ana	26.8	36.4
<u>Texas</u>	17.5	27.5
High Starr	45.7	55.5
Low Brewster	18.2	27.5

Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, 2008

Poverty

- As a 51st State, the Border Counties rank 50th, in *per capita income*, last if San Diego County is not included. ('00)
- Nineteen Border Counties have a *per capita income* less than \$21,000 ('03).
- Two border counties in New Mexico and 7 in Texas have an average *household median income* of less than \$26,000. ('05)
- California is the only border state with a higher *median household income* than the national average. ('05)
- The average *median household income* for CA's BCA is only inclusive of 2 counties. San Diego ~ \$56,244 and Imperial ~ \$35,085
- The border county with the lowest *median household income* is Starr, TX, it is \$17,843.
- The poverty rate for children living along the Border is as high as 55.5 in Brewster, TX, even at its lowest 21.5 in Pima, AZ, (excluding San Diego) it is still higher than the national rate of 18.5.
- With the exception of San Diego, all border counties have a higher percentage of people, all ages and under 18, living in poverty than their state rate.
- In Texas, 20% of all people in the state who were living in poverty resided in the state's 13 continuous border counties. These same counties contain only 9% of the states total population.
- About half- million Children along the Border are poor and Hispanic (83%).