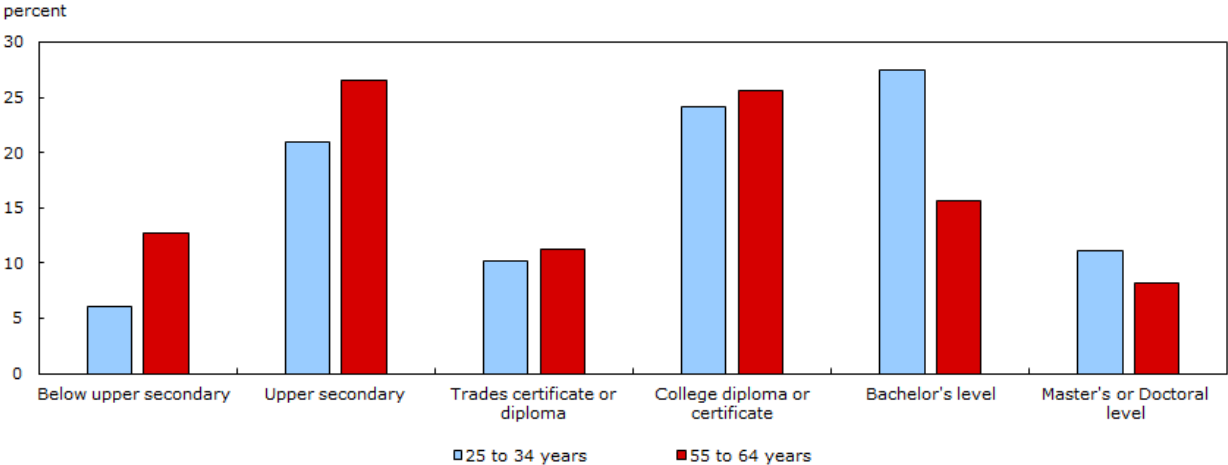


Educational Attainment

Younger adults have higher educational attainment than older adults

Almost **three-quarters** or 73% of young Canadians aged 25 to 34 have a postsecondary qualification. **Younger Canadians are more likely than older Canadians to have a postsecondary education**, and this is mostly due to differences in degree attainment (Chart 1). **A higher proportion of younger** Canadians aged 25 to 34 have attained a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree compared to older Canadians aged 55 to 64 (39% versus 24%). Meanwhile, the proportion of younger Canadians who have attained a college or CEGEP certificate or diploma as their highest credential is **fairly similar** to that of older Canadians (26% versus 24%). Finally, the proportion attaining a trades certificate or diploma (including apprenticeship) as their highest credential is also similar (10% for younger Canadians, 11% for older ones).

Chart 1
Highest level of educational attainment, by age group, 2019



Note: The 35 to 54 year old age group is not included, as this chart is meant to compare young adults who have had the chance to complete a postsecondary education with the oldest age group of traditional working-age adults.
Source: Statistics Canada, Pan-Canadian Education Indicators Program, Catalogue no. 81-582-X.