2023 SONOMA COUNTY
EDUCATION REPORT CARD

SNAPSHOT

Cumulative Enrollment (2021-22)

- Hispanic (all races)
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Asian (non-Hispanic)
- Two or more (non-Hispanic)
- African American (non-Hispanic)
- Native American/ Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)

Pie chart values: 0.7%, 1.5%, 5.3%, 3.0%, 48.7%, 38.6%

n=64,375 students
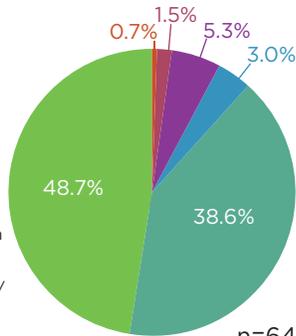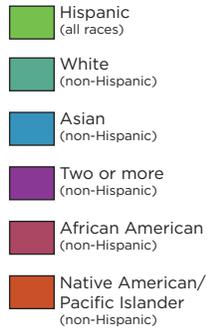
18 : 1 **student to teacher** ratio (2022-23)

19.6% of students are **English Learners** (2022/23)

44.1% of students are **eligible for free and reduced price meals** (2022-23)

INDICATORS

California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance (2021-22)

- English
- Math

Categories: Standard Exceeded, Standard Met, Standard Nearly Met, Standard Not Met
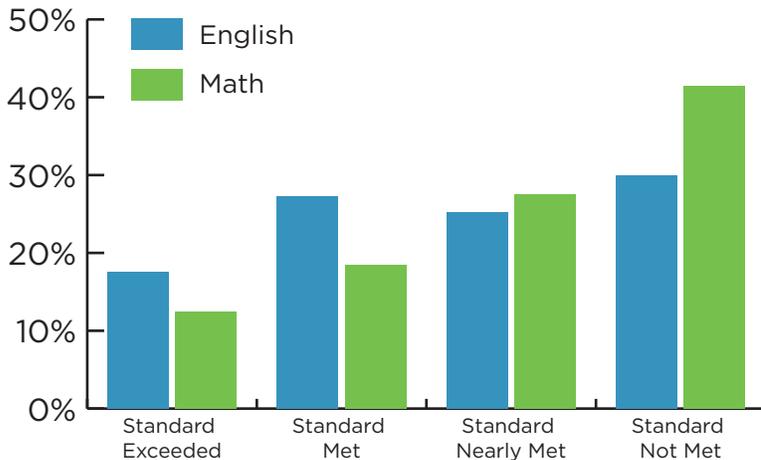
CAASPP Results (2021-22)

% Met/Exceeded Standard	County	State
English Language Arts/Literacy	44.9%	47.1%
Mathematics	31.0%	33.4%

Absenteeism

31.0% of public school students were deemed **chronically absent** (2021-22)

Early Childhood Education

78% of Sonoma County children **enter kindergarten unprepared** (2022-23)

GRADUATES

The **ethnicity gap** of high school graduation rates between White and Hispanic students is **4.4%** in 2021-22, with the gap between White and African American students **decreasing** from 23.2% in 2020-21 to **4.6% in 2021-22**.

High School Graduation Rates (2021-22)

Categories: Asian, White, Hispanic or Latino, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, English Learners, African American
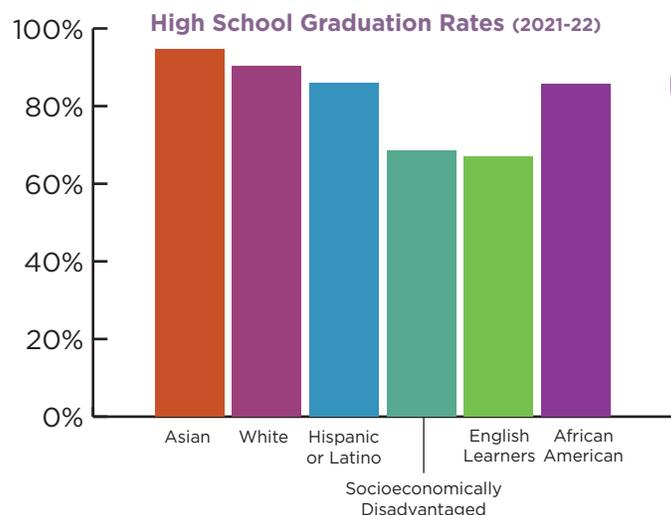
61% **College-going rate** for Sonoma County high school students (2020-21)

**42%** Sonoma County high school graduates **attended Santa Rosa Junior College** (2021-22)

38% of high school graduates complete a-g requirements and are **eligible to attend a UC/CSU institution** (2021-22)

8% of graduates enrolled in **California State Universities (CSU)** (2020-21)

5.8% of graduates enrolled in **University of California (UC) institutions** (2020-21)

7.6% of students are **cohort dropouts** (2021-22)

COLLEGE

Sonoma State Bachelor's Degrees Conferred
(2013-2023)

2022/23: 1,940

(Line chart, y-axis from 1600 to 2600, x-axis years 13/14 through 22/23)
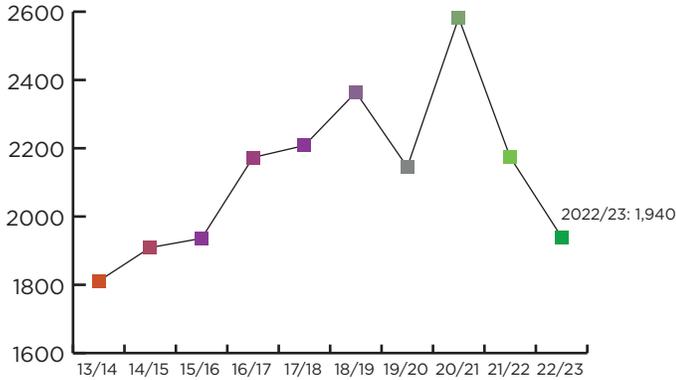
2,167 Associate's Degrees conferred at Santa Rosa Junior College (2021-22)

2,060 certificates awarded at SRJC in the 2021-22 school year, a **1.76% increase** from 2020-21

Educational attainment for Associate, Bachelor, and Graduate/ Professional degrees is **higher in Sonoma County than the state and national levels** (2022)

SKILLS GAP

Sonoma County is expected to see a **5.5%** increase in job growth between **2023** and **2028**. To ensure a timely and efficient transition into the workplace, graduates should be equipped with the relevant skills and further efforts should be taken to strengthen the pipeline of local talent.

**Industries with Greatest Projected Growth from 2023-2028:**

Utilities **(16%)**

Accommodation & Food Services **(13%)**

Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services **(10%)**

Healthcare & Social Assistance **(10%)**

Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation **(9%)**

Responses for Specific Skills Lacking in the Workforce
(from Lightcast Business Analytics, 2023)

(Bar chart, x-axis 0 to 80)
- Interpersonal skills
- Knowledge skills
- Organizational skills
- Motivational skills
- Analytical skills
- Basic Computer skills
- Physical skills
- Language skills
- Other skills
- Customer Service skills

Of the 25 occupations with the most employment growth in each respective region from 2023-2028:

Region	Median Hourly Earnings	Require Bachelor's Degree	Require no Work Experience	Female : Male Ratio
Sonoma County	$19.90	12%	84%	50 : 49
California	$38.51	20%	88%	54 : 25
United States	$37.11	40%	88%	359 : 250

GOALS

Address the **digital divide** in the education sector by building infrastructure to give historically **underserved communities** access to **high speed internet**

Continue to expand access **affordable education**

Create a Sonoma County **Cooperative Education Program**

Continued encouragement of **multilingual learning**

Enhance support systems for Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) and socioeconomically disadvantaged students

Continue facilitating **strong connections** between Sonoma County **employers and educators**

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