

# Education

**Nearly 13% of Contra Costa’s residents lack a high school diploma. In San Pablo and Bay Point, the rates are more than twice as high.**



Table 5. Educational attainment (percent) for residents age 25 & over.  
Contra Costa County 2000

	No high school diploma	High school diploma <sup>[1]</sup>	Some college	College graduate <sup>[2]</sup>
San Pablo	*37.6%	26.1%	25.9%	10.4%
Bay Point	*28.2%	26.5%	33.2%	12.1%
Richmond	*24.6%	21.8%	31.2%	22.4%
Pittsburg	*24.3%	25.9%	35.1%	14.7%
Brentwood	*17.1%	25.4%	36.6%	20.9%
Concord	*15.3%	23.2%	35.6%	25.9%
Oakley	*15.2%	30.4%	40.7%	13.7%
Antioch	*14.3%	28.6%	38.9%	18.2%
<b>Countywide</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
Pinole	11.7%	24.2%	36.5%	27.6%
Martinez	8.9%	20.3%	38.7%	32.1%
Walnut Creek	5.1%	12.6%	28.4%	53.9%

<sup>[1]</sup> Includes GED recipients

<sup>[2]</sup> Includes graduate school and higher educational attainment

<sup>[\*]</sup> Indicates that the percentage of residents age 25 and over who do not have a high school diploma is greater in these communities compared to the county overall.

The differences starred (\*) above are statistically significant. This means that we are 95% certain that these differences are not due to chance.



At least **81,867 residents lack a high school diploma**. This represents 13.1% of the County's population.

**San Pablo, Bay Point, Richmond and Pittsburg have the lowest rates of educational attainment.**

More than half of Walnut Creek residents (53.9%) are college graduates.

Table 6. Educational attainment (number) for residents age 25 & over. Contra Costa County 2000

	No high school diploma <sup>[1]</sup>	High school diploma	Some college	College graduate <sup>[2]</sup>
Richmond	15,446	13,672	19,526	14,018
Concord	12,244	18,560	28,563	20,763
Pittsburg	8,126	8,632	11,716	4,914
Antioch	7,735	15,480	21,015	9,811
San Pablo	6,522	4,529	4,489	1,807
Bay Point	3,479	3,269	4,094	1,497
Walnut Creek	2,521	6,290	14,204	26,971
Brentwood	2,413	3,592	5,167	2,953
Oakley	2,258	4,503	6,030	2,036
Martinez	2,251	5,111	9,748	8,091
Pinole	1,531	3,150	4,764	3,600
<b>Countywide</b>	<b>81,867</b>	<b>123,956</b>	<b>200,770</b>	<b>219,048</b>

<sup>[1]</sup> Includes GED recipients

<sup>[2]</sup> Includes graduate school and higher educational attainment

[\*] Indicates that the number of residents age 25 and over who do not have a high school diploma is greater in these communities compared to the county overall. The differences starred (\*) above are statistically significant. This means that we are 95% certain that these are true differences and not due to chance alone.

**The largest numbers of residents lacking a high school diploma live in the cities of Richmond (15,446) and Concord (12,244).**

The largest number of college graduates live in Walnut Creek (26,971).

### Data sources

United States Census Bureau: Census 2000.  
American FactFinder, Summary File 3, Tables P37.

### Confidence intervals are available

You may download and view all detailed tables with 95% confidence intervals, at [http://cchealth.org/health\\_data/hospital\\_council/](http://cchealth.org/health_data/hospital_council/)