

FEBRUARY 2023

Black History & Heritage Month began as a week of celebration in February and grew as the response and participation in it grew. This month honors, remembers, and celebrates the great accomplishments and influence of Black individuals in every area of endeavor throughout American and international history. Black History Month became a national observance in 1976

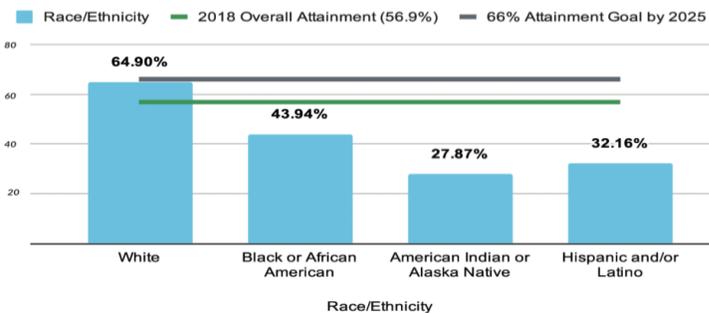
George Washington Carver was a scientist and an inventor who found hundreds of uses for peanuts and became the first Black scientist to be memorialized in a national monument

Katherine Johnson used her mathematics skills, she helped NASA send astronauts to the moon and return them safely home and NASA has dedicated the Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility at the Langley Research Center

Thurgood Marshall was appointed him as the first African-American justice to serve on the Supreme Court.

Ida B. Wells was a suffragist and writer who used reporting methods to expose conditions that African Americans were forced to live under.

FIGURE 4: Colorado's 2018 Postsecondary Credential Attainment



Source: 2019 Talent Pipeline Report

https://higherred.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Equity/EquityReport_2020.pdf

At the age of 11, George Washington inherited 10 slaves from his father's will in 1743. He signed the Fugitive Slave Law in 1793 and spent the last years of his life attempting the capture and return of his wife's escaped personal maid Ona Judge. By the time of his death in 1799, Washington personally owned 123 slaves, with a total of 317 enslaved people living at Mount Vernon. Washington's will stated that his slaves would be freed only after his wife's death.

"When [Ona was] asked if she is not sorry she left Washington, as she has labored so much harder since, than before, her reply is, 'No, I am free, and have, I trust been made a child of God by the means.'"

Adams, "Washington's Runaway Slave."

National Freedom Day celebrates the signing of the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery in 1865.

"...he who would be no slave, must consent to have no slave. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, can not long retain it."

Abraham Lincoln April 6, 1859

Wed, Feb 1: National Freedom Day & 10th Annual World Hijab Day

Wed, Feb 1-2: Imbolc

Fri, Feb 3: Setsubun-sai

Sun, Feb 5: Lantern Festival

Sun, Feb 5-6: Tu B'Shevat

Tue, Feb 7: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Sun, Feb 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Wed, Feb 15: Nirvana Day

Sat, Feb 18: Maha Shivaratri

Mon, Feb 20: President's Day

Tue, Feb 21: Mardi Gras,

Wed, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday & George Washington's Birthday

Wed, Feb 22-Apr 6: Lent

Sat, Feb 25-Mar 1: Ayyám-i-Há