

**Table 11. Educational attainment of persons 18 years old and over, by state: Selected years, 1990 to 2002**

State	Percent of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, April 1990					Percent of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, 2002		Percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who are high school graduates <sup>1</sup>	
	Percent less than high school	Percent high school diploma or higher	Percent with bachelor's degree or higher			Percent with high school diploma or higher	Percent with bachelor's degree or higher	1993-95	1998-2000
			Total	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>24.8</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>84.1 (0.1)</b>	<b>26.7 (0.1)</b>	<b>85.3 (0.2)</b>	<b>85.7 (0.2)</b>
Alabama .....	33.1	66.9	15.7	10.1	5.5	78.9 (0.8)	22.7 (0.8)	84.0 (1.7)	81.6 (1.7)
Alaska .....	13.4	86.6	23.0	15.0	8.0	92.2 (0.6)	25.6 (1.0)	90.5 (3.9)	93.3 (3.2)
Arizona .....	21.3	78.7	20.3	13.3	7.0	84.6 (0.8)	26.3 (1.0)	84.0 (1.8)	73.5 (1.7)
Arkansas .....	33.7	66.3	13.3	8.9	4.5	81.0 (0.8)	18.3 (0.8)	88.4 (2.0)	84.1 (2.1)
California .....	23.8	76.2	23.4	15.3	8.1	80.2 (0.4)	27.9 (0.4)	78.9 (0.7)	82.5 (0.6)
Colorado .....	15.6	84.4	27.0	18.0	9.0	87.6 (0.5)	35.7 (0.8)	88.4 (1.6)	81.6 (1.8)
Connecticut .....	20.8	79.2	27.2	16.2	11.0	88.0 (0.5)	32.6 (0.8)	94.7 (1.3)	91.7 (1.6)
Delaware .....	22.5	77.5	21.4	13.7	7.7	88.5 (0.7)	29.5 (1.0)	93.3 (2.8)	91.0 (3.2)
District of Columbia .....	26.9	73.1	33.3	16.1	17.2	83.5 (0.9)	44.4 (1.1)	87.7 (4.1)	88.0 (3.8)
Florida .....	25.6	74.4	18.3	12.0	6.3	83.3 (0.4)	25.7 (0.5)	80.7 (1.0)	84.6 (0.9)
Georgia .....	29.1	70.9	19.3	12.9	6.4	82.9 (0.8)	25.0 (0.9)	80.3 (1.4)	83.5 (1.2)
Hawaii .....	19.9	80.1	22.9	15.8	7.1	87.9 (0.7)	26.8 (1.0)	92.0 (2.5)	91.8 (2.4)
Idaho .....	20.3	79.7	17.7	12.4	5.3	86.8 (0.7)	20.9 (0.9)	86.4 (3.0)	86.4 (2.6)
Illinois .....	23.8	76.2	21.0	13.6	7.5	85.9 (0.4)	27.3 (0.5)	86.7 (0.9)	87.1 (0.9)
Indiana .....	24.4	75.6	15.6	9.2	6.4	85.3 (0.6)	23.7 (0.7)	88.5 (1.2)	89.4 (1.2)
Iowa .....	19.9	80.1	16.9	11.7	5.2	88.3 (0.6)	23.1 (0.8)	93.2 (1.3)	90.8 (1.6)
Kansas .....	18.7	81.3	21.1	14.1	7.0	87.5 (0.5)	29.1 (0.8)	90.9 (1.7)	90.4 (1.6)
Kentucky .....	35.4	64.6	13.6	8.1	5.5	80.8 (0.8)	21.6 (0.8)	82.4 (2.0)	86.2 (1.7)
Louisiana .....	31.7	68.3	16.1	10.5	5.6	78.8 (0.9)	22.1 (0.9)	80.5 (1.9)	82.1 (1.6)
Maine .....	21.2	78.8	18.8	12.7	6.1	87.4 (0.5)	23.8 (0.7)	92.9 (2.3)	94.5 (2.0)
Maryland .....	21.6	78.4	26.5	15.6	10.9	87.5 (0.6)	37.6 (0.9)	93.6 (1.1)	87.4 (1.5)
Massachusetts .....	20.0	80.0	27.2	16.6	10.6	86.5 (0.5)	34.3 (0.8)	92.5 (1.1)	90.9 (1.1)
Michigan .....	23.2	76.8	17.4	10.9	6.4	86.5 (0.5)	22.5 (0.5)	88.7 (1.0)	89.2 (0.9)
Minnesota .....	17.6	82.4	21.8	15.6	6.3	92.2 (0.5)	30.5 (0.8)	93.3 (1.1)	91.9 (1.2)
Mississippi .....	35.7	64.3	14.7	9.7	5.1	79.1 (0.9)	20.9 (0.9)	83.9 (2.1)	82.3 (2.1)
Missouri .....	26.1	73.9	17.8	11.7	6.1	88.1 (0.6)	26.7 (0.8)	90.3 (1.3)	92.6 (1.1)
Montana .....	19.0	81.0	19.8	14.1	5.7	89.7 (0.7)	23.6 (0.9)	89.8 (3.5)	91.1 (2.7)
Nebraska .....	18.2	81.8	18.9	13.1	5.9	89.8 (0.6)	27.1 (0.9)	94.5 (1.7)	91.3 (1.9)
Nevada .....	21.2	78.8	15.3	10.1	5.2	85.8 (0.7)	22.1 (0.9)	81.9 (3.4)	77.9 (2.9)
New Hampshire .....	17.8	82.2	24.4	16.4	7.9	90.2 (0.5)	30.1 (0.8)	86.9 (3.2)	85.1 (3.6)
New Jersey .....	23.3	76.7	24.9	16.0	8.8	85.9 (0.5)	31.4 (0.6)	91.8 (1.0)	90.1 (1.0)
New Mexico .....	24.9	75.1	20.4	12.1	8.3	81.6 (0.9)	25.4 (1.0)	82.4 (3.0)	83.0 (2.7)
New York .....	25.2	74.8	23.1	13.2	9.9	83.7 (0.4)	28.8 (0.5)	87.1 (0.8)	86.3 (0.8)
North Carolina .....	30.0	70.0	17.4	12.0	5.4	80.1 (0.7)	22.4 (0.7)	85.5 (1.3)	86.1 (1.2)
North Dakota .....	23.3	76.7	18.1	13.5	4.5	89.0 (0.6)	25.3 (0.8)	96.6 (2.1)	94.4 (2.7)
Ohio .....	24.3	75.7	17.0	11.1	5.9	87.3 (0.4)	24.5 (0.5)	88.4 (0.9)	87.7 (0.9)
Oklahoma .....	25.4	74.6	17.8	11.8	6.0	85.1 (0.7)	20.4 (0.7)	87.0 (1.9)	85.7 (1.8)
Oregon .....	18.5	81.5	20.6	13.6	7.0	87.7 (0.6)	27.1 (0.9)	82.7 (2.1)	82.3 (1.9)
Pennsylvania .....	25.3	74.7	17.9	11.3	6.6	86.1 (0.4)	26.1 (0.5)	89.5 (0.9)	89.0 (0.9)
Rhode Island .....	28.0	72.0	21.3	13.5	7.8	80.1 (0.7)	30.1 (0.8)	89.4 (3.3)	87.9 (3.2)
South Carolina .....	31.7	68.3	16.6	11.2	5.4	80.2 (0.9)	23.3 (0.9)	88.0 (1.6)	85.1 (1.7)
South Dakota .....	22.9	77.1	17.2	12.3	4.9	89.2 (0.5)	23.6 (0.7)	91.5 (3.3)	92.0 (2.8)
Tennessee .....	32.9	67.1	16.0	10.5	5.4	80.1 (0.9)	21.5 (0.9)	84.6 (1.5)	89.0 (1.3)
Texas .....	27.9	72.1	20.3	13.9	6.5	78.1 (0.5)	26.2 (0.5)	79.5 (0.9)	79.4 (0.8)
Utah .....	14.9	85.1	22.3	15.4	6.8	91.0 (0.7)	26.8 (1.0)	93.6 (1.5)	90.0 (1.6)
Vermont .....	19.2	80.8	24.3	15.4	8.9	87.4 (0.7)	30.8 (0.9)	88.1 (4.3)	90.8 (3.9)
Virginia .....	24.8	75.2	24.5	15.4	9.1	86.7 (0.7)	34.6 (0.9)	87.7 (1.2)	87.3 (1.3)
Washington .....	16.2	83.8	22.9	15.9	7.0	90.4 (0.6)	28.3 (0.9)	85.7 (1.4)	87.4 (1.3)
West Virginia .....	34.0	66.0	12.3	7.5	4.8	78.5 (0.7)	15.9 (0.6)	86.8 (2.4)	89.6 (2.2)
Wisconsin .....	21.4	78.6	17.7	12.1	5.6	86.8 (0.5)	24.7 (0.7)	93.7 (1.0)	90.0 (1.3)
Wyoming .....	17.0	83.0	18.8	13.1	5.7	91.6 (0.5)	19.6 (0.8)	90.8 (4.0)	86.5 (4.5)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes students still enrolled in high school. Data reflect 3-year averages.

NOTE: Standard errors appear in parentheses. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Some data revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, "Educational Attainment in the United States," various years; and Decennial Census, *Minority Economic Profiles*, unpublished data; and National Center for Education Statistics, *Dropout Rates in the United States*, various years. (This table was prepared May 2003.)