

Table 8. Percent of persons age 25 and over and 25 to 29, by years of school completed, race/ethnicity, and sex: Selected years, 1910 to 2002

Age and year	Total					White, non-Hispanic ¹			Black, non-Hispanic ¹			Hispanic		
	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
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25 and over														
1910 ⁴	23.8	13.5	2.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
1920 ⁴	22.0	16.4	3.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
1930 ⁴	17.5	19.1	3.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
April 1940	13.7	24.5	4.6	10.9	26.1	4.9	41.8	7.7	1.3	—	—	—		
April 1950	11.1	34.3	6.2	8.9	36.4	6.6	32.6	13.7	2.2	—	—	—		
April 1960	8.3	41.1	7.7	6.7	43.2	8.1	23.5	21.7	3.5	—	—	—		
March 1970	5.3	55.2	11.0	4.2	57.4	11.6	14.7	36.1	6.1	—	—	—		
March 1975	4.2	62.5	13.9	2.6	65.8	14.9	12.3	42.6	6.4	—	—	—		
March 1980	3.4 (0.08)	68.6 (0.20)	17.0 (0.16)	1.9 (0.07)	71.9 (0.21)	18.4 (0.18)	9.1 (0.40)	51.4 (0.69)	7.9 (0.38)	15.8 (0.74)	38.5	6.6		
March 1985	2.7 (0.07)	73.9 (0.18)	19.4 (0.16)	1.4 (0.05)	77.5 (0.19)	20.8 (0.19)	6.1 (0.31)	59.9 (0.64)	11.1 (0.41)	13.5 (0.58)	44.5 (1.01)	7.6 (0.54)		
March 1990	2.7 (0.07)	74.7 (0.18)	19.4 (0.16)	1.4 (0.05)	78.2 (0.19)	20.9 (0.19)	5.3 (0.29)	62.5 (0.62)	10.9 (0.40)	12.9 (0.55)	47.9 (0.85)	8.5 (0.48)		
March 1995	2.4 (0.06)	75.6 (0.17)	19.9 (0.16)	1.3 (0.05)	79.0 (0.18)	21.4 (0.19)	4.9 (0.27)	63.6 (0.61)	10.8 (0.39)	11.9 (0.52)	48.5 (0.83)	8.4 (0.46)		
March 1998	2.4 (0.06)	76.2 (0.17)	20.3 (0.16)	1.2 (0.05)	79.8 (0.18)	21.8 (0.19)	4.8 (0.27)	63.5 (0.60)	10.8 (0.39)	12.2 (0.52)	50.9 (0.81)	8.6 (0.45)		
March 1999	2.5 (0.06)	76.9 (0.17)	21.1 (0.16)	1.2 (0.05)	80.7 (0.18)	22.8 (0.19)	5.2 (0.27)	64.7 (0.59)	11.2 (0.40)	12.2 (0.50)	50.9 (0.77)	9.9 (0.46)		
March 1999	2.4 (0.06)	77.6 (0.17)	21.3 (0.16)	1.1 (0.05)	81.4 (0.17)	23.1 (0.19)	5.1 (0.27)	66.2 (0.58)	11.3 (0.39)	12.3 (0.50)	50.8 (0.75)	9.2 (0.44)		
March 1999	2.4 (0.06)	78.4 (0.16)	21.4 (0.16)	1.1 (0.05)	82.4 (0.17)	23.3 (0.19)	4.7 (0.26)	66.8 (0.57)	11.5 (0.39)	12.5 (0.49)	51.3 (0.74)	9.7 (0.44)		
March 1999	2.1 (0.06)	79.4 (0.16)	21.4 (0.16)	0.9 (0.04)	83.4 (0.16)	23.2 (0.19)	3.9 (0.23)	67.7 (0.56)	11.9 (0.39)	11.8 (0.47)	52.6 (0.73)	9.3 (0.44)		
March 1999	2.1 (0.06)	80.2 (0.16)	21.9 (0.16)	0.8 (0.04)	84.1 (0.16)	23.8 (0.19)	3.7 (0.22)	70.5 (0.54)	12.2 (0.39)	11.8 (0.46)	53.1 (0.71)	9.0 (0.41)		
March 1999	1.9 (0.05)	80.9 (0.15)	22.2 (0.16)	0.8 (0.04)	84.9 (0.16)	24.3 (0.19)	2.7 (0.19)	73.0 (0.52)	12.9 (0.39)	10.8 (0.42)	53.3 (0.67)	9.1 (0.39)		
March 1999	1.8 (0.05)	81.7 (0.15)	23.0 (0.16)	0.7 (0.04)	85.9 (0.16)	25.4 (0.19)	2.5 (0.16)	74.8 (0.52)	13.3 (0.40)	10.6 (0.41)	53.4 (0.67)	9.3 (0.39)		
March 1999	1.8 (0.05)	81.7 (0.15)	23.6 (0.17)	0.6 (0.04)	86.0 (0.16)	25.9 (0.20)	2.2 (0.18)	73.6 (0.53)	13.8 (0.42)	10.3 (0.42)	53.1 (0.69)	9.3 (0.39)		
March 1999	1.7 (0.05)	82.1 (0.14)	23.9 (0.16)	0.6 (0.03)	86.3 (0.15)	26.2 (0.19)	2.0 (0.16)	75.3 (0.49)	14.3 (0.38)	9.4 (0.36)	54.7 (0.62)	10.3 (0.38)		
March 1999	1.6 (0.05)	82.8 (0.14)	24.4 (0.16)	0.6 (0.03)	87.1 (0.14)	26.6 (0.19)	1.7 (0.14)	76.4 (0.47)	14.8 (0.40)	9.3 (0.35)	55.5 (0.60)	11.0 (0.38)		
March 1999	1.6 (0.05)	83.4 (0.14)	25.2 (0.16)	0.6 (0.03)	87.7 (0.14)	27.7 (0.19)	1.7 (0.15)	77.4 (0.46)	15.5 (0.40)	9.0 (0.34)	56.1 (0.60)	10.9 (0.37)		
March 1999	1.6 (0.05)	84.1 (0.13)	25.6 (0.16)	0.5 (0.03)	88.4 (0.14)	28.1 (0.19)	1.6 (0.14)	78.9 (0.45)	16.6 (0.44)	8.7 (0.33)	57.0 (0.58)	10.6 (0.36)		
March 2000	1.6 (0.05)	84.3 (0.13)	26.1 (0.16)	0.5 (0.03)	88.7 (0.13)	28.6 (0.19)	1.3 (0.12)	79.5 (0.44)	16.1 (0.40)	9.3 (0.34)	56.5 (0.57)	11.2 (0.37)		
March 2002	1.6 (0.03)	84.1 (0.09)	26.7 (0.11)	0.5 (0.02)	88.7 (0.10)	29.4 (0.14)	1.6 (0.10)	79.2 (0.32)	17.2 (0.30)	8.7 (0.22)	57.0 (0.39)	11.1 (0.25)		
25 to 29														
1920 ⁴	—	—	—	12.9	22.0	4.5	44.6	6.3	1.2	—	—	—		
April 1940	5.9	38.1	5.9	3.4	41.2	6.4	27.0	12.3	1.6	—	—	—		
April 1950	4.6	52.8	7.7	3.3	56.3	8.2	16.1	23.6	2.8	—	—	—		
April 1960	2.8	60.7	11.0	2.2	63.7	11.8	7.2	38.6	5.4	—	—	—		
March 1970	1.1	75.4	16.4	0.9	77.8	17.3	2.2	58.4	10.0	—	—	—		
March 1975	1.0	83.1	21.9	0.6	86.6	23.8	0.5	71.1	10.5	8.0	53.1	8.8		
March 1980	0.8 (0.10)	85.4 (0.40)	22.5 (0.47)	0.3 (0.07)	89.2 (0.40)	25.0 (0.55)	0.6 (0.27)	76.7 (1.41)	11.6 (1.07)	6.7 (1.12)	58.0 (2.22)	7.7 (1.20)		
March 1985	0.7 (0.09)	86.1 (0.37)	22.2 (0.45)	0.2 (0.06)	89.5 (0.38)	24.4 (0.53)	0.4 (0.20)	80.5 (1.22)	11.6 (0.99)	6.0 (0.91)	60.9 (1.86)	11.1 (1.20)		
March 1986	0.9 (0.10)	86.1 (0.37)	22.4 (0.45)	0.4 (0.07)	89.6 (0.37)	25.2 (0.53)	0.5 (0.22)	83.5 (1.13)	11.8 (0.99)	5.6 (0.83)	59.1 (1.78)	9.0 (1.04)		
March 1987	0.9 (0.10)	86.0 (0.37)	22.0 (0.44)	0.4 (0.08)	89.4 (0.38)	24.6 (0.53)	0.4 (0.20)	83.4 (1.13)	11.5 (0.97)	4.8 (0.76)	59.8 (1.75)	8.7 (1.01)		
March 1988	1.0 (0.11)	85.9 (0.37)	22.7 (0.45)	0.3 (0.07)	89.7 (0.38)	25.1 (0.54)	0.3 (0.18)	80.9 (1.20)	12.0 (0.99)	6.0 (0.82)	62.3 (1.68)	11.3 (1.10)		
March 1989	1.0 (0.11)	85.5 (0.38)	23.4 (0.45)	0.3 (0.07)	89.3 (0.38)	26.3 (0.55)	0.5 (0.22)	82.3 (1.16)	12.6 (1.01)	5.4 (0.76)	61.0 (1.65)	10.1 (0.92)		
March 1990	1.2 (0.12)	85.7 (0.38)	23.2 (0.46)	0.3 (0.07)	90.1 (0.37)	26.4 (0.55)	1.0 (0.31)	81.7 (1.17)	13.4 (1.03)	7.3 (0.88)	58.2 (1.66)	8.1 (0.92)		
March 1991	1.0 (0.11)	85.4 (0.39)	23.2 (0.46)	0.4 (0.08)	89.8 (0.39)	26.7 (0.56)	0.5 (0.22)	81.8 (1.17)	11.0 (0.95)	5.8 (0.80)	56.7 (1.69)	9.2 (0.99)		
March 1992	0.9 (0.10)	86.3 (0.38)	23.6 (0.47)	0.3 (0.07)	90.7 (0.38)	27.2 (0.58)	0.8 (0.28)	80.9 (1.21)	11.0 (0.97)	5.2 (0.75)	60.9 (1.66)	9.5 (1.00)		
March 1993	0.7 (0.09)	86.7 (0.38)	23.7 (0.48)	0.3 (0.07)	91.2 (0.37)	27.2 (0.58)	0.2 (0.15)	82.6 (1.17)	13.3 (1.05)	4.0 (0.65)	60.9 (1.64)	8.3 (0.93)		
March 1994	0.8 (0.10)	86.1 (0.39)	23.3 (0.47)	0.2 (0.07)	91.1 (0.38)	27.1 (0.60)	0.6 (0.24)	84.1 (1.13)	13.6 (1.06)	3.6 (0.57)	60.3 (1.51)	8.0 (0.84)		
March 1995	0.9 (0.11)	86.8 (0.39)	24.7 (0.49)	0.3 (0.08)	92.5 (0.36)	28.8 (0.62)	0.2 (0.14)	86.7 (1.06)	15.4 (1.13)	4.9 (0.67)	57.1 (1.55)	8.9 (0.89)		
March 1996	0.8 (0.11)	87.3 (0.40)	27.1 (0.53)	0.2 (0.07)	92.6 (0.37)	31.6 (0.67)	0.4 (0.20)	86.0 (1.14)	14.3 (0.66)	4.3 (0.62)	61.1 (1.58)	10.0 (0.86)		
March 1997	0.8 (0.10)	87.4 (0.37)	27.8 (0.50)	0.1 (0.05)	92.9 (0.35)	32.6 (0.63)	0.6 (0.23)	86.9 (1.03)	14.2 (1.07)	4.2 (0.59)	61.8 (1.42)	11.0 (0.91)		
March 1998	0.7 (0.09)	88.1 (0.36)	27.3 (0.50)	0.1 (0.05)	93.6 (0.34)	32.3 (0.64)	0.4 (0.19)	88.2 (0.98)	15.8 (1.11)	3.7 (0.55)	62.8 (1.41)	10.4 (0.89)		
March 1999	0.6 (0.09)	87.8 (0.37)	28.2 (0.51)	0.1 (0.05)	93.0 (0.35)	33.6 (0.66)	0.2 (0.15)	88.7 (0.97)	15.0 (1.09)	3.2 (0.52)	61.6 (1.44)	9.7 (0.84)		
March 2000	0.7 (0.09)	88.1 (0.37)	29.1 (0.52)	0.1 (0.04)	94.0 (0.33)	34.0 (0.67)	#	86.8 (1.06)	17.8 (1.20)	3.8 (0.55)	62.8 (1.40)	8.9 (0.85)		
March 2001	0.8 (0.11)	87.7 (0.38)	28.6 (0.52)	0.2 (0.06)	93.3 (0.36)	33.0 (0.68)	#	87.0 (1.05)	17.8 (1.19)	4.7 (0.62)	63.2 (1.41)	11.1 (0.92)		
March 2002	1.1 (0.08)	86.4 (0.28)	29.3 (0.37)	0.1 (0.04)	93.0 (0.26)	35.9 (0.50)	0.6 (0.18)	87.6 (0.76)	18.0 (0.88)	4.7 (0.39)	62.4 (0.89)	8.9 (0.53)		

See notes at end of table.

Table 8. Percent of persons age 25 and over and 25 to 29, by years of school completed, race/ethnicity, and sex: Selected years, 1910 to 2002—Continued

Age and year	Total										White, non-Hispanic ¹					Black, non-Hispanic ¹					Hispanic				
	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³	Less than 5 years of elementary school	High school completion or higher ²	4 or more years of college ³				
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8	9	10	11	12	13	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Males																									
25 and over	15.1	22.7	5.5	12.0	24.2	5.9	46.2	6.9	1.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 1940	12.2	32.6	7.3	9.8	34.6	7.9	36.9	12.6	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 1960	9.4	39.5	9.7	7.4	41.6	10.3	27.7	20.0	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1970	5.9	55.0	14.1	4.5	57.2	15.0	17.9	35.4	6.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1980	3.6 (0.12)	69.2 (0.30)	20.9 (0.26)	2.0 (0.10)	72.4 (0.31)	22.8 (0.29)	11.3 (0.67)	51.2 (1.06)	7.7 (0.56)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1990	2.7 (0.09)	77.7 (0.24)	24.4 (0.25)	1.3 (0.07)	81.6 (0.25)	26.7 (0.29)	6.4 (0.45)	65.8 (0.88)	11.9 (0.60)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1995	2.0 (0.08)	81.7 (0.22)	26.0 (0.25)	0.8 (0.06)	86.0 (0.22)	28.9 (0.29)	3.4 (0.32)	73.5 (0.78)	13.7 (0.61)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1996	1.9 (0.08)	81.9 (0.23)	26.0 (0.26)	0.7 (0.06)	86.3 (0.21)	28.8 (0.30)	2.9 (0.31)	74.6 (0.80)	12.5 (0.61)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1997	1.8 (0.07)	82.0 (0.21)	26.2 (0.24)	0.6 (0.05)	87.1 (0.21)	29.0 (0.28)	2.9 (0.28)	73.8 (0.75)	9.2 (0.50)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1998	1.7 (0.07)	82.8 (0.20)	26.5 (0.24)	0.7 (0.05)	87.7 (0.20)	29.3 (0.28)	2.3 (0.25)	75.4 (0.72)	14.0 (0.58)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1999	1.6 (0.07)	83.4 (0.20)	27.5 (0.24)	0.6 (0.05)	87.7 (0.20)	30.6 (0.28)	2.0 (0.24)	77.2 (0.70)	14.3 (0.58)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2000	1.6 (0.07)	84.2 (0.19)	27.8 (0.24)	0.6 (0.05)	88.5 (0.20)	30.8 (0.28)	2.1 (0.24)	79.1 (0.67)	16.4 (0.61)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2001	1.6 (0.07)	84.4 (0.19)	28.0 (0.24)	0.6 (0.05)	88.6 (0.19)	30.9 (0.28)	1.7 (0.21)	80.6 (0.65)	15.9 (0.60)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2002	1.7 (0.07)	83.8 (0.19)	28.5 (0.17)	0.5 (0.03)	88.5 (0.14)	31.7 (0.20)	1.9 (0.16)	79.0 (0.48)	16.5 (0.44)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females																									
25 and over	12.4	26.3	3.8	9.8	28.1	4.0	37.5	8.4	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 1940	10.0	36.0	5.2	8.1	38.2	5.4	28.6	14.7	2.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 1960	7.4	42.5	5.8	6.0	44.7	6.0	19.7	23.1	3.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1970	4.7	55.4	8.2	3.9	57.7	8.6	11.9	36.6	5.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1980	3.2 (0.11)	68.1 (0.28)	13.6 (0.21)	1.8 (0.09)	71.5 (0.30)	14.4 (0.23)	7.4 (0.49)	51.5 (0.94)	8.1 (0.52)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1990	2.2 (0.08)	77.5 (0.23)	18.4 (0.22)	1.0 (0.06)	81.3 (0.24)	19.8 (0.25)	4.0 (0.33)	66.5 (0.79)	10.8 (0.52)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1995	1.7 (0.07)	81.6 (0.21)	20.2 (0.22)	0.6 (0.05)	85.8 (0.22)	22.1 (0.26)	1.7 (0.21)	74.1 (0.69)	13.0 (0.53)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1996	1.7 (0.07)	81.6 (0.22)	21.4 (0.23)	0.5 (0.05)	85.9 (0.22)	23.2 (0.27)	1.6 (0.21)	74.6 (0.72)	14.8 (0.58)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1997	1.6 (0.06)	82.2 (0.20)	21.7 (0.21)	0.5 (0.04)	86.3 (0.20)	23.7 (0.25)	1.3 (0.17)	76.5 (0.64)	14.0 (0.52)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1998	1.6 (0.06)	82.9 (0.19)	22.4 (0.21)	0.6 (0.04)	87.1 (0.20)	24.1 (0.25)	1.2 (0.16)	77.1 (0.63)	15.4 (0.54)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 1999	1.5 (0.06)	83.3 (0.19)	23.1 (0.22)	0.5 (0.04)	87.6 (0.19)	25.0 (0.26)	1.5 (0.18)	77.5 (0.62)	16.5 (0.55)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2000	1.5 (0.06)	84.0 (0.19)	23.6 (0.22)	0.4 (0.04)	88.4 (0.19)	25.5 (0.26)	1.1 (0.16)	78.7 (0.60)	16.8 (0.55)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2001	1.5 (0.06)	84.2 (0.18)	24.3 (0.22)	0.4 (0.04)	88.8 (0.19)	26.5 (0.26)	1.0 (0.15)	78.6 (0.60)	16.3 (0.54)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March 2002	1.5 (0.04)	84.4 (0.13)	25.1 (0.15)	0.5 (0.03)	88.9 (0.13)	27.3 (0.19)	1.4 (0.12)	79.4 (0.42)	17.7 (0.40)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Rounds to zero.
—Not available.

¹ Includes persons of Hispanic origin for years prior to 1980.
² Data for years prior to 1993 include all persons with at least 4 years of high school.
³ Data for 1993 and later years are for persons with a bachelor's or higher degree.
⁴ Estimates based on Bureau of the Census retrojection of 1940 Census data on education by age.

NOTE: Total includes other racial/ethnic groups not shown separately. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population, 1960, Volume 1, part 1; *Current Population Reports*, Series P-20 and previously unpublished tabulations; and 1960 Census Monograph, "Education of the American Population," by John K. Folger and Charles B. Nam. (This table was prepared October 2003.)