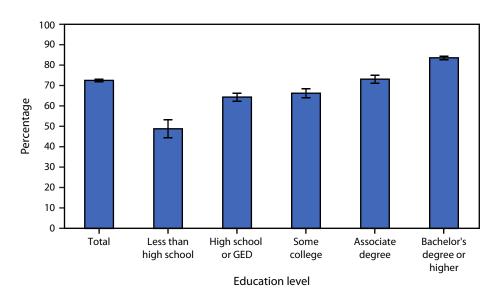
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Percentage* of Currently Employed Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Have Paid Sick Leave,† by Education Level — National Health Interview Survey, 2021§



Abbreviation: GED = general educational development certificate.

In 2021, 72.5% of employed adults had paid sick leave. The percentage with sick leave was highest among workers with a bachelor's degree or higher (83.6%), followed by workers with an associate degree (73.2%). The percentage of sick leave was similar for workers with some college (66.3%) and those with a high school diploma or GED (64.4%). The lowest percentage of sick leave occurred among workers with less than a high school education (48.8%).

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 2021. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm **Reported by:** Roger R. Rosa, PhD, RRosa@cdc.gov; Abay Asfaw, PhD.

^{*} With 95% CIs indicated by error bars.

[†] Based on responses to a question that asked, "When you last worked is paid sick leave available if you needed/need it?"

[§] Estimates were based on household interviews of a sample of adults aged ≥18 years who were working last week, were not working last week because they were temporarily absent, or who performed seasonal or contract work. Self-employed respondents or respondents performing unpaid work at family businesses were not included.