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Completions

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In 2007, some 87 percent of 25- to 29-year-olds had received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate (see supplemental table 25-1).¹ Although this percentage increased 7 percentage points between 1971 and 1976, the high school completion rate has remained between 85 and 88 percent over the last 30 years.

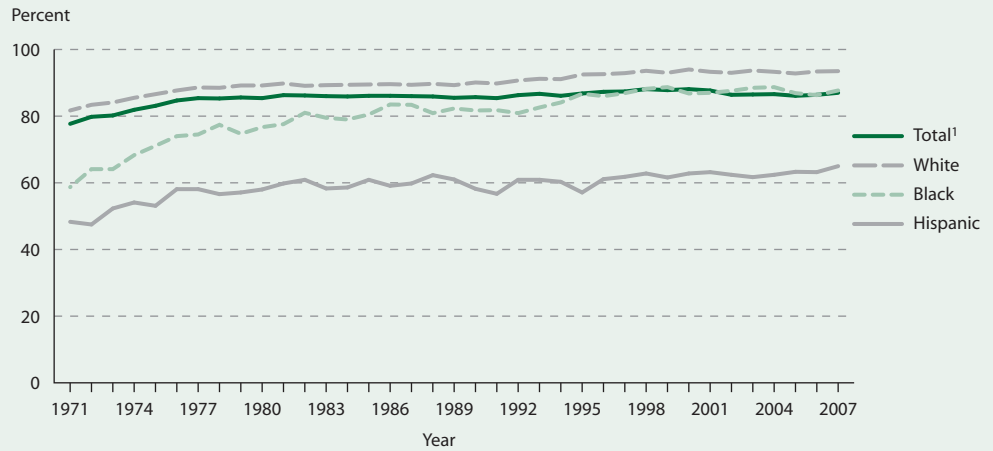
In 1971, a lower percentage of Blacks than Whites completed high school (59 vs. 82 percent). Between 1971 and 1982, the gap between Blacks and Whites decreased 15 percentage points to 8 percentage points, but since 1982 the gap has been between 4 and 10 percentage points. In 2007, the high school completion rate for Blacks was still below that of Whites (88 vs. 93 percent). The high school completion rate for Hispanics increased between 1971 and 2007 (48 vs. 65 percent). Unlike the gap between Blacks and Whites, the gap between Hispanics and Whites fluctuated but was not measurably different in 2007 than in 1971.

The rate at which 25- to 29-year-olds completed at least some college education increased from 34 to 58 percent between 1971 and 2007 (see supplemental table 25-2). However, increases in the rate were not consistent throughout this period. The rate increased during the 1970s,

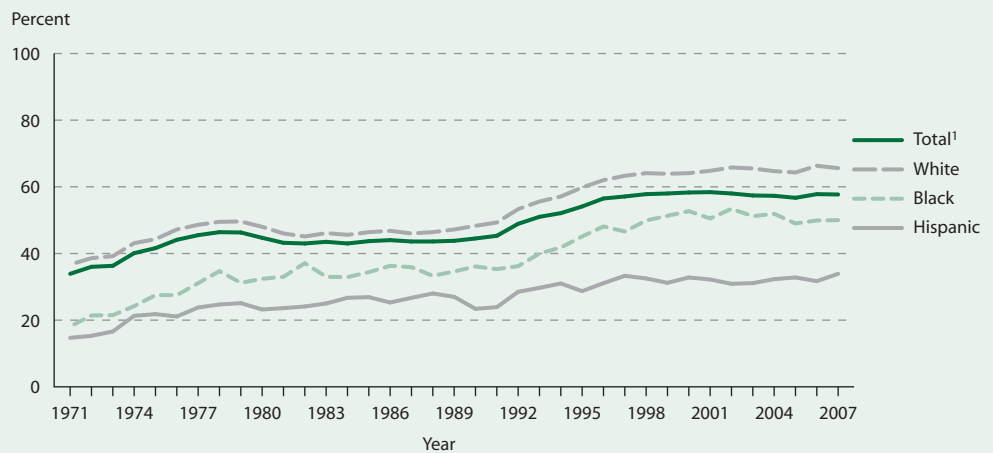
leveled off during the 1980s, and increased in the 1990s. Since the late 1990s, the rate has leveled off again. For each racial/ethnic group, the percentage completing at least some college was higher in 2007 than 1971. However, the rate of increase was lower for Hispanics than for Whites or Blacks. In 2007, about 66 percent of White 25- to 29-year-olds had completed at least some college, compared with 50 percent of their Black peers and 34 percent of their Hispanic peers.

In 2007, some 30 percent of 25- to 29-year-olds had completed a bachelor's degree or higher. In most years, about half as many 25- to 29-year-olds had completed a bachelor's degree or higher as had completed at least some college. Between 1971 and 1996, the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who had completed a bachelor's degree or higher increased from 17 to 27 percent (see supplemental table 25-3). Although this change represents an increase of 10 percentage points, the rate has remained between 27 and 30 percent since 1996. While the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher increased for all three racial/ethnic groups, the gaps between Whites and their Black and Hispanic peers widened between 1971 and 2007.

HIGH SCHOOL: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2007



SOME COLLEGE: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed at least some college, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2007



¹ Included in the totals but not shown separately are estimates for those from other racial/ethnic categories.

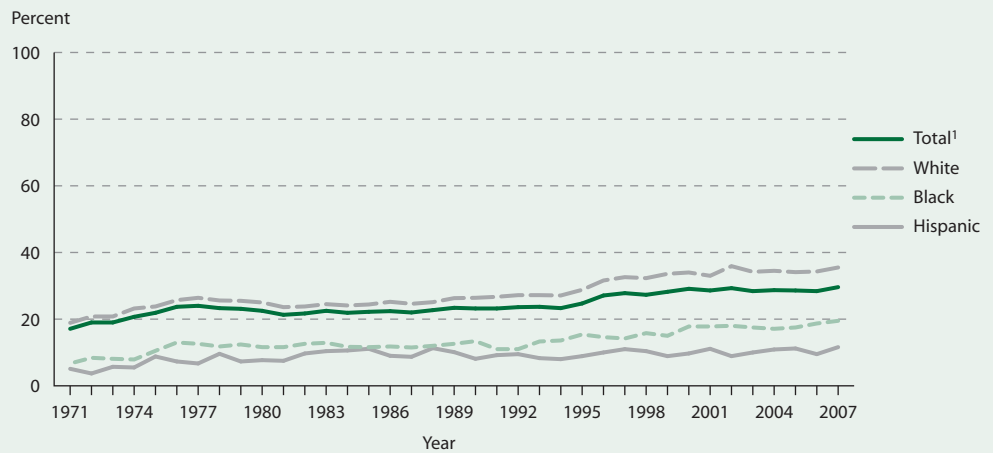
NOTE: This indicator uses March Current Population Survey (CPS) data to estimate the percentage of civilian, noninstitutionalized people ages 25 through 29 who are out of high school and who have earned a high school credential. Prior to 1992, *high school completers* referred to those who completed 12 years of schooling, and *some college* meant completing 1 or more years of college; beginning in 1992, *high school completers* referred to those who received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate, and *some college* meant completing any college at all. In 1994, the survey instrument for the CPS was changed and weights were adjusted. See *supplemental notes 2 and 7* for further discussion. Some estimates are revised from previous publications. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.



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BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2007



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Table 25-1. Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total ¹			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	77.7	79.0	76.5	81.7	83.0	80.5	58.7	56.7	60.5	48.3	51.4	45.8
1972	79.8	80.5	79.2	83.4	84.1	82.7	64.1	61.7	66.0	47.5	47.0	48.0
1973	80.2	80.6	79.8	84.1	84.2	83.9	64.1	63.2	64.9	52.3	54.2	50.6
1974	81.9	83.1	80.8	85.5	86.0	85.0	68.3	71.5	65.8	54.1	55.8	52.5
1975	83.1	84.5	81.8	86.6	88.0	85.2	71.1	72.3	70.1	53.1	52.2	53.9
1976	84.7	86.0	83.5	87.7	89.0	86.4	74.0	72.8	74.9	58.1	57.7	58.4
1977	85.4	86.6	84.2	88.6	89.2	88.0	74.5	77.5	72.0	58.1	61.9	54.6
1978	85.3	86.0	84.6	88.5	88.8	88.2	77.4	78.7	76.3	56.6	58.5	54.7
1979	85.6	86.3	84.9	89.2	89.8	88.5	74.7	73.9	75.3	57.1	55.5	58.5
1980	85.4	85.4	85.5	89.2	89.1	89.2	76.7	74.7	78.3	58.0	57.0	58.9
1981	86.3	86.5	86.1	89.8	89.7	89.9	77.6	78.8	76.6	59.8	59.1	60.4
1982	86.2	86.3	86.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	81.0	80.5	81.5	60.9	60.7	61.2
1983	86.0	86.0	86.0	89.3	89.3	89.3	79.5	79.0	79.9	58.3	57.8	58.9
1984	85.9	85.6	86.3	89.4	89.4	89.4	79.0	75.9	81.7	58.6	56.8	60.2
1985	86.1	85.9	86.4	89.5	89.2	89.9	80.5	80.6	80.5	60.9	58.6	63.1
1986	86.1	85.9	86.4	89.6	88.8	90.4	83.5	86.4	81.0	59.1	58.2	60.0
1987	86.0	85.5	86.4	89.4	88.9	90.0	83.4	84.5	82.5	59.8	58.6	61.0
1988	85.9	84.7	87.0	89.7	88.4	90.9	80.9	80.8	80.9	62.3	59.9	64.9
1989	85.5	84.4	86.5	89.3	88.2	90.4	82.3	80.5	83.8	61.0	61.0	61.0
1990	85.7	84.4	87.0	90.1	88.6	91.7	81.7	81.4	82.0	58.2	56.6	59.9
1991	85.4	84.9	85.8	89.8	89.2	90.4	81.8	83.6	80.1	56.7	56.4	57.1
1992	86.3	86.1	86.5	90.7	90.2	91.1	80.9	82.7	79.3	60.9	61.1	60.6
1993	86.7	86.0	87.4	91.2	90.6	91.8	82.6	84.8	80.8	60.9	58.3	64.0
1994	86.1	84.5	87.6	91.1	90.0	92.3	84.1	82.7	85.3	60.3	58.0	63.0
1995	86.8	86.3	87.4	92.5	92.0	93.0	86.7	88.4	85.3	57.1	55.7	58.7
1996	87.3	86.5	88.1	92.6	92.0	93.1	86.0	87.9	84.5	61.1	59.7	62.9
1997	87.4	85.8	88.9	92.9	91.7	94.0	86.9	85.8	87.8	61.8	59.2	64.9
1998	88.1	86.6	89.6	93.6	92.5	94.6	88.2	88.4	88.1	62.8	59.9	66.3
1999	87.8	86.1	89.5	93.0	91.9	94.1	88.7	88.2	89.2	61.6	57.4	66.0
2000	88.1	86.7	89.4	94.0	92.9	95.2	86.8	87.6	86.2	62.8	59.2	66.4
2001	87.7	86.9	88.6	93.3	93.0	93.6	87.0	87.5	86.7	63.2	59.4	67.2
2002	86.4	84.7	88.1	93.0	92.1	93.8	87.6	85.8	88.9	62.4	60.2	65.0
2003	86.5	84.9	88.2	93.7	92.8	94.5	88.5	87.4	89.4	61.7	59.6	64.2
2004	86.6	85.2	88.0	93.3	92.1	94.5	88.7	91.2	86.6	62.4	60.1	65.2
2005	86.1	84.9	87.3	92.8	91.8	93.8	86.9	86.6	87.3	63.3	63.2	63.3
2006	86.4	84.4	88.5	93.4	92.3	94.6	86.3	84.2	88.0	63.2	60.5	66.6
2007	87.0	84.9	89.1	93.5	92.7	94.2	87.7	87.4	87.9	65.0	60.5	70.7

¹ Included in the totals but not shown separately are estimates for those from other racial/ethnic categories.

NOTE: Prior to 1992, *high school completers* referred to those who completed 12 years of schooling; beginning in 1992, the term referred to those who received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See *supplemental note 2* for further discussion. Some estimates are revised from previous publications. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.

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Table 25-2. Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed at least some college, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total ¹			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	33.9	38.5	29.4	36.7	41.7	31.8	18.1	16.5	19.5	14.7	19.7	10.5!
1972	36.0	40.9	31.3	38.6	44.0	33.3	21.4	19.6	22.8	15.3	17.4	13.5
1973	36.3	41.4	31.4	39.2	44.6	33.7	21.5	21.2	21.8	16.6	21.4	12.4
1974	40.1	44.7	35.6	43.1	47.8	38.4	24.2	26.4	22.4	21.3	24.7	18.2
1975	41.6	47.4	36.0	44.3	50.4	38.3	27.5	29.7	25.8	21.8	26.3	17.6
1976	44.1	50.1	38.4	47.2	53.5	41.0	27.5	29.5	25.9	21.1	24.4	18.3
1977	45.5	50.3	40.8	48.6	53.4	43.7	31.1	34.3	28.5	23.8	26.5	21.5
1978	46.4	51.0	41.9	49.5	54.6	44.4	34.7	35.7	33.9	24.7	27.6	22.0
1979	46.3	49.8	42.9	49.6	53.3	45.9	31.2	30.2	32.0	25.1	28.2	22.3
1980	44.7	47.6	41.9	48.0	51.1	44.9	32.4	32.6	32.3	23.2	25.9	20.5
1981	43.2	45.6	40.9	46.0	48.5	43.5	33.0	33.9	32.3	23.6	24.6	22.7
1982	43.0	44.5	41.6	45.1	46.6	43.7	37.1	38.1	36.3	24.1	24.6	23.7
1983	43.5	44.8	42.2	46.1	47.7	44.4	33.0	33.2	32.9	25.0	23.8	26.3
1984	43.0	43.6	42.5	45.6	46.2	45.0	32.9	31.5	34.1	26.7	27.0	26.4
1985	43.7	44.2	43.3	46.4	46.8	46.0	34.4	34.2	34.5	26.9	26.9	27.0
1986	44.0	44.1	43.8	46.8	46.9	46.8	36.3	35.9	36.6	25.3	24.9	25.8
1987	43.6	43.1	44.0	46.0	45.7	46.2	35.9	32.4	38.8	26.7	27.1	26.2
1988	43.6	43.7	43.6	46.4	46.4	46.5	33.3	34.7	32.1	28.0	26.5	29.6
1989	43.8	43.9	43.7	47.2	47.1	47.2	34.6	34.0	35.1	27.0	27.3	26.7
1990	44.5	43.7	45.3	48.3	47.3	49.3	36.1	35.0	36.9	23.4	22.9	23.9
1991	45.3	44.4	46.2	49.3	48.8	49.9	35.3	32.0	38.2	23.9	23.1	24.8
1992	48.9	48.2	49.6	53.3	52.6	53.9	36.2	34.9	37.2	28.5	27.2	30.1
1993	51.0	49.5	52.5	55.6	54.7	56.6	40.0	37.0	42.5	29.7	26.9	33.1
1994	52.1	49.8	54.3	57.1	54.9	59.3	41.8	40.3	43.0	31.0	28.0	34.6
1995	54.1	52.3	55.8	59.8	57.5	62.1	45.1	45.3	44.8	28.7	26.7	30.9
1996	56.5	54.5	58.5	62.0	60.3	63.7	48.1	47.9	48.3	31.1	28.1	35.0
1997	57.1	54.9	59.4	63.3	61.3	65.3	46.6	43.0	49.6	33.3	30.7	36.4
1998	57.8	54.6	61.0	64.1	61.3	66.9	49.9	46.8	52.6	32.5	29.3	36.3
1999	58.0	54.7	61.3	63.9	60.7	67.0	51.3	45.9	55.5	31.2	27.4	35.0
2000	58.3	55.1	61.5	64.1	60.5	67.7	52.7	50.4	54.6	32.8	29.0	36.6
2001	58.4	54.4	62.5	64.8	60.5	69.1	50.5	46.7	53.6	32.2	28.2	36.4
2002	58.0	54.5	61.6	65.8	62.0	69.5	53.4	51.8	54.6	30.9	28.3	34.1
2003	57.4	53.8	61.1	65.5	61.9	69.2	51.2	49.6	52.5	31.1	27.9	34.9
2004	57.3	53.4	61.3	64.7	60.8	68.6	51.9	49.3	54.0	32.3	27.9	37.7
2005	56.7	52.1	61.4	64.3	59.7	68.9	49.0	41.9	55.1	32.8	31.8	34.0
2006	57.8	53.3	62.4	66.3	62.1	70.4	49.9	44.8	54.3	31.7	28.3	35.9
2007	57.7	52.5	63.0	65.6	61.1	70.0	50.0	45.9	53.6	33.9	28.2	41.1

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NOTE: *Some college* also includes those with a bachelor's degree or higher. Prior to 1992, *some college* meant completing 1 or more years of college; beginning in 1992, the term meant completing any college at all. In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See *supplemental note 2* for further discussion. Some estimates are revised from previous publications. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.

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Table 25-3. Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total ¹			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	17.1	20.4	13.8	18.9	22.4	15.4	6.7	6.9	6.6	5.1!	8.0!	2.6!
1972	19.0	22.0	16.0	20.8	24.1	17.5	8.4	7.2	9.4	3.7!	4.5!	3.1!
1973	19.0	21.6	16.4	20.8	23.8	17.9	8.1	7.2	9.0	5.7	6.7!	4.8!
1974	20.7	23.9	17.6	23.2	26.7	19.7	7.9	8.7	7.2	5.5	4.9!	6.0!
1975	21.9	25.2	18.7	23.8	27.3	20.2	10.5	11.1	10.0	8.8	10.4	7.3
1976	23.7	27.5	20.1	25.7	29.8	21.6	13.0	12.0	13.9	7.3	10.3	4.7!
1977	24.0	27.0	21.1	26.4	29.7	23.1	12.6	12.8	12.5	6.7	7.1	6.3
1978	23.3	26.0	20.6	25.6	28.9	22.3	11.8	10.7	12.6	9.6	9.6	9.7
1979	23.1	25.8	20.5	25.5	28.4	22.6	12.4	13.2	11.8	7.3	7.9	6.8
1980	22.5	24.0	21.0	25.0	26.8	23.2	11.6	10.5	12.4	7.7	8.4	6.9
1981	21.3	23.1	19.6	23.6	25.5	21.7	11.6	12.1	11.1	7.5	8.6	6.5
1982	21.7	23.3	20.2	23.8	25.7	21.9	12.6	11.7	13.4	9.7	10.7	8.7
1983	22.5	23.9	21.1	24.5	26.2	22.7	12.9	13.1	12.7	10.4	9.6	11.1
1984	21.9	23.2	20.7	24.1	25.5	22.7	11.7	12.9	10.6	10.6	9.6	11.6
1985	22.2	23.1	21.3	24.4	25.5	23.3	11.6	10.3	12.6	11.1	10.9	11.2
1986	22.4	22.9	21.9	25.2	25.8	24.5	11.8	10.3	13.1	9.0	8.9	9.1
1987	22.0	22.3	21.7	24.6	24.9	24.4	11.5	11.8	11.2	8.7	9.2	8.2
1988	22.7	23.4	21.9	25.1	25.7	24.5	12.0	12.4	11.7	11.3	11.9	10.6
1989	23.4	23.9	22.9	26.3	26.9	25.8	12.6	12.1	13.1	10.1	9.6	10.6
1990	23.2	23.7	22.8	26.4	26.6	26.2	13.4	15.1	11.9	8.1	7.3	9.1
1991	23.2	23.0	23.4	26.7	26.5	26.9	11.0	11.5	10.5	9.2	8.1	10.4
1992	23.6	23.2	24.0	27.2	26.6	27.7	11.0	11.7	10.5	9.5	8.8	10.3
1993	23.7	23.4	23.9	27.2	27.2	27.1	13.3	12.5	13.9	8.3	7.1	9.8
1994	23.3	22.5	24.0	27.1	26.8	27.4	13.6	11.6	15.2	8.0	6.6	9.8
1995	24.7	24.5	24.9	28.8	28.4	29.2	15.4	17.4	13.7	8.9	7.8	10.1
1996	27.1	26.1	28.2	31.6	30.9	32.3	14.6	12.2	16.6	10.0	10.2	9.8
1997	27.8	26.3	29.3	32.6	31.2	34.1	14.2	11.8	16.3	11.0	9.6	12.7
1998	27.3	25.6	29.0	32.3	30.5	34.2	15.8	14.3	17.0	10.4	9.5	11.3
1999	28.2	26.8	29.5	33.6	32.0	35.1	15.0	13.1	16.5	8.9	7.5	10.4
2000	29.1	27.9	30.1	34.0	32.3	35.8	17.8	18.4	17.4	9.7	8.3	11.0
2001	28.6	26.2	31.1	33.0	29.7	36.3	17.8	17.9	17.8	11.1	9.1	13.3
2002	29.3	26.9	31.8	35.9	32.6	39.2	18.0	17.9	18.1	8.9	8.3	9.7
2003	28.4	26.0	30.9	34.2	31.4	37.1	17.5	17.7	17.4	10.0	8.4	12.0
2004	28.7	26.1	31.4	34.5	31.4	37.5	17.1	13.5	20.0	10.9	9.6	12.4
2005	28.6	25.3	32.0	34.1	30.4	37.8	17.5	14.3	20.3	11.2	10.2	12.4
2006	28.4	25.3	31.6	34.3	31.4	37.2	18.7	15.2	21.7	9.5	6.9	12.8
2007	29.6	26.3	33.0	35.5	31.9	39.2	19.5	18.9	20.0	11.6	8.6	15.4

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Table S25-1. Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.48	0.67	0.69	0.49	0.67	0.71	1.88	2.78	2.54	4.20	6.21	5.70
1972	0.45	0.64	0.64	0.46	0.64	0.66	1.82	2.76	2.42	4.25	6.22	5.81
1973	0.44	0.62	0.62	0.44	0.62	0.63	1.76	2.63	2.36	2.89	4.24	3.94
1974	0.42	0.58	0.60	0.42	0.59	0.60	1.67	2.43	2.29	2.78	4.03	3.84
1975	0.40	0.55	0.57	0.40	0.54	0.58	1.59	2.35	2.16	2.77	3.99	3.86
1976	0.37	0.51	0.54	0.37	0.50	0.55	1.51	2.31	2.00	2.79	4.07	3.82
1977	0.36	0.50	0.52	0.36	0.50	0.52	1.44	2.06	2.00	2.78	4.00	3.84
1978	0.36	0.50	0.52	0.36	0.51	0.52	1.37	2.02	1.87	2.59	3.72	3.61
1979	0.36	0.50	0.51	0.35	0.48	0.51	1.41	2.13	1.87	2.61	3.81	3.57
1980	0.34	0.49	0.48	0.34	0.48	0.48	1.29	1.97	1.71	2.41	3.45	3.38
1981	0.33	0.47	0.47	0.33	0.47	0.46	1.25	1.82	1.72	2.31	3.36	3.18
1982	0.35	0.49	0.49	0.35	0.50	0.50	1.22	1.83	1.64	2.36	3.43	3.26
1983	0.35	0.49	0.49	0.35	0.49	0.49	1.24	1.84	1.67	2.40	3.44	3.36
1984	0.34	0.49	0.48	0.34	0.48	0.49	1.23	1.90	1.59	2.33	3.36	3.23
1985	0.34	0.49	0.47	0.34	0.49	0.48	1.18	1.75	1.61	1.81	2.62	2.48
1986	0.34	0.48	0.47	0.34	0.50	0.47	1.10	1.49	1.59	1.73	2.44	2.44
1987	0.34	0.49	0.47	0.34	0.50	0.48	1.10	1.59	1.52	1.70	2.39	2.40
1988	0.34	0.50	0.46	0.34	0.51	0.46	1.16	1.72	1.58	1.63	2.29	2.32
1989	0.38	0.55	0.51	0.38	0.57	0.51	1.22	1.87	1.61	1.79	2.47	2.59
1990	0.36	0.52	0.48	0.35	0.53	0.46	1.18	1.75	1.59	1.67	2.32	2.40
1991	0.36	0.52	0.51	0.36	0.53	0.50	1.17	1.65	1.66	1.69	2.34	2.45
1992	0.36	0.51	0.50	0.36	0.51	0.49	1.21	1.71	1.71	1.67	2.27	2.44
1993	0.36	0.52	0.50	0.35	0.52	0.48	1.17	1.64	1.66	1.64	2.25	2.39
1994	0.37	0.54	0.49	0.36	0.54	0.48	1.13	1.75	1.48	1.51	2.05	2.22
1995	0.36	0.52	0.50	0.34	0.49	0.46	1.05	1.46	1.48	1.09	1.51	1.56
1996	0.37	0.53	0.51	0.35	0.51	0.48	1.13	1.58	1.59	1.56	2.10	2.34
1997	0.37	0.55	0.49	0.35	0.53	0.45	1.10	1.69	1.44	1.51	2.08	2.19
1998	0.36	0.54	0.48	0.34	0.51	0.44	1.05	1.54	1.42	1.50	2.07	2.16
1999	0.37	0.56	0.49	0.35	0.54	0.46	1.03	1.58	1.35	1.53	2.18	2.13
2000	0.37	0.55	0.49	0.33	0.51	0.43	1.13	1.67	1.54	1.49	2.14	2.06
2001	0.27	0.40	0.37	0.26	0.37	0.35	0.79	1.17	1.08	1.07	1.52	1.49
2002	0.28	0.41	0.37	0.26	0.40	0.35	0.80	1.27	1.02	0.95	1.30	1.39
2003	0.27	0.41	0.37	0.25	0.38	0.33	0.78	1.21	1.01	0.92	1.25	1.35
2004	0.27	0.40	0.37	0.26	0.39	0.33	0.76	1.01	1.10	0.75	1.03	1.10
2005	0.27	0.40	0.37	0.26	0.40	0.35	0.79	1.18	1.06	0.74	0.99	1.10
2006	0.27	0.39	0.35	0.25	0.38	0.32	0.79	1.24	1.02	0.72	0.98	1.06
2007	0.26	0.38	0.34	0.25	0.37	0.33	1.11	1.01	0.71	0.71	0.97	1.01

NOTE: Some standard errors are revised from previous publications.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.

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Table S25-2. Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed at least some college, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.55	0.80	0.74	0.61	0.88	0.83	1.47	2.09	2.06	2.98	4.94	3.51
1972	0.54	0.79	0.73	0.60	0.86	0.82	1.56	2.25	2.15	3.06	4.72	3.97
1973	0.53	0.77	0.71	0.59	0.85	0.81	1.51	2.23	2.04	2.15	3.49	2.60
1974	0.53	0.77	0.72	0.59	0.84	0.82	1.54	2.37	2.02	2.28	3.50	2.97
1975	0.52	0.75	0.71	0.58	0.83	0.80	1.57	2.40	2.06	2.30	3.51	2.95
1976	0.51	0.74	0.70	0.57	0.80	0.79	1.54	2.37	2.02	2.31	3.54	3.00
1977	0.51	0.73	0.71	0.57	0.80	0.79	1.53	2.34	2.01	2.40	3.64	3.17
1978	0.51	0.73	0.71	0.57	0.80	0.80	1.56	2.36	2.08	2.25	3.37	3.00
1979	0.50	0.72	0.70	0.56	0.79	0.79	1.50	2.22	2.02	2.28	3.45	3.02
1980	0.49	0.69	0.68	0.55	0.77	0.77	1.43	2.12	1.94	2.06	3.05	2.77
1981	0.48	0.68	0.67	0.54	0.77	0.76	1.41	2.11	1.90	2.00	2.95	2.73
1982	0.50	0.71	0.70	0.56	0.80	0.80	1.51	2.25	2.03	2.07	3.02	2.84
1983	0.49	0.70	0.69	0.56	0.79	0.79	1.44	2.13	1.96	2.11	2.96	3.01
1984	0.49	0.69	0.69	0.56	0.78	0.79	1.41	2.06	1.94	2.09	3.01	2.91
1985	0.49	0.70	0.69	0.56	0.79	0.79	1.42	2.10	1.93	1.64	2.36	2.28
1986	0.48	0.69	0.68	0.56	0.79	0.79	1.43	2.09	1.95	1.53	2.14	2.18
1987	0.48	0.69	0.68	0.56	0.79	0.79	1.42	2.05	1.95	1.53	2.16	2.17
1988	0.48	0.69	0.68	0.56	0.80	0.79	1.39	2.07	1.87	1.51	2.06	2.22
1989	0.53	0.75	0.74	0.62	0.87	0.87	1.52	2.24	2.08	1.63	2.26	2.35
1990	0.51	0.72	0.71	0.59	0.84	0.84	1.46	2.15	2.00	1.43	1.96	2.09
1991	0.51	0.72	0.72	0.60	0.85	0.85	1.45	2.08	2.02	1.46	1.99	2.14
1992	0.52	0.74	0.74	0.61	0.87	0.86	1.48	2.16	2.04	1.54	2.08	2.30
1993	0.53	0.75	0.75	0.62	0.88	0.87	1.52	2.21	2.09	1.54	2.03	2.34
1994	0.53	0.75	0.74	0.63	0.90	0.88	1.53	2.27	2.07	1.43	1.87	2.19
1995	0.53	0.75	0.75	0.63	0.89	0.88	1.54	2.27	2.08	0.99	1.35	1.47
1996	0.55	0.78	0.77	0.65	0.93	0.91	1.62	2.42	2.19	1.48	1.92	2.31
1997	0.55	0.78	0.77	0.65	0.93	0.91	1.63	2.40	2.20	1.47	1.95	2.20
1998	0.55	0.79	0.77	0.66	0.95	0.91	1.62	2.40	2.20	1.45	1.92	2.20
1999	0.56	0.80	0.77	0.67	0.96	0.92	1.63	2.44	2.16	1.46	1.97	2.15
2000	0.56	0.81	0.78	0.68	0.98	0.93	1.67	2.53	2.22	1.45	1.98	2.10
2001	0.41	0.58	0.56	0.49	0.71	0.67	1.18	1.76	1.59	1.04	1.39	1.53
2002	0.40	0.57	0.56	0.49	0.71	0.67	1.21	1.83	1.62	0.91	1.20	1.38
2003	0.40	0.57	0.55	0.49	0.72	0.68	1.22	1.82	1.64	0.87	1.14	1.34
2004	0.39	0.56	0.55	0.49	0.71	0.68	1.20	1.79	1.61	0.73	0.94	1.12
2005	0.39	0.55	0.54	0.49	0.71	0.67	1.17	1.71	1.59	0.72	0.96	1.08
2006	0.38	0.54	0.53	0.47	0.69	0.65	1.15	1.69	1.56	0.70	0.91	1.08
2007	0.38	0.54	0.52	0.47	0.68	0.64	1.14	1.67	1.55	0.70	0.89	1.10

NOTE: Some standard errors are revised from previous publications.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.

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Table S25-3. Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2007

Year	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.43	0.66	0.56	0.49	0.75	0.64	0.96	1.43	1.29	1.85	3.38	1.81
1972	0.44	0.66	0.58	0.50	0.74	0.66	1.05	1.46	1.49	1.61	2.59	2.01
1973	0.43	0.64	0.57	0.49	0.73	0.65	1.00	1.40	1.41	1.34	2.13	1.69
1974	0.44	0.66	0.58	0.50	0.75	0.67	0.97	1.52	1.25	1.27	1.75	1.83
1975	0.44	0.65	0.58	0.50	0.74	0.66	1.07	1.65	1.41	1.57	2.44	2.01
1976	0.44	0.66	0.58	0.50	0.74	0.66	1.16	1.69	1.59	1.47	2.50	1.65
1977	0.44	0.65	0.59	0.50	0.73	0.68	1.10	1.65	1.47	1.41	2.11	1.88
1978	0.43	0.64	0.58	0.50	0.73	0.67	1.06	1.53	1.46	1.54	2.22	2.15
1979	0.43	0.63	0.57	0.49	0.72	0.66	1.07	1.64	1.40	1.37	2.07	1.82
1980	0.41	0.59	0.56	0.47	0.69	0.65	0.98	1.39	1.36	1.30	1.94	1.74
1981	0.40	0.58	0.54	0.46	0.67	0.63	0.96	1.45	1.28	1.24	1.92	1.61
1982	0.42	0.61	0.57	0.48	0.70	0.66	1.04	1.49	1.44	1.43	2.17	1.89
1983	0.42	0.60	0.57	0.48	0.70	0.67	1.03	1.53	1.39	1.49	2.05	2.14
1984	0.41	0.59	0.56	0.48	0.69	0.66	0.97	1.49	1.26	1.46	2.00	2.11
1985	0.41	0.59	0.57	0.48	0.69	0.67	0.96	1.35	1.35	1.16	1.66	1.62
1986	0.41	0.58	0.57	0.49	0.69	0.68	0.96	1.32	1.37	1.01	1.41	1.43
1987	0.40	0.58	0.56	0.48	0.69	0.68	0.94	1.42	1.27	0.98	1.40	1.35
1988	0.41	0.59	0.57	0.49	0.70	0.69	0.96	1.43	1.29	1.07	1.51	1.50
1989	0.45	0.64	0.63	0.55	0.78	0.77	1.07	1.54	1.47	1.10	1.50	1.63
1990	0.43	0.61	0.60	0.52	0.74	0.74	1.04	1.61	1.34	0.93	1.22	1.41
1991	0.43	0.61	0.61	0.53	0.75	0.75	0.95	1.42	1.27	0.99	1.29	1.51
1992	0.44	0.62	0.63	0.54	0.77	0.77	0.97	1.46	1.29	1.00	1.32	1.52
1993	0.45	0.63	0.64	0.56	0.79	0.78	1.05	1.51	1.46	0.93	1.17	1.48
1994	0.45	0.63	0.64	0.56	0.80	0.80	1.06	1.48	1.50	0.84	1.03	1.37
1995	0.46	0.65	0.65	0.58	0.81	0.82	1.11	1.73	1.44	0.63	0.81	0.96
1996	0.49	0.69	0.70	0.62	0.88	0.88	1.15	1.59	1.63	0.96	1.30	1.44
1997	0.50	0.69	0.71	0.64	0.89	0.91	1.14	1.56	1.63	0.97	1.25	1.53
1998	0.50	0.69	0.72	0.64	0.90	0.92	1.18	1.68	1.65	0.95	1.24	1.45
1999	0.51	0.71	0.72	0.66	0.92	0.94	1.16	1.65	1.62	0.90	1.16	1.37
2000	0.52	0.73	0.73	0.67	0.94	0.96	1.28	1.96	1.69	0.91	1.20	1.37
2001	0.37	0.51	0.54	0.48	0.67	0.70	0.91	1.36	1.22	0.70	0.89	1.08
2002	0.37	0.51	0.53	0.50	0.69	0.71	0.94	1.40	1.26	0.56	0.73	0.86
2003	0.36	0.50	0.53	0.49	0.68	0.71	0.93	1.39	1.25	0.57	0.71	0.91
2004	0.36	0.49	0.52	0.49	0.68	0.70	0.90	1.23	1.29	0.48	0.62	0.76
2005	0.36	0.48	0.52	0.48	0.66	0.70	0.89	1.21	1.28	0.48	0.62	0.75
2006	0.35	0.47	0.51	0.48	0.66	0.69	0.90	1.22	1.29	0.44	0.51	0.75
2007	0.35	0.47	0.51	0.47	0.65	0.68	0.90	1.31	1.24	0.47	0.55	0.80

NOTE: Some standard errors are revised from previous publications.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement, 1971–2007.