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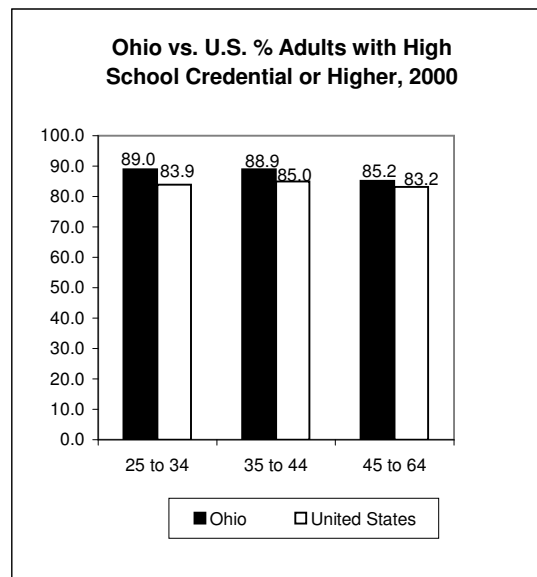
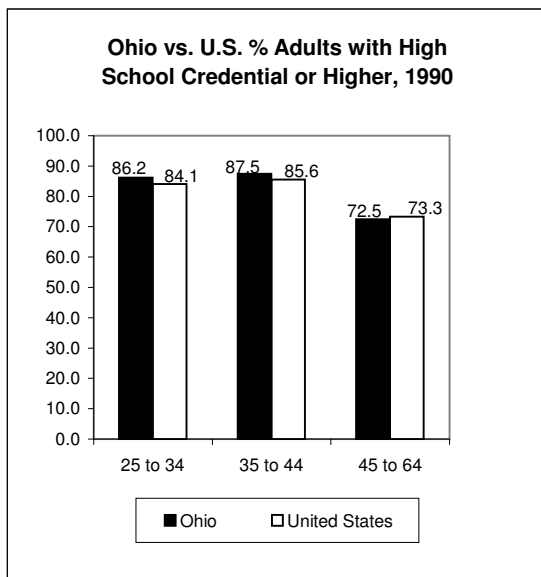
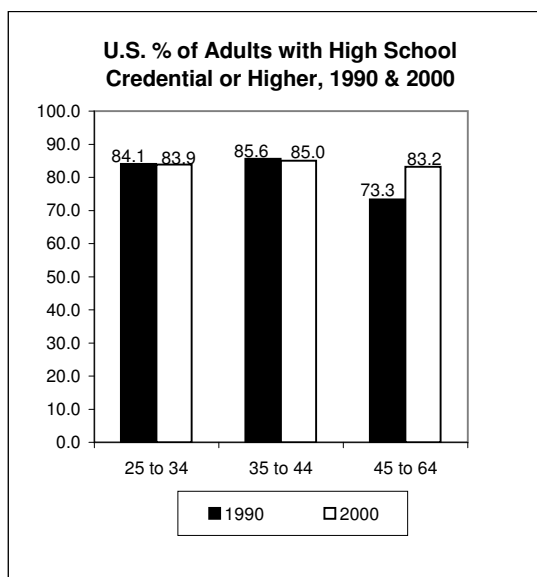
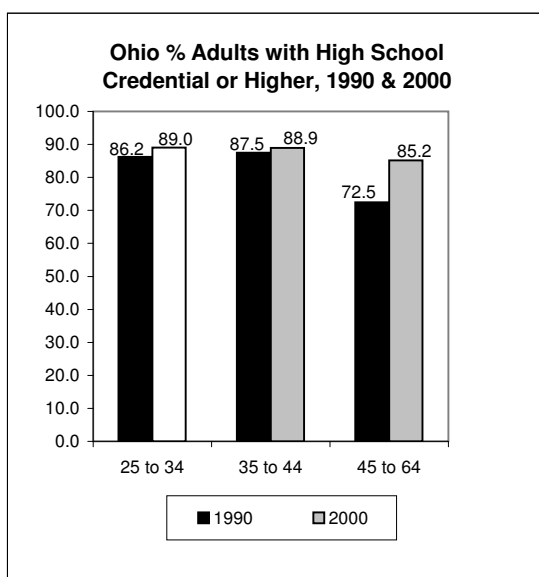
Observations

1. Ohio's educational attainment increased at all levels for all age groups between 1990 to 2000. The overall percentage with a high school diploma or higher increased from 75.7% to 83%, and the percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher increased from 17% to 21.1%.
2. Ohio's educational attainment exceeds the national average at the high school level. In 2000, Ohio's high school credential attainment percentage was 83%, compared to 80.4% for the nation. Ohio's positive gap in high school attainment was largest for younger adults: 89% (OH) to 83.9% (US) in the 25-34 age group. The high school credential includes both diplomas and GED certificates.
3. Ohio lags the nation in every category of higher education attainment: some college, associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and graduate degrees. In 2000 only 21.1% of Ohio adults had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 24.4% for the nation. Likewise, 7.4% of Ohio adults had a graduate degree or higher, compared to 8.9% for the nation.
4. From 1990 to 2000, Ohio has moved in the right direction in terms of higher education achievement, but has not gone far enough. Measured in terms of the percentage of the adult population with a bachelor's degree or higher, the Ohio to U.S. educational attainment ratio improved from .84 to .86 between 1990 to 2000. The gains were highest for adults in the 25-34 age group, moving from .87 to .94.
5. Ohio has made progress in recent years, especially in the younger age groups. However, even if the progress made by Ohio's young adults in higher education is maintained in the future, an educational achievement gap will still remain in Ohio for decades.

1. Percent of Adults with A High School Credential* or Higher 1990 to 2000 by Age Group

		<u>25 to 34</u>	<u>35 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>25 to 64</u>	<u>25 and Older</u>
Ohio	1990	86.2	87.5	72.5	81.4	75.7
	2000	89.0	88.9	85.2	87.3	83.0
	Change	2.8	1.4	12.7	5.9	7.3
United States	1990	84.1	85.6	73.3	80.6	75.2
	2000	83.9	85.0	83.2	83.9	80.4
	Change	-0.2	-0.6	9.9	3.3	5.2
OH to US Ratio	1990	1.02	1.02	0.99	1.01	1.01
	2000	1.06	1.05	1.02	1.04	1.03
Ohio minus US	1990	2.1	1.9	-0.8	0.8	0.5
	2000	5.1	3.9	2.0	3.4	2.6

* Includes high school diplomas and GED certificates.

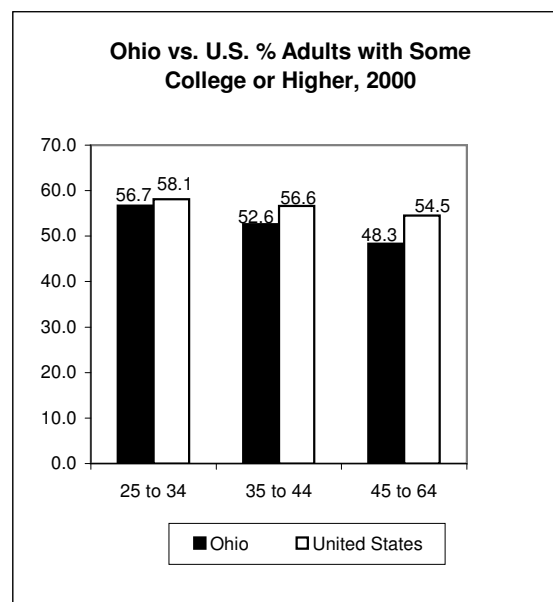
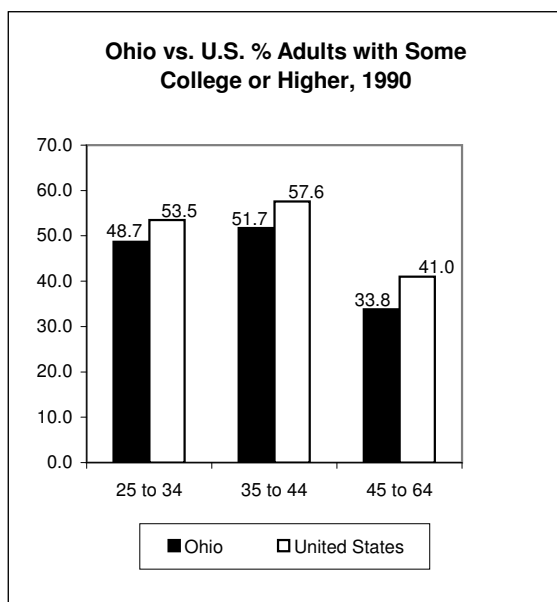
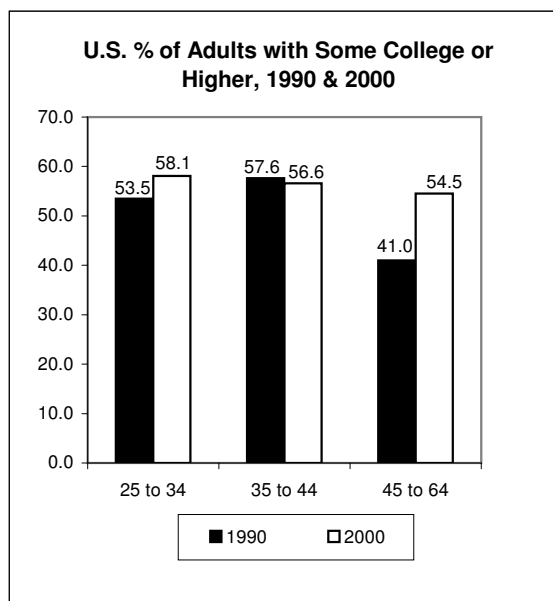
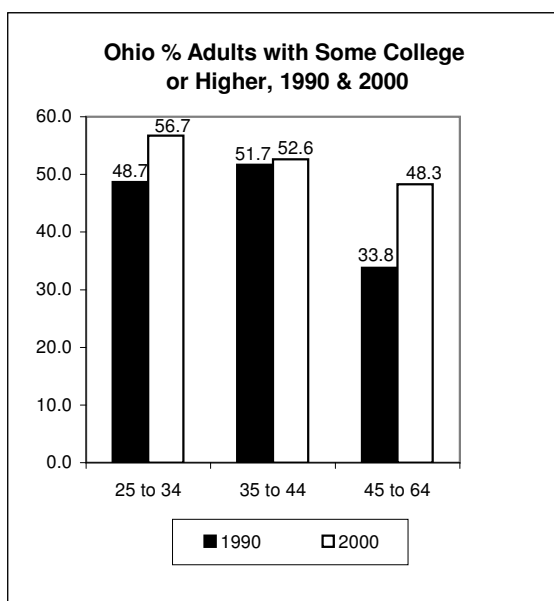


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2. Percent of Adults with Some College or Higher 1990 to 2000 by Age Group

		<u>25 to 34</u>	<u>35 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>25 to 64</u>	<u>25 and Older</u>
Ohio	1990	48.7	51.7	33.8	44.0	39.3
	2000	56.7	52.6	48.3	51.8	46.9
	Change	8.0	0.9	14.5	7.8	7.6
United States	1990	53.5	57.6	41.0	50.1	45.2
	2000	58.1	56.6	54.5	56.1	51.8
	Change	4.6	-1.0	13.5	6.0	6.6
OH to US Ratio	1990	0.91	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.87
	2000	0.98	0.93	0.89	0.92	0.91
Ohio minus US	1990	-4.80	-5.90	-7.20	-6.10	-5.90
	2000	-1.40	-4.00	-6.20	-4.30	-4.90

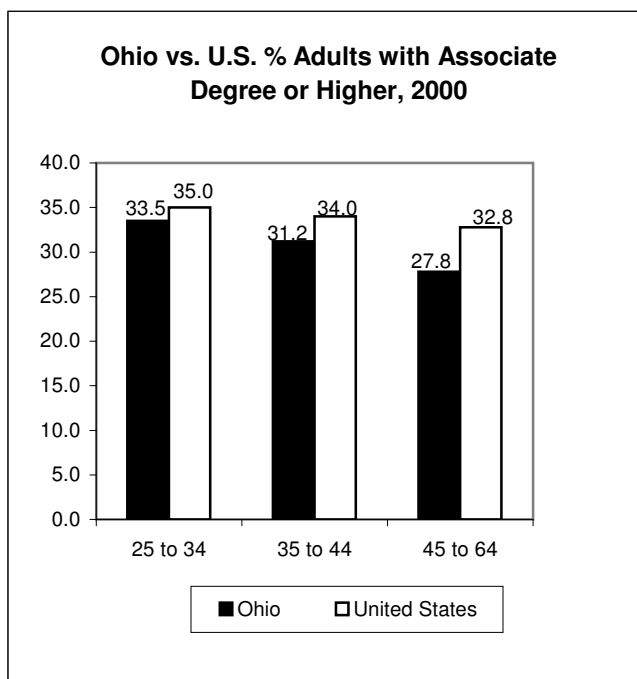


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3. Percent of Adults with Associate's Degree or Higher by Age Group, 2000

	<u>25 to 34</u>	<u>35 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>25 to 64</u>	<u>25 and Older</u>
Ohio	33.5	31.2	27.8	30.3	27.0
United States	35.0	34.0	32.8	33.8	30.7
OH to US Ratio	0.96	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.88
Ohio minus US	-1.50	-2.80	-5.00	-3.50	-3.70

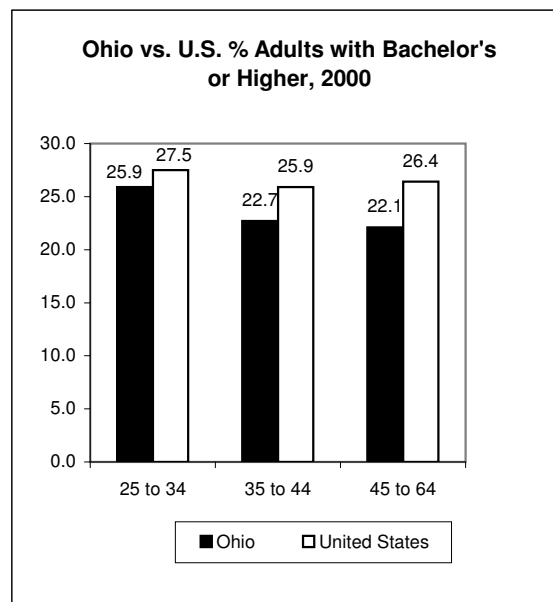
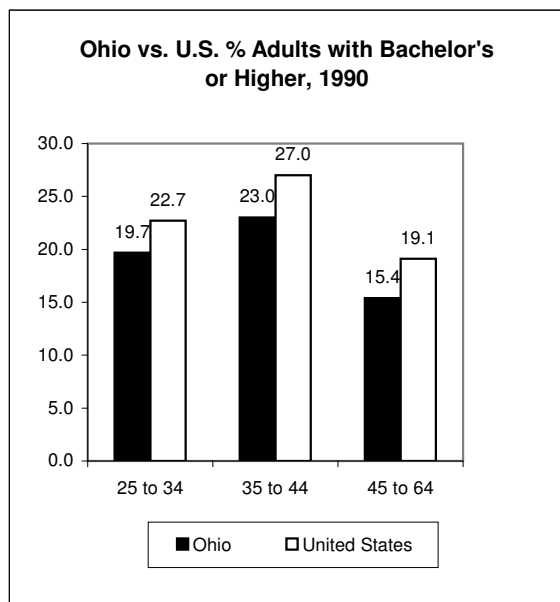
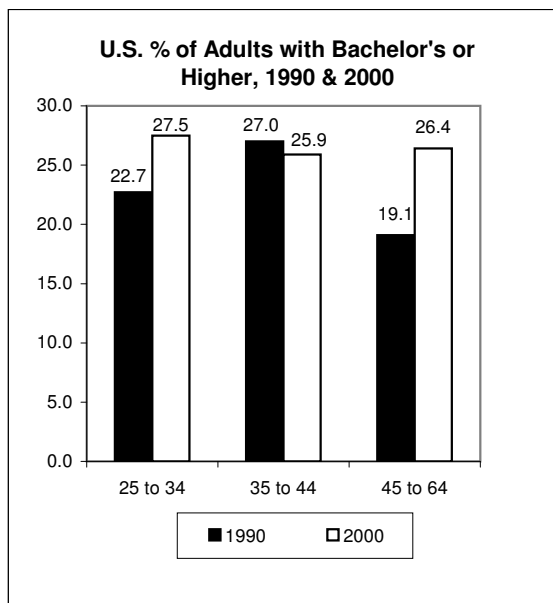
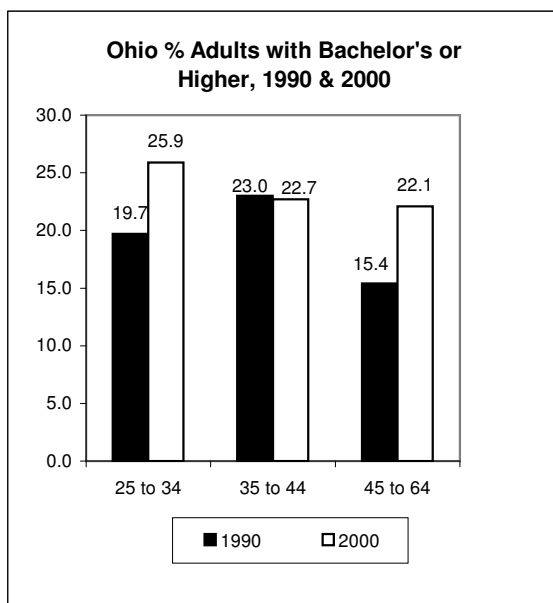


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4. Percent of Adults with Bachelor's Degree or Higher 1990 to 2000 by Age Group

		<u>25 to 34</u>	<u>35 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>25 to 64</u>	<u>25 and Older</u>
Ohio	1990	19.7	23.0	15.4	19.0	17.0
	2000	25.9	22.7	22.1	23.3	21.1
	Change	6.2	-0.3	6.7	4.3	4.1
United States	1990	22.7	27.0	19.1	22.7	20.3
	2000	27.5	25.9	26.4	26.5	24.4
	Change	4.8	-1.1	7.3	3.8	4.1
OH to US Ratio	1990	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.84	0.84
	2000	0.94	0.88	0.84	0.88	0.86
Ohio minus US	1990	-3.00	-4.00	-3.70	-3.70	-3.30
	2000	-1.60	-3.20	-4.30	-3.20	-3.30

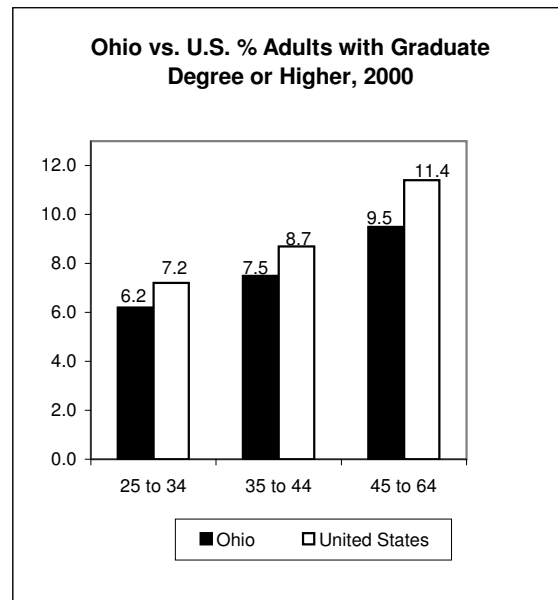
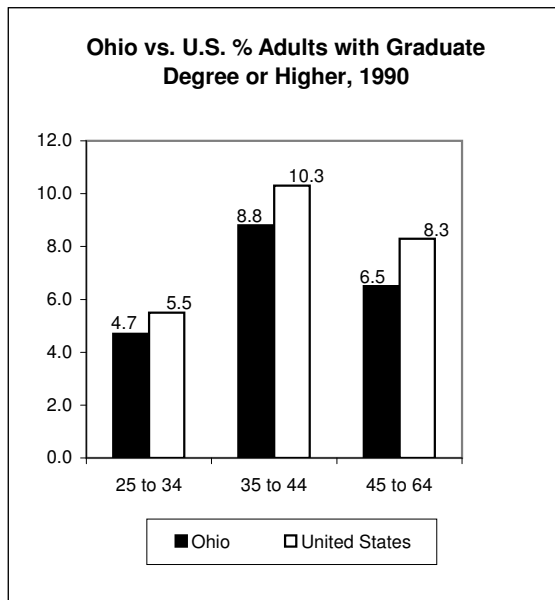
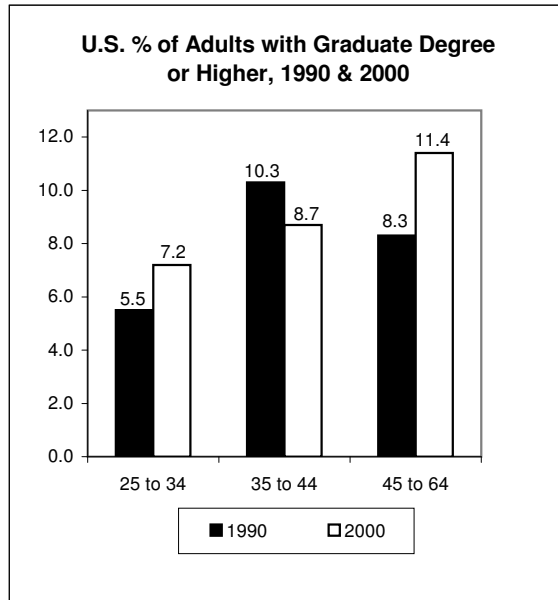
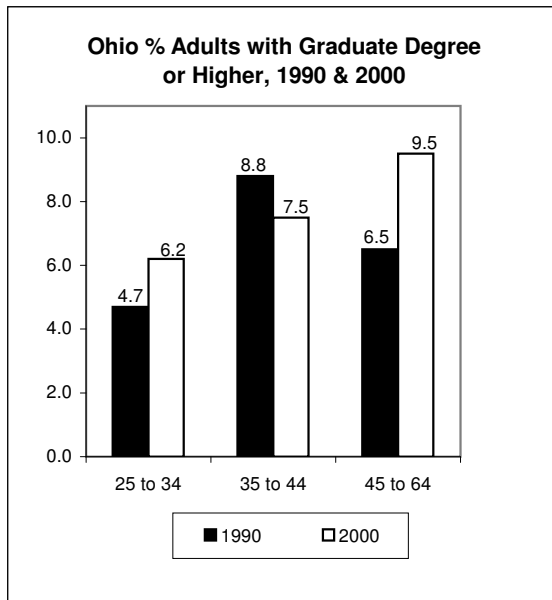


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5. Percent of Adults with Graduate Degree or Higher 1990 to 2000 by Age Group

		<u>25 to 34</u>	<u>35 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>25 to 64</u>	<u>25 and Older</u>
Ohio	1990	4.7	8.8	6.5	6.6	5.9
	2000	6.2	7.5	9.5	8.0	7.4
	Change	1.5	-1.3	3.0	1.4	1.5
United States	1990	5.5	10.3	8.3	8.0	7.2
	2000	7.2	8.7	11.4	9.4	8.9
	Change	1.7	-1.6	3.1	1.4	1.7
OH to US Ratio	1990	0.85	0.85	0.78	0.83	0.82
	2000	0.86	0.86	0.83	0.85	0.83
Ohio minus US	1990	-0.80	-1.50	-1.80	-1.40	-1.30
	2000	-1.00	-1.20	-1.90	-1.40	-1.50



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