

Education Not Incarceration: Education's Influence in Higher Incarceration Rates on Black Youth

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Research Question

What effect does education have on incarceration rates of black youth?

Background

- There are causes of higher incarceration rates; however, education is rarely discussed.
- Increase in prison population has led to concern
- There has been much debate to identifying education's influence in higher incarceration rates on black youth
- Census conducted by the US Bureau of Justice Statistics revealed 47 % of black inmates did not graduate, black counterparts who were college graduates made up only 1.1% of the black inmate population.
- This affects black youth more than their white counterparts.

Methodology

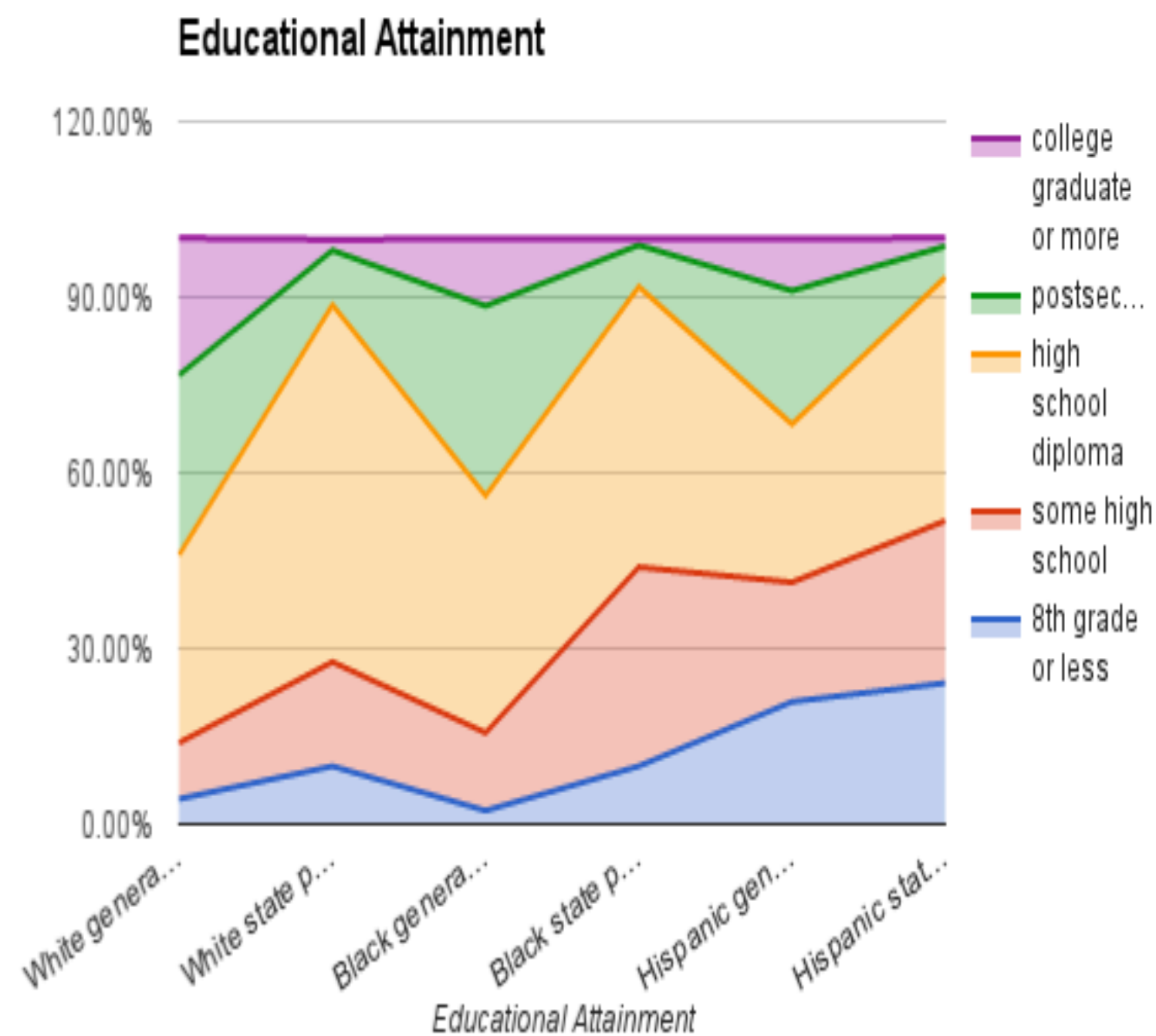
I chose a topic relatable to all, seeing we are all products of education.

Data needed to include education and incarceration rates and education and incarceration rates with race.

After multiple search terms i found the one that correlated education and incarceration rates by race on the US Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Significance

- Reduced educational attainment increases the risk of incarceration.
- This is rarely discussed but affects us all, especially African Americans.



Conclusions

- The more education you have the less likely you are to fall into a life of crime.
- I do believe the question was too narrow.
- A broader question would have led to a more detailed, in depth analysis.
- Other factors play into education, which was not discussed in the
- There was a lack of (current) information.
- The most recent census data was collected in 2003 by the US Bureau of Justice Statistics, which raises concern.
- I plan to revise the question to able to gain an understanding of the effects of education and incarceration rates.

Discussion

- Education inequality is a topic of interest
- The lack of information is a problem
- We aren't addressing the correlation

Evidenced pulled from census data showed African Americans at 31 percent increased chance of incarceration once dropping out of school.