

## Community service activities following high school

*There is considerable interest in involving a greater number of high school students in community service because having students perform community service is viewed as beneficial for both society and the individual. Data on community service performed by high school seniors and their participation in community service after leaving high school may help school administrators assess their current community service programs.*

- In 1994, 43 percent of 1992 high school seniors reported performing community service in the previous year. Those who performed community service during the last 2 years of high school were more likely to report performing community service 2 years later than those who did not (61 compared to 30 percent, respectively).
- In 1994, high school seniors who were required to perform community service during the last 2 years of high school were more likely to perform community service than all 1992 high school seniors (58 compared to 43 percent, respectively).
- Those 1992 high school seniors who had attended some college by 1994 were more likely to have reported performing community service in the previous year than those who had not attended some postsecondary education. Of those 1992 seniors who had attended some postsecondary education, those who performed community service in high school were more likely to have performed community service in the previous year than those who had not performed community service in high school.
- A lower percentage of 1992 high school seniors from public schools reported performing community service 2 years later than did seniors from Catholic schools or other private schools.

### Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year, by community service in high school and selected characteristics

Selected characteristics	Total	No community service in high school <sup>1</sup>	Reported performing community service in high school <sup>1</sup>		
			Total <sup>2</sup>	Strictly voluntary <sup>2</sup>	Required <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>57.5</b>
Control of high school					
Public	42.1	29.1	59.9	62.5	56.4
Catholic	55.9	37.9	64.9	70.0	62.6
Private, other	55.9	33.2	71.6	71.9	64.7
Postsecondary attendance <sup>3</sup>					
Attended	50.3	35.7	64.6	66.9	61.0
Not attended	23.8	18.5	39.0	40.9	38.0

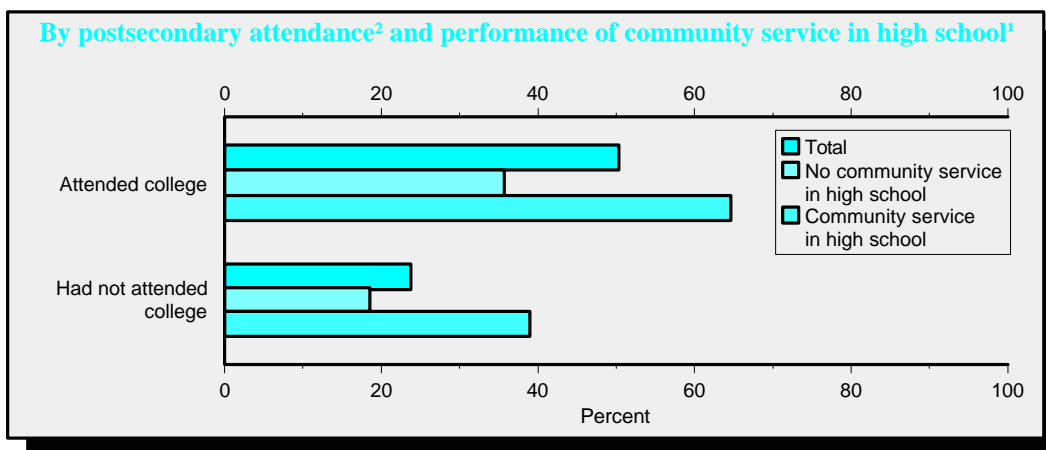
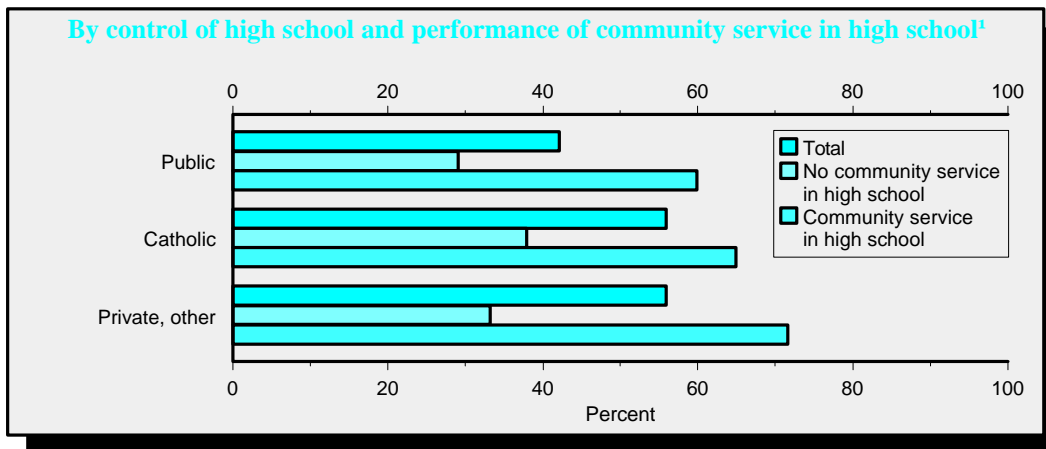
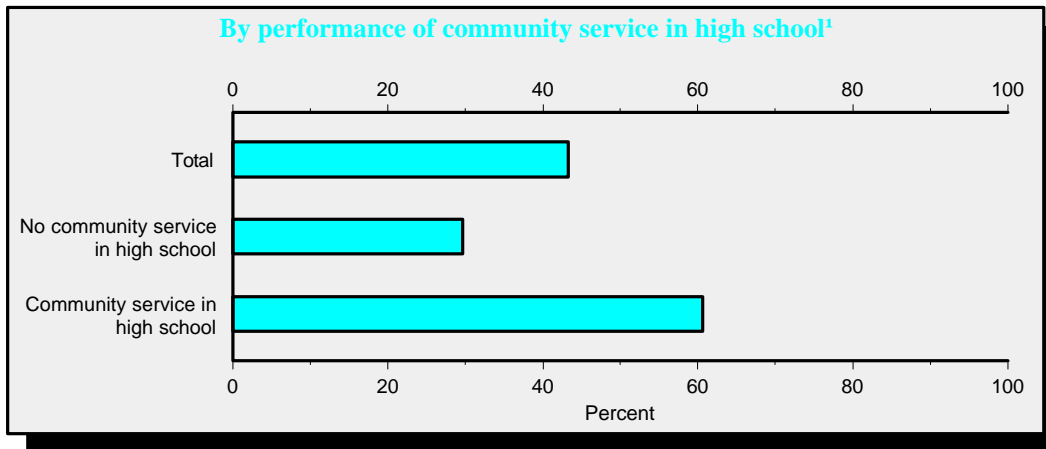
<sup>1</sup> In 1992, high school seniors were asked if they had performed community service during the previous 2 years.

<sup>2</sup> Seniors were asked to give as many responses as were applicable when reporting whether the community service they performed was voluntary or required; therefore, seniors may be counted in both "strictly voluntary" and "required" categories but are only counted once in "total."

<sup>3</sup> Students were asked if they had attended at least one postsecondary institution (university, 2- or 4-year college, or a vocational, technical, or trade school) since 1992; students may not have been enrolled in 1994, however.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).

### Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year



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**Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year, by community service in high school and selected characteristics**

Selected characteristics	Total	No community service in high school <sup>1</sup>	Reported performing community service in high school <sup>1</sup>		
			Total <sup>2</sup>	Strictly voluntary <sup>2</sup>	Required <sup>2</sup>
Total	43.3	29.7	60.6	63.2	57.5
Control of high school					
Public	42.1	29.1	59.9	62.5	56.4
Catholic	55.9	37.9	64.9	70.0	62.6
Private, other	55.9	33.2	71.6	71.9	64.7
Postsecondary attendance <sup>3</sup>					
Attended	50.3	35.7	64.6	66.9	61.0
Not attended	23.8	18.5	39.0	40.9	38.0

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**Table 35-1 Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year, by college attendance, performance of community service in high school, and selected characteristics**

Selected characteristics	Attended postsecondary institution <sup>1</sup>			Had not attended postsecondary institution <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	No service in high school <sup>2</sup>	Service in high school <sup>2</sup>	Total	No service in high school <sup>2</sup>	Service in high school <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>39.0</b>
Sex						
Male	49.6	37.4	65.3	25.8	20.5	42.0
Female	50.9	33.6	64.1	21.2	15.8	35.6
Race/ethnicity						
White	51.0	34.7	65.7	24.1	18.4	39.7
Black	51.6	42.9	63.4	25.2	21.1	39.7
Hispanic	43.5	31.5	57.3	20.6	15.7	34.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	50.0	39.9	60.0	18.5	11.4	29.1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	39.9	28.9	—	34.2	29.9	—
Control of high school						
Public	49.1	35.1	63.9	24.0	18.5	40.3
Catholic	58.8	39.8	67.2	21.5	26.0	15.5
Private, other	56.8	33.0	72.7	37.1	—	—
Urbanicity of high school						
Central city	49.4	35.0	60.7	23.3	16.3	42.8
Urban fringe/large town	50.8	34.6	67.9	24.4	18.6	39.8
Rural/small town	49.8	36.2	64.4	24.2	20.2	37.3
Achievement test quartile in 1992						
First (low)	37.4	33.0	47.9	18.6	15.5	32.9
Second	42.3	31.8	58.5	24.5	19.2	40.4
Third	48.1	35.1	62.9	26.4	18.0	42.4
Fourth (high)	62.8	41.9	72.9	42.0	37.1	50.0
Parents' highest education level						
Less than a high school diploma	38.4	27.7	58.5	20.4	15.2	39.6
High school diploma or GED	37.6	28.3	52.0	17.8	14.3	31.5
Some college	47.2	35.1	60.3	25.5	20.5	39.7
Bachelor's degree or higher	60.7	41.7	72.9	34.8	29.2	41.1
High school program						
General	41.7	30.6	56.5	23.8	18.3	38.6
College preparatory	58.5	41.6	70.6	32.7	27.4	42.7
Vocational/technical	37.0	29.5	50.1	21.8	18.2	38.3
Other specialized program	43.9	35.3	55.5	17.7	12.3	32.5

— Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Students were asked if they had attended at least one postsecondary institution (university, 2- or 4-year college, or a vocational, technical, or trade school) since 1992; students may not be enrolled in 1994, however.

<sup>2</sup> In 1992, high school seniors were asked if they had performed community service during the previous two years.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).

**Table 35-2 Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year, by community service in high school and selected characteristics**

Selected characteristics	Total	No community service in high school <sup>b</sup>	Reported performing community service in high school <sup>c</sup>		
			Total <sup>c</sup>	Strictly voluntary <sup>c</sup>	Required <sup>c</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>57.5</b>
Sex					
Male	42.5	31.2	60.9	64.6	55.7
Female	44.2	27.9	60.4	62.3	58.9
Race/ethnicity					
White	44.4	29.3	62.0	64.3	59.1
Black	42.9	34.3	58.6	58.7	58.1
Hispanic	35.8	25.2	52.3	58.6	49.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	45.4	34.7	57.1	61.1	51.8
American Indian/Alaskan Native	37.4	29.3	66.1	75.1	—
Control of high school					
Public	42.1	29.1	59.9	62.5	56.4
Catholic	55.9	37.9	64.9	70.0	62.6
Private, other	55.9	33.2	71.6	71.9	64.7
Urbanicity of high school					
Central city	43.6	29.1	58.5	61.2	56.9
Urban fringe/large town	44.7	29.8	64.1	67.3	62.8
Rural/small town	41.4	29.5	59.1	60.8	50.9
Achievement test quartile in 1992					
First (low)	27.8	23.5	41.9	46.8	36.4
Second	36.4	27.0	54.1	57.0	50.9
Third	44.0	31.2	59.8	60.4	60.0
Fourth (high)	61.4	41.3	72.0	73.8	68.9
Parents' highest education level					
Less than a high school diploma	29.9	21.3	51.9	54.6	40.7
High school diploma or GED	29.3	21.5	46.4	48.6	42.1
Some college	41.4	30.2	56.8	59.6	52.9
Bachelor's degree or higher	58.5	40.2	71.1	72.4	68.2
High school program					
General	35.5	25.7	52.3	55.7	50.2
College preparatory	56.1	39.7	69.0	70.2	65.0
Vocational/technical	29.3	23.1	45.9	48.5	46.6
Other specialized program	32.4	23.5	48.5	51.9	40.1

— Too few sample observations for a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup> In 1992, high school seniors were asked if they had performed community service during the previous two years.

<sup>b</sup> Seniors were asked to give as many responses as were applicable when reporting whether the community service they performed was voluntary or required; therefore, seniors may be counted in both "strictly voluntary," and "required" categories but are only counted once in "total."

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**Table 35-3 Percentage of 1992 high school seniors who in 1994 reported performing community service during the previous year, by type of organization associated with the service and selected characteristics**

Selected characteristics	Youth organization	Union/farm/professional organization	Political club	Church-related group	Service organization	Sports team or club	Education organization	Other groups
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Sex								
Male	11.2	1.9	3.0	11.5	8.4	9.7	5.0	7.3
Female	9.5	1.7	3.3	13.0	12.8	5.0	7.2	7.5
Race/ethnicity								
White	10.4	2.0	3.2	11.6	11.8	7.7	5.9	7.8
Black	11.8	1.1	3.2	16.5	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.2
Hispanic	8.9	0.8	2.4	11.8	6.9	6.3	6.6	5.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.3	1.4	3.4	10.7	13.2	5.6	7.3	8.4
American Indian/Alaskan Native	13.2	4.0	4.2	14.8	5.0	12.1	6.8	3.8
Control of high school								
Public	9.9	1.8	3.0	12.3	10.0	7.2	5.8	7.1
Catholic	11.5	1.4	5.3	13.3	15.8	9.0	8.7	10.7
Private, other	14.7	1.3	5.1	9.6	18.7	9.9	10.7	9.4
Urbanicity of high school								
Central city	9.6	1.5	3.3	12.9	10.2	7.0	6.8	8.1
Urban fringe/large town	10.0	2.0	3.3	11.4	11.4	6.9	6.1	7.7
Rural/small town	11.0	1.8	2.8	12.9	10.3	8.4	5.6	6.2
Achievement test quartile in 1992								
First (low)	6.2	1.6	1.2	10.2	4.0	6.5	2.3	3.8
Second	8.8	1.6	2.7	10.8	7.6	7.2	3.6	5.7
Third	11.5	1.5	3.0	13.0	10.7	7.9	6.5	7.2
Fourth (high)	13.0	2.3	5.6	15.0	17.3	8.6	11.2	11.8
Parents' highest education level								
Less than a high school diploma	6.7	1.4	1.2	11.8	5.9	4.4	4.3	5.9
High school diploma or GED	7.8	1.2	2.4	9.8	5.9	5.7	2.7	4.1
Some college	9.8	2.0	2.4	11.9	9.1	7.0	5.3	7.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.7	2.3	5.0	15.4	16.8	9.2	9.9	11.0
High school program								
General	8.7	1.5	1.7	11.2	7.5	6.2	4.0	5.7
College preparatory	13.3	2.1	4.9	14.3	15.6	9.6	9.1	10.0
Vocational/technical	6.1	1.4	1.6	11.5	5.2	6.1	2.1	4.6
Other specialized program	8.3	1.4	2.2	7.5	6.5	3.3	5.2	5.8

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).

**Table S35 Standard errors for the text table in *Indicator 35***

Selected characteristics	Total	No community service in high school	Reported performing community service in high school		
			Total	Strictly voluntary	Required
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Control of high school					
Public	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.7
Catholic	2.4	3.9	2.9	3.6	3.7
Private, other	4.2	5.8	4.0	4.2	5.2
Postsecondary attendance status					
Attended	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6
Not attended	1.0	1.1	2.3	2.6	3.9

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).

**Table S35-1 Standard errors for table 35-1**

Selected characteristics	Attended postsecondary institution			Had not attended postsecondary institution		
	Total	No service in high school	Service in high school	Total	No service in high school	Service in high school
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Sex						
Male	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	3.4
Female	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.9
Race/ethnicity						
White	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.7
Black	2.9	3.9	4.1	2.9	3.1	7.2
Hispanic	2.0	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.0	6.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.7	4.4	3.1	4.0	3.8	9.2
American Indian/Alaskan Native	9.6	10.1	—	7.9	8.4	—
Control of high school						
Public	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	2.4
Catholic	2.5	4.1	2.9	7.8	11.7	7.6
Private, other	4.2	5.9	3.9	10.7	—	—
Urbanicity of high school						
Central city	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	5.3
Urban fringe/large town	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.8	2.0	3.7
Rural/small town	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.8	3.7
Achievement test quartile of 1992						
First (low)	2.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	1.9	4.5
Second	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.0	1.9	5.0
Third	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.4	4.6
Fourth (high)	1.3	2.1	1.4	5.3	7.7	6.9
Parents' highest education level						
Less than a high school diploma	2.7	3.0	4.2	2.4	2.6	6.3
High school diploma or GED	1.9	2.3	3.1	1.5	1.6	4.1
Some college	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.6
Bachelor's degree or higher	1.2	1.9	1.4	3.6	4.6	5.5
High school program						
General	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.6	3.3
College preparatory	1.1	1.6	1.2	3.0	3.9	4.6
Vocational/technical	2.3	2.6	3.9	1.9	2.1	4.6
Other specialized program	4.1	5.5	6.6	2.4	2.1	6.8

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).



**Table S35-2 Standard errors for table 35-2**

Selected characteristics	Total	No community service in high school	Reported performing community service in high school		
			Total	Strictly voluntary	Required
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Sex					
Male	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.6	2.3
Female	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	2.0
Race/ethnicity					
White	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.6
Black	2.3	2.8	3.4	3.9	5.7
Hispanic	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.9	4.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.6	3.9	3.1	3.6	5.6
American Indian/Alaskan Native	7.6	8.0	8.6	8.1	—
Control of high school					
Public	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.7
Catholic	2.4	3.9	2.9	3.6	3.7
Private, other	4.2	5.8	4.0	4.2	5.2
Urbanicity of high school					
Central city	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.6
Urban fringe/large town	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	2.3
Rural/small town	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.8	2.7
Achievement test quartile of 1992					
First (low)	1.7	2.1	2.8	3.4	4.4
Second	1.2	1.4	2.1	2.3	3.5
Third	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.0	3.1
Fourth (high)	1.3	2.1	1.4	1.5	2.3
Parents' highest education level					
Less than a high school diploma	1.9	2.0	3.7	4.2	6.3
High school diploma or GED	1.3	1.5	2.5	2.8	3.6
Some college	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.5	2.3
High school program					
General	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.8
College preparatory	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.9
Vocational/technical	1.5	1.6	3.1	3.5	4.9
Other specialized program	2.7	3.2	4.8	5.5	6.2

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).

**Table S35-3 Standard errors for table 35-3**

Selected characteristics	Youth organ- ization	Union/farm/ professional organization	Political club	Church- related group	Service organi- zation	Sports team or club	Education organ- ization	Other groups
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Sex								
Male	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4
Female	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5
Race/ethnicity								
White	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
Black	1.7	0.3	0.6	1.5	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.0
Hispanic	1.2	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.6	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.5
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4.0	2.5	2.1	4.4	1.9	4.5	3.2	1.1
Control of high school								
Public	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Catholic	1.3	0.6	1.0	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.6
Private, other	3.0	0.6	1.1	1.5	3.3	3.0	1.6	2.1
Urbanicity of high school								
Central city	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9
Urban fringe/large town	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5
Rural/small town	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4
Achievement test quartile of 1992								
First (low)	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.5
Second	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Third	0.9	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Fourth (high)	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.0
Parents' highest education level								
Less than a high school diploma	1.1	0.6	0.4	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
High school diploma or GED	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6
Some college	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9
High school program								
General	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
College preparatory	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6
Vocational/technical	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7
Other specialized program	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.9	2.0

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Second Follow-up (1992) and Third Follow-up (1994).