

**Stark County P-16**

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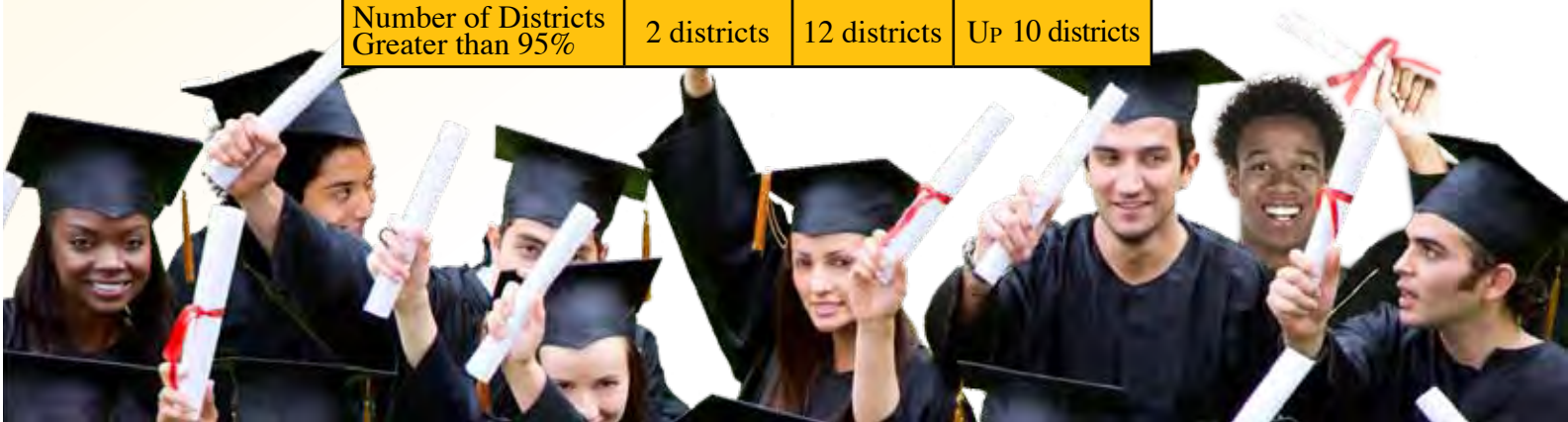
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## Goal: *100% High School Graduation Rates*

The state of Ohio has a standard of 90% for graduation rates. The Stark County P-16 goal is 100%. In 2000-1, two districts had surpassed a 95% rate. By 2006-07, twelve districts had surpassed 95%.

	High School Graduation Rate		
	<i>Then:</i> 2000-01	<i>Now:</i> 2006-07	Percentage of Change
Alliance	73.9%	82.6%	UP 8.7%
Canton City	58.8%	72.9%	UP 14.1%
Canton Local	90.5%	96.8%	UP 6.3%
Fairless	91.6%	96.9%	UP 5.3%
Jackson	90.6%	98.4%	UP 7.8%
Lake	93.1%	97.2%	UP 4.1%
Louisville	94.3%	96.3%	UP 2.0%
Marlington	94.5%	96.6%	UP 2.1%
Massillon	81.0%	81.8%	UP 0.8%
Minerva	79.3%	95.0%	UP 15.7%
North Canton	96.8%	97.3%	UP 0.5%
Northwest	97.4%	96.8%	DOWN -0.6%
Osnaburg	72.6%	89.4%	UP 16.8%
Perry	94.1%	95.0%	UP 0.9%
Plain	89.0%	93.2%	UP 4.2%
Sandy Valley	86.7%	97.6%	UP 10.9%
Tuslaw	92.7%	98.4%	UP 5.7%
Number of Districts Greater than 95%	2 districts	12 districts	UP 10 districts

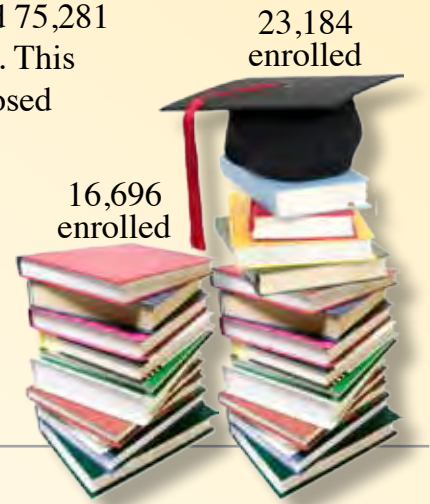


## Goal: *Increasing College Going Rate*

Between 2000 and 2007, 6,488 more Stark Countians enrolled in college or grad school – a 38.9% increase. The actual gain in degrees from 2000 to 2007 was 16,674, representing a 28% increase. Stark now has an estimated 75,281 residents over age 25 with a college degree. This equates to 29.2% of this population as opposed to 23.3% in 2000.

### 38.9% Growth

in Number of Stark County Residents Actively Enrolled in Higher Education



Then: 2000 Now: 2007

## Goal: *Educational Attainment*

In 2007, Stark is outpacing the state and nation on percentage growth in associate and bachelor's degrees. Stark is outpacing the nation in growth in graduate degrees, and matching the state on growth in graduate and professional degrees.

	United States		Ohio			Stark County	
	Now: 2007	Change Since 2000	Now: 2007	Change Since 2000	Now: 2007	Change Since 2000	
Some College, No Degree	19.5%	DOWN -1.5%	19.0%	DOWN -0.9%	18.1%	DOWN -0.8%	
Associate Degree	7.4%	UP 1.1%	7.2%	UP 1.3%	7.2%	UP 1.9%	
Bachelor	17.4%	UP 1.9%	15.2%	UP 1.5%	14.5%	UP 2.6%	
Graduate or Professional	10.1%	UP 1.3%	8.8%	UP 1.4%	7.5%	UP 1.4%	



# The Future

## *Creating a Stark County Promise*

What is the next step? Stark County is growing College Opportunity Credits (COCs). One of the most potent strategies to insure that students both attend and succeed in college is to earn some college credits while in high school. Growth in COCs has paralleled increases in high school graduation and college-going rates in Stark. COCs in Stark have expanded due to extraordinary cooperation between our colleges and school districts.

COCs also represent “scholarships up front” that can save students and their parents millions in future college tuition costs. In fact, during the 2007-08 academic year, these savings in Stark equated to \$4.2 million. Coupled with scholarships and internships, they can be the core of an emerging Stark County Promise, to help secure a higher education future, both academically and financially, for all our children.

