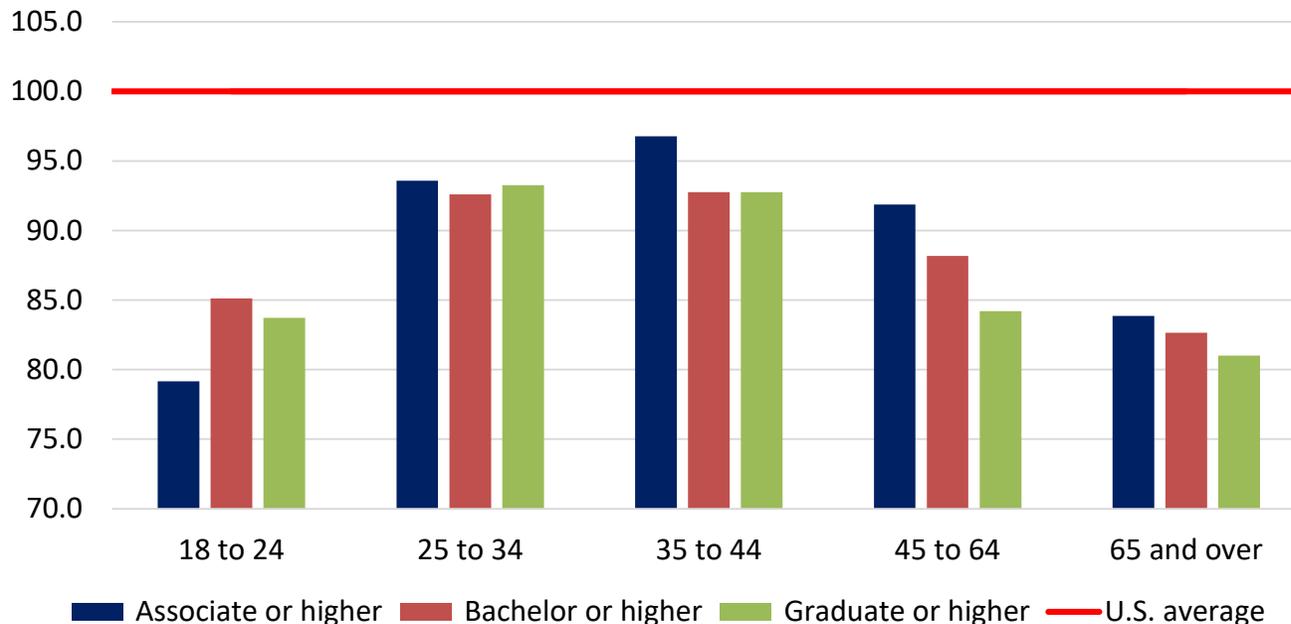


# Ohio's Postsecondary Educational Attainment



# Postsecondary educational attainment in Ohio lags behind national average

Index of Ohio's Educational Attainment, 2019\*  
(U.S. Average = 100)

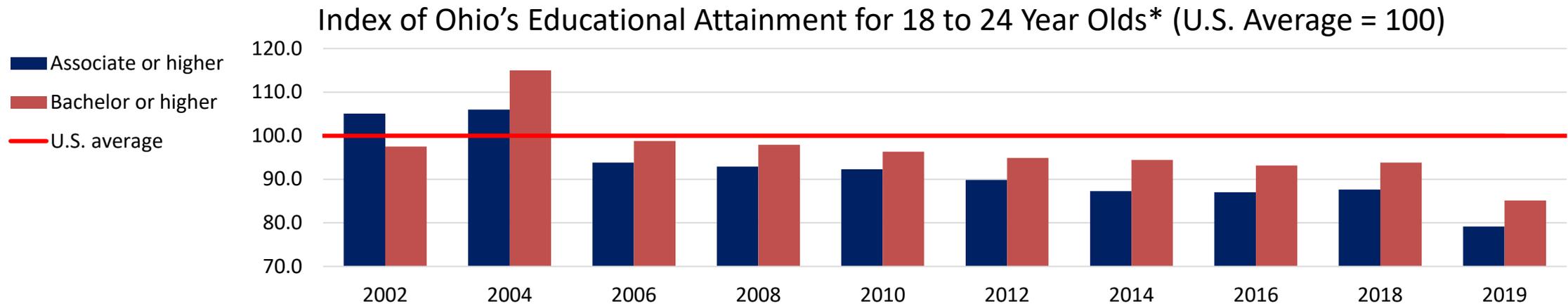


\*This index compares Ohio's educational attainment to the national average. An index score of 95 indicates that Ohio is 5% below the national average.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- The percentage of Ohioans with postsecondary degrees is below the national average for all age groups in 2019.
- In 2019, the percentage of the youngest Ohioans (ages 18 to 24) with at least a bachelor's degree is further below the national average than any other age group with the exception of those Ohioans in the 65 and over age group.
- The index for Ohioans with at least a bachelor's degree is:
  - 85.1 for 18 to 24 year olds
  - 92.6 for 25 to 34 year olds
  - 92.8 for 35 to 44 year olds
  - 88.2 for 45 to 64 year olds
  - 82.7 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 31<sup>st</sup> for ages 18 to 24, 29<sup>th</sup> for ages 25 to 34, 33<sup>rd</sup> for ages 35 to 44, 38<sup>th</sup> for ages 45 to 64, and 42<sup>nd</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 nearly two decades.
- Decreases since 2004's nearly two-decade high of Ohioans in this age group with at least an associate or bachelor's degree being 6% and 15%, respectively, above the national average:
  - 26.8 percentage points for associate degrees or higher
  - 29.9 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 has, generally, widened slightly from year to year.
- In 2019, however, the gap between Ohioans in this age group and the national average for each category widened more significantly:
  - 8.5 percentage point decrease for associate degrees or higher
  - 8.7 percentage point decrease for bachelor degrees or higher