

Table 11.—Educational attainment of persons 18 years old and over, by state: 1990 to 2000

| State | Distribution of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, 1990 | | | | | Percent of population, 25 years old and over, by education level, 2000 | | Percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who are high school graduates ¹ | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------|
| | 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 | 1997-99 |
| | | | Total | Bachelor's degree | Graduate or professional degree | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| United States | 24.8 | 75.2 | 20.3 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 84.1 — | 25.6 — | 85.3 (0.2) | 85.5 (0.2) |
| Alabama | 33.1 | 66.9 | 15.7 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 77.5 (1.2) | 20.4 (1.2) | 84.0 (1.7) | 83.1 (1.6) |
| Alaska | 13.4 | 86.6 | 23.0 | 15.0 | 8.0 | 90.4 (1.0) | 28.1 (1.6) | 90.5 (3.9) | 90.8 (3.7) |
| Arizona | 21.3 | 78.7 | 20.3 | 13.3 | 7.0 | 85.1 (1.0) | 24.6 (1.2) | 84.0 (1.8) | 75.0 (1.7) |
| Arkansas | 33.7 | 66.3 | 13.3 | 8.9 | 4.5 | 81.7 (1.1) | 18.4 (1.1) | 88.4 (2.0) | 82.9 (2.2) |
| California | 23.8 | 76.2 | 23.4 | 15.3 | 8.1 | 81.2 (0.5) | 27.5 (0.5) | 78.9 (0.7) | 81.5 (0.6) |
| Colorado | 15.6 | 84.4 | 27.0 | 18.0 | 9.0 | 89.7 (0.9) | 34.6 (1.3) | 88.4 (1.6) | 83.3 (1.8) |
| Connecticut | 20.8 | 79.2 | 27.2 | 16.2 | 11.0 | 88.2 (1.0) | 31.6 (1.5) | 94.7 (1.3) | 90.1 (1.7) |
| Delaware | 22.5 | 77.5 | 21.4 | 13.7 | 7.7 | 86.1 (1.3) | 24.0 (1.5) | 93.3 (2.8) | 89.1 (3.5) |
| District of Columbia | 26.9 | 73.1 | 33.3 | 16.1 | 17.2 | 83.2 (1.3) | 38.3 (1.8) | 87.7 (4.1) | 87.2 (4.0) |
| Florida | 25.6 | 74.4 | 18.3 | 12.0 | 6.3 | 84.0 (0.6) | 22.8 (0.7) | 80.7 (1.0) | 84.8 (0.9) |
| Georgia | 29.1 | 70.9 | 19.3 | 12.9 | 6.4 | 82.6 (1.0) | 23.1 (1.1) | 80.3 (1.4) | 83.7 (1.3) |
| Hawaii | 19.9 | 80.1 | 22.9 | 15.8 | 7.1 | 87.4 (1.2) | 26.3 (1.6) | 92.0 (2.5) | 90.7 (2.5) |
| Idaho | 20.3 | 79.7 | 17.7 | 12.4 | 5.3 | 86.2 (1.0) | 20.0 (1.2) | 86.4 (3.0) | 85.5 (2.8) |
| Illinois | 23.8 | 76.2 | 21.0 | 13.6 | 7.5 | 85.5 (0.6) | 27.1 (0.8) | 86.7 (0.9) | 86.2 (0.9) |
| Indiana | 24.4 | 75.6 | 15.6 | 9.2 | 6.4 | 84.6 (1.1) | 17.1 (1.1) | 88.5 (1.2) | 88.6 (1.3) |
| Iowa | 19.9 | 80.1 | 16.9 | 11.7 | 5.2 | 89.7 (0.9) | 25.5 (1.3) | 93.2 (1.3) | 88.2 (1.9) |
| Kansas | 18.7 | 81.3 | 21.1 | 14.1 | 7.0 | 88.1 (1.0) | 27.3 (1.3) | 90.9 (1.7) | 91.6 (1.5) |
| Kentucky | 35.4 | 64.6 | 13.6 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 78.7 (1.2) | 20.5 (1.2) | 82.4 (2.0) | 86.6 (1.7) |
| Louisiana | 31.7 | 68.3 | 16.1 | 10.5 | 5.6 | 80.8 (1.2) | 22.5 (1.3) | 80.5 (1.9) | 82.1 (1.6) |
| Maine | 21.2 | 78.8 | 18.8 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 89.3 (1.0) | 24.1 (1.4) | 92.9 (2.3) | 92.9 (2.3) |
| Maryland | 21.6 | 78.4 | 26.5 | 15.6 | 10.9 | 85.7 (1.2) | 32.3 (1.6) | 93.6 (1.1) | 90.1 (1.4) |
| Massachusetts | 20.0 | 80.0 | 27.2 | 16.6 | 10.6 | 85.1 (0.8) | 27.3 (1.0) | 92.5 (1.1) | 90.1 (1.2) |
| Michigan | 23.2 | 76.8 | 17.4 | 10.9 | 6.4 | 86.2 (0.7) | 23.0 (0.8) | 88.7 (1.0) | 90.1 (0.9) |
| Minnesota | 17.6 | 82.4 | 21.8 | 15.6 | 6.3 | 90.8 (0.9) | 31.2 (1.3) | 93.3 (1.1) | 90.4 (1.3) |
| Mississippi | 35.7 | 64.3 | 14.7 | 9.7 | 5.1 | 80.3 (1.2) | 18.7 (1.2) | 83.9 (2.1) | 82.1 (2.1) |
| Missouri | 26.1 | 73.9 | 17.8 | 11.7 | 6.1 | 86.6 (1.0) | 26.2 (1.3) | 90.3 (1.3) | 91.6 (1.2) |
| Montana | 19.0 | 81.0 | 19.8 | 14.1 | 5.7 | 89.6 (0.9) | 23.8 (1.2) | 89.8 (3.5) | 91.0 (2.7) |
| Nebraska | 18.2 | 81.8 | 18.9 | 13.1 | 5.9 | 90.4 (0.9) | 24.6 (1.3) | 94.5 (1.7) | 91.5 (1.9) |
| Nevada | 21.2 | 78.8 | 15.3 | 10.1 | 5.2 | 82.8 (1.2) | 19.3 (1.3) | 81.9 (3.4) | 74.5 (3.1) |
| New Hampshire | 17.8 | 82.2 | 24.4 | 16.4 | 7.9 | 88.1 (1.2) | 30.1 (1.6) | 86.9 (3.2) | 87.3 (3.3) |
| New Jersey | 23.3 | 76.7 | 24.9 | 16.0 | 8.8 | 87.3 (0.6) | 30.1 (0.9) | 91.8 (1.0) | 90.2 (1.0) |
| New Mexico | 24.9 | 75.1 | 20.4 | 12.1 | 8.3 | 82.2 (1.2) | 23.6 (1.3) | 82.4 (3.0) | 82.7 (2.7) |
| New York | 25.2 | 74.8 | 23.1 | 13.2 | 9.9 | 82.5 (0.5) | 28.7 (0.6) | 87.1 (0.8) | 85.2 (0.8) |
| North Carolina | 30.0 | 70.0 | 17.4 | 12.0 | 5.4 | 79.2 (1.0) | 23.2 (1.0) | 85.5 (1.3) | 86.1 (1.1) |
| North Dakota | 23.3 | 76.7 | 18.1 | 13.5 | 4.5 | 85.5 (1.0) | 22.6 (1.2) | 96.6 (2.1) | 93.6 (2.8) |
| Ohio | 24.3 | 75.7 | 17.0 | 11.1 | 5.9 | 87.0 (0.6) | 24.6 (0.8) | 88.4 (0.9) | 89.3 (0.9) |
| Oklahoma | 25.4 | 74.6 | 17.8 | 11.8 | 6.0 | 86.1 (0.9) | 22.5 (1.1) | 87.0 (1.9) | 85.4 (1.9) |
| Oregon | 18.5 | 81.5 | 20.6 | 13.6 | 7.0 | 88.1 (1.0) | 27.2 (1.3) | 82.7 (2.1) | 78.5 (2.1) |
| Pennsylvania | 25.3 | 74.7 | 17.9 | 11.3 | 6.6 | 85.7 (0.6) | 24.3 (0.7) | 89.5 (0.9) | 87.6 (0.9) |
| Rhode Island | 28.0 | 72.0 | 21.3 | 13.5 | 7.8 | 81.3 (1.3) | 26.4 (1.5) | 89.4 (3.3) | 86.7 (3.3) |
| South Carolina | 31.7 | 68.3 | 16.6 | 11.2 | 5.4 | 83.0 (1.2) | 19.0 (1.3) | 88.0 (1.6) | 86.9 (1.7) |
| South Dakota | 22.9 | 77.1 | 17.2 | 12.3 | 4.9 | 91.8 (0.9) | 25.7 (1.3) | 91.5 (3.3) | 91.5 (2.8) |
| Tennessee | 32.9 | 67.1 | 16.0 | 10.5 | 5.4 | 79.9 (1.2) | 22.0 (1.3) | 84.6 (1.5) | 89.5 (1.3) |
| Texas | 27.9 | 72.1 | 20.3 | 13.9 | 6.5 | 79.2 (0.6) | 23.9 (0.6) | 79.5 (0.9) | 79.2 (0.9) |
| Utah | 14.9 | 85.1 | 22.3 | 15.4 | 6.8 | 90.7 (0.9) | 26.4 (1.3) | 93.6 (1.5) | 89.7 (1.6) |
| Vermont | 19.2 | 80.8 | 24.3 | 15.4 | 8.9 | 90.0 (1.2) | 28.8 (1.7) | 88.1 (4.3) | 95.3 (2.8) |
| Virginia | 24.8 | 75.2 | 24.5 | 15.4 | 9.1 | 86.6 (1.0) | 31.9 (1.3) | 87.7 (1.2) | 87.0 (1.3) |
| Washington | 16.2 | 83.8 | 22.9 | 15.9 | 7.0 | 91.8 (0.9) | 28.6 (1.5) | 85.7 (1.4) | 87.0 (1.3) |
| West Virginia | 34.0 | 66.0 | 12.3 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 77.1 (1.2) | 15.3 (1.0) | 86.8 (2.4) | 89.2 (2.2) |
| Wisconsin | 21.4 | 78.6 | 17.7 | 12.1 | 5.6 | 86.7 (1.0) | 23.8 (1.2) | 93.7 (1.0) | 90.6 (1.2) |
| Wyoming | 17.0 | 83.0 | 18.8 | 13.1 | 5.7 | 90.0 (0.9) | 20.6 (1.2) | 90.8 (4.0) | 87.8 (4.4) |

—Not available.

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

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," various years; Decennial Census, *Minority Economic Profiles*, unpublished data; and U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Dropout Rates in the United States*, various years. (This table was prepared April 2001.)