

Table 11.—Educational attainment of persons 18 years old and over, by state: 1990 to 1998

State	Percent of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, 1998		Percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who are high school graduates 1993-95 ¹	Distribution of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, 1990				
	Percent with high school diploma or higher	Percent with bachelor's degree or higher		Percent less than high school	Percent high school diploma or higher	Percent with bachelor's degree or higher		
						Total	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
United States	82.8 (0.1)	24.4 (0.2)	85.3 (0.2)	24.8	75.2	20.3	13.1	7.2
Alabama	78.8 (1.9)	20.6 (1.9)	84.0 (1.7)	33.1	66.9	15.7	10.1	5.5
Alaska	90.6 (1.6)	24.2 (2.4)	90.5 (3.9)	13.4	86.6	23.0	15.0	8.0
Arizona	81.9 (1.9)	21.9 (2.0)	84.0 (1.8)	21.3	78.7	20.3	13.3	7.0
Arkansas	76.8 (2.0)	16.2 (1.7)	88.4 (2.0)	33.7	66.3	13.3	8.9	4.5
California	80.1 (0.8)	26.4 (0.9)	78.9 (0.7)	23.8	76.2	23.4	15.3	8.1
Colorado	89.6 (1.5)	34.0 (2.3)	88.4 (1.6)	15.6	84.4	27.0	18.0	9.0
Connecticut	83.7 (2.0)	31.4 (2.5)	94.7 (1.3)	20.8	79.2	27.2	16.2	11.0
Delaware	85.2 (2.1)	25.1 (2.6)	93.3 (2.8)	22.5	77.5	21.4	13.7	7.7
District of Columbia	83.8 (2.1)	36.5 (2.8)	87.7 (4.1)	26.9	73.1	33.3	16.1	17.2
Florida	81.9 (1.0)	22.5 (1.1)	80.7 (1.0)	25.6	74.4	18.3	12.0	6.3
Georgia	80.0 (1.8)	20.7 (1.8)	80.3 (1.4)	29.1	70.9	19.3	12.9	6.4
Hawaii	84.6 (2.2)	24.0 (2.6)	92.0 (2.5)	19.9	80.1	22.9	15.8	7.1
Idaho	82.7 (1.8)	20.3 (1.9)	86.4 (3.0)	20.3	79.7	17.7	12.4	5.3
Illinois	84.2 (1.1)	25.8 (1.3)	86.7 (0.9)	23.8	76.2	21.0	13.6	7.5
Indiana	83.5 (1.9)	17.7 (1.9)	88.5 (1.2)	24.4	75.6	15.6	9.2	6.4
Iowa	87.7 (1.7)	20.3 (2.0)	93.2 (1.3)	19.9	80.1	16.9	11.7	5.2
Kansas	89.2 (1.5)	28.5 (2.2)	90.9 (1.7)	18.7	81.3	21.1	14.1	7.0
Kentucky	77.9 (2.1)	20.1 (2.0)	82.4 (2.0)	35.4	64.6	13.6	8.1	5.5
Louisiana	78.6 (2.0)	19.5 (1.9)	80.5 (1.9)	31.7	68.3	16.1	10.5	5.6
Maine	86.7 (1.8)	19.2 (2.1)	92.9 (2.3)	21.2	78.8	18.8	12.7	6.1
Maryland	84.7 (2.0)	31.8 (2.5)	93.6 (1.1)	21.6	78.4	26.5	15.6	10.9
Massachusetts	85.6 (1.3)	31.0 (1.7)	92.5 (1.1)	20.0	80.0	27.2	16.6	10.6
Michigan	85.4 (1.1)	22.1 (1.3)	88.7 (1.0)	23.2	76.8	17.4	10.9	6.4
Minnesota	89.4 (1.5)	31.0 (2.2)	93.3 (1.1)	17.6	82.4	21.8	15.6	6.3
Mississippi	77.3 (2.0)	19.5 (1.9)	83.9 (2.1)	35.7	64.3	14.7	9.7	5.1
Missouri	82.9 (1.9)	22.4 (2.1)	90.3 (1.3)	26.1	73.9	17.8	11.7	6.1
Montana	89.1 (1.4)	23.9 (2.0)	89.8 (3.5)	19.0	81.0	19.8	14.1	5.7
Nebraska	87.7 (1.7)	20.9 (2.1)	94.5 (1.7)	18.2	81.8	18.9	13.1	5.9
Nevada	89.1 (1.7)	20.6 (2.2)	81.9 (3.4)	21.2	78.8	15.3	10.1	5.2
New Hampshire	84.0 (2.2)	26.6 (2.7)	86.9 (3.2)	17.8	82.2	24.4	16.4	7.9
New Jersey	86.5 (1.1)	30.1 (1.4)	91.8 (1.0)	23.3	76.7	24.9	16.0	8.8
New Mexico	79.6 (2.0)	23.1 (2.1)	82.4 (3.0)	24.9	75.1	20.4	12.1	8.3
New York	81.5 (0.9)	26.8 (1.0)	87.1 (0.8)	25.2	74.8	23.1	13.2	9.9
North Carolina	81.4 (1.5)	23.3 (1.6)	85.5 (1.3)	30.0	70.0	17.4	12.0	5.4
North Dakota	84.3 (1.8)	22.5 (2.1)	96.6 (2.1)	23.3	76.7	18.1	13.5	4.5
Ohio	86.2 (1.0)	21.5 (1.2)	88.4 (0.9)	24.3	75.7	17.0	11.1	5.9
Oklahoma	84.6 (1.6)	20.5 (1.8)	87.0 (1.9)	25.4	74.6	17.8	11.8	6.0
Oregon	85.5 (1.7)	27.7 (2.2)	82.7 (2.1)	18.5	81.5	20.6	13.6	7.0
Pennsylvania	84.1 (1.0)	22.1 (1.2)	89.5 (0.9)	25.3	74.7	17.9	11.3	6.6
Rhode Island	80.7 (2.1)	27.8 (2.4)	89.4 (3.3)	28.0	72.0	21.3	13.5	7.8
South Carolina	78.6 (2.3)	21.3 (2.3)	88.0 (1.6)	31.7	68.3	16.6	11.2	5.4
South Dakota	86.3 (1.7)	21.8 (2.1)	91.5 (3.3)	22.9	77.1	17.2	12.3	4.9
Tennessee	76.9 (2.1)	16.9 (1.9)	84.6 (1.5)	32.9	67.1	16.0	10.5	5.4
Texas	78.3 (1.0)	23.3 (1.1)	79.5 (0.9)	27.9	72.1	20.3	13.9	6.5
Utah	89.3 (1.6)	27.6 (2.3)	93.6 (1.5)	14.9	85.1	22.3	15.4	6.8
Vermont	86.7 (2.2)	27.1 (2.8)	88.1 (4.3)	19.2	80.8	24.3	15.4	8.9
Virginia	82.6 (1.8)	30.3 (2.2)	87.7 (1.2)	24.8	75.2	24.5	15.4	9.1
Washington	92.0 (1.5)	28.1 (2.4)	85.7 (1.4)	16.2	83.8	22.9	15.9	7.0
West Virginia	76.4 (1.9)	16.3 (1.6)	86.8 (2.4)	34.0	66.0	12.3	7.5	4.8
Wisconsin	88.0 (1.5)	22.3 (2.0)	93.7 (1.0)	21.4	78.6	17.7	12.1	5.6
Wyoming	90.0 (1.5)	19.8 (2.0)	90.8 (4.0)	17.0	83.0	18.8	13.1	5.7

¹ Excludes students still enrolled in school. Data reflect 3-year average.

NOTE.—Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, "Educational Attainment in the United States: March 1998;" and Decennial Census, *Minority Economic Profiles*, unpublished data. U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Dropout Rates in the United States, 1995*. (This table was prepared February 2000.)