

**FY 2021-2022 Virginia Beach Budget
Response to Council Questions**

Question Number: 49

Question: How many recruits have we hired that did not possess a college degree? Each class of recruits for the last three years.

Date Requested: 4/13/21

Requested By: Councilmember Moss

Department: Police

Response: Information for each class of recruits is not available. Of the current 35-person recruit class, 23 do not have a college degree, while five hold an associate's degree, and seven have a bachelor's degree. Similarly, Police Officer Is, who would represent the majority of recruitments of the last few years and also demonstrated the ability to pass the academy, 104 of the 130 members of this cohort that do not have a college degree (the other 26 consist of five associates, 20 bachelor's, and one master's degree holders).

Additionally, present applicant educational attainment is available and is displayed below.

2021 Applicant Data

Education Level	#	%
High School	51	30.36%
Some college	53	31.55%
Associate's Degree	21	12.50%
Bachelor's Degree	40	23.81%
Masters	3	1.79%
Total to date	168	