

The “Southwest Border Colonias: Housing and Sustainable Development in the 21st Century”

Building on Assets: Advancements in Education

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The Role of Education

“Education is very important to colonia residents. They understand the value and the need to have an education in terms of breaking the cycle of poverty. Yet, they often live in a different reality in which education competes with a family’s task of managing [their] daily needs to survive.”

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Texas Colonias: Education Demographics

Educational Attainment	Colonias	Texas	U.S.
Less than high school diploma	54.8	19.6	14.6
High school diploma	23.4	25.7	28.6
Some college	16.4	28.7	28.6
College degree or higher	5.5	26.1	28.2

Education: Asset Building

- Grow your strengths
 - * Support asset builders
 - * Inclusive environment
- Invest in what's working