

Table 225. Educational Attainment by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1970 to 2008

[In percent. See Table 224 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
2004	84.8	85.4	85.3	86.3	80.4	80.8	⁵ 88.7	⁵ 85.0	57.3	59.5
2005	84.9	85.5	85.2	86.2	81.0	81.2	90.4	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
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
2004	29.4	26.1	30.0	26.4	16.6	18.5	⁵ 53.7	⁵ 45.6	11.8	12.3
2005	28.9	26.5	29.4	26.8	16.0	18.8	54.0	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

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2004, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 224. 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 2004, data are for Asians only, excludes Pacific Islanders.

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