



State-Level Indicators of Childhood Educational Quality and Incident  
Dementia in Older Black and White Adults | Adolescent Medicine |  
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**Question** Is state-level educational quality during childhood associated with incident dementia in older Black and White adults?

**Findings** In this cohort study of 20 778 adults aged 65 years or older without dementia, non-Hispanic Black (vs non-Hispanic White) individuals were disproportionately exposed to lower state-level educational quality. Lower state-level educational quality was associated with higher dementia risk, although the associations did not vary by race.

**Meaning** These findings suggest that state-level investments to improve educational quality matter and systemic factors contributing to unequal distribution of such investments among racial and ethnic minority groups should be considered to address dementia disparities.