



Education study released on Fla. Latino students

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MIAMI (AP) - Education leaders have convened to discuss the results of a new study examining Florida's higher education achievement levels and policies impacting Latino students.

The report by *Excelencia* in Education, a national nonprofit organization, states that while the state's economy needs a more educated work force, a minority hold an associate's degree or higher.

Among Latinos, who represent the largest portion of demographic growth, the figures are also low: In 2008, about 23 percent of Hispanics age 25 and over in Florida had earned at least a bachelor's degree.

The organization put forth a number of policy recommendations to increase the number of college graduates.

The examination was presented at Miami Dade College Tuesday morning.

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