

Table 225. Educational Attainment by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1970 to 2009

[In percent. For persons 25 years old and over. 1970 and 1980 as of April 1 and based on sample data from the censuses of population. Other years as of March and based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III. See Table 226 for data by sex]

Year					Hispanic ³			
	Total ¹	White ²	Black ²	Asian and Pacific Islander ²	Total ⁴	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR MORE ⁵								
1970	52.3	54.5	31.4	62.2	32.1	24.2	23.4	43.9
1980	66.5	68.8	51.2	74.8	44.0	37.6	40.1	55.3
1990	77.6	79.1	66.2	80.4	50.8	44.1	55.5	63.5
1995	81.7	83.0	73.8	(NA)	53.4	46.5	61.3	64.7
2000	84.1	84.9	78.5	85.7	57.0	51.0	64.3	73.0
2005	85.2	85.8	81.1	⁶ 87.6	58.5	52.2	72.4	73.3
2006	85.5	86.1	80.7	87.4	59.3	53.1	72.3	74.9
2007	85.7	86.2	82.3	87.8	60.3	53.9	73.5	79.8
2008	86.6	87.1	83.0	88.7	62.3	55.2	76.4	80.0
2009	86.7	87.1	84.1	88.2	61.9	55.7	76.6	78.5
COLLEGE GRADUATE OR MORE ⁵								
1970	10.7	11.3	4.4	20.4	4.5	2.5	2.2	11.1
1980	16.2	17.1	8.4	32.9	7.6	4.9	5.6	16.2
1990	21.3	22.0	11.3	39.9	9.2	5.4	9.7	20.2
1995	23.0	24.0	13.2	(NA)	9.3	6.5	10.7	19.4
2000	25.6	26.1	16.5	43.9	10.6	6.9	13.0	23.0
2005	27.7	28.1	17.6	⁶ 50.2	12.0	8.2	13.8	24.6
2006	28.0	28.4	18.5	49.7	12.4	8.5	15.1	24.4
2007	28.7	29.1	18.5	52.1	12.7	9.0	16.4	27.2
2008	29.4	29.8	19.6	52.6	13.3	9.1	15.5	28.1
2009	29.5	29.9	19.3	52.3	13.2	9.5	16.5	27.9

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. The 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS) allowed respondents to choose more than one race. Beginning 2003, data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The CPS in prior years only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. ⁴ Includes persons of other Hispanic origin not shown separately. ⁵ Through 1990, completed 4 years of high school or more and 4 years of college or more. ⁶ Starting in 2005, data are for Asians only, excludes Pacific Islanders.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Census of Population, 1970 and 1980, Vol. 1; Current Population Reports, P20-550, and earlier reports; and "Educational Attainment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/educ-attn.html>>.

Table 226. Educational Attainment by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1970 to 2009

[In percent. See Table 225 for headnote and totals for both sexes]

Year	All races ¹		White ²		Black ²		Asian and Pacific Islander ²		Hispanic ³	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR MORE ⁴										
1970	51.9	52.8	54.0	55.0	30.1	32.5	61.3	63.1	37.9	34.2
1980	67.3	65.8	69.6	68.1	50.8	51.5	78.8	71.4	45.4	42.7
1990	77.7	77.5	79.1	79.0	65.8	66.5	84.0	77.2	50.3	51.3
1995	81.7	81.6	83.0	83.0	73.4	74.1	(NA)	(NA)	52.9	53.8
2000	84.2	84.0	84.8	85.0	78.7	78.3	88.2	83.4	56.6	57.5
2005	84.9	85.5	85.2	86.2	81.0	81.2	⁵ 90.4	⁵ 85.2	57.9	59.1
2006	85.0	85.9	85.5	86.7	80.1	81.2	89.6	85.5	58.5	60.1
2007	85.0	86.4	85.3	87.1	81.9	82.6	89.8	85.9	58.2	62.5
2008	85.9	87.2	86.3	87.8	81.8	84.0	90.8	86.9	60.9	63.7
2009	86.2	87.1	86.5	87.7	84.0	84.1	90.4	86.2	60.6	63.3
COLLEGE GRADUATE OR MORE ⁴										
1970	13.5	8.1	14.4	8.4	4.2	4.6	23.5	17.3	7.8	4.3
1980	20.1	12.8	21.3	13.3	8.4	8.3	39.8	27.0	9.4	6.0
1990	24.4	18.4	25.3	19.0	11.9	10.8	44.9	35.4	9.8	8.7
1995	26.0	20.2	27.2	21.0	13.6	12.9	(NA)	(NA)	10.1	8.4
2000	27.8	23.6	28.5	23.9	16.3	16.7	47.6	40.7	10.7	10.6
2005	28.9	26.5	29.4	26.8	16.0	18.8	⁵ 54.0	⁵ 46.8	11.8	12.1
2006	29.2	26.9	29.7	27.1	17.2	19.4	52.5	47.1	11.9	12.9
2007	29.5	28.0	29.9	28.3	18.0	19.0	55.2	49.3	11.8	13.7
2008	30.1	28.8	30.5	29.1	18.7	20.4	55.8	49.8	12.6	14.1
2009	30.1	29.1	30.6	29.3	17.8	20.6	55.7	49.3	12.5	14.0

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. ⁴ Through 1990, completed 4 years of high school or more and 4 years of college or more. ⁵ Starting in 2005, data are for Asians only, excludes Pacific Islanders.

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