

**Table 233. Educational Attainment by State: 1990 to 2009**

[In percent. 1990 and 2000 as of April. 2009 represents annual averages for calendar year. For persons 25 years old and over. Based on the 1990 and 2000 Census of Population and the 2009 American Community Survey, which includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. See text, Section 1 and Appendix III. For margin of error data, see source]

State	1990			2000			2009		
	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more
<b>United States</b> . . . . .	<b>75.2</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Alabama . . . . .	66.9	15.7	5.5	75.3	19.0	6.9	82.1	22.0	7.7
Alaska . . . . .	86.6	23.0	8.0	88.3	24.7	8.6	91.4	26.6	9.0
Arizona . . . . .	78.7	20.3	7.0	81.0	23.5	8.4	84.2	25.6	9.3
Arkansas . . . . .	66.3	13.3	4.5	75.3	16.7	5.7	82.4	18.9	6.1
California . . . . .	76.2	23.4	8.1	76.8	26.6	9.5	80.6	29.9	10.7
Colorado . . . . .	84.4	27.0	9.0	86.9	32.7	11.1	89.3	35.9	12.7
Connecticut . . . . .	79.2	27.2	11.0	84.0	31.4	13.3	88.6	35.6	15.5
Delaware . . . . .	77.5	21.4	7.7	82.6	25.0	9.4	87.4	28.7	11.4
District of Columbia . . . . .	73.1	33.3	17.2	77.8	39.1	21.0	87.1	48.5	28.0
Florida . . . . .	74.4	18.3	6.3	79.9	22.3	8.1	85.3	25.3	9.0
Georgia . . . . .	70.9	19.3	6.4	78.6	24.3	8.3	83.9	27.5	9.9
Hawaii . . . . .	80.1	22.9	7.1	84.6	26.2	8.4	90.4	29.6	9.9
Idaho . . . . .	79.7	17.7	5.3	84.7	21.7	6.8	88.4	23.9	7.5
Illinois . . . . .	76.2	21.0	7.5	81.4	26.1	9.5	86.4	30.6	11.7
Indiana . . . . .	75.6	15.6	6.4	82.1	19.4	7.2	86.6	22.5	8.1
Iowa . . . . .	80.1	16.9	5.2	86.1	21.2	6.5	90.5	25.1	7.4
Kansas . . . . .	81.3	21.1	7.0	86.0	25.8	8.7	89.7	29.5	10.2
Kentucky . . . . .	64.6	13.6	5.5	74.1	17.1	6.9	81.7	21.0	8.5
Louisiana . . . . .	68.3	16.1	5.6	74.8	18.7	6.5	82.2	21.4	6.9
Maine . . . . .	78.8	18.8	6.1	85.4	22.9	7.9	90.2	26.9	9.6
Maryland . . . . .	78.4	26.5	10.9	83.8	31.4	13.4	88.2	35.7	16.0
Massachusetts . . . . .	80.0	27.2	10.6	84.8	33.2	13.7	89.0	38.2	16.4
Michigan . . . . .	76.8	17.4	6.4	83.4	21.8	8.1	87.9	24.6	9.4
Minnesota . . . . .	82.4	21.8	6.3	87.9	27.4	8.3	91.5	31.5	10.3
Mississippi . . . . .	64.3	14.7	5.1	72.9	16.9	5.8	80.4	19.6	7.1
Missouri . . . . .	73.9	17.8	6.1	81.3	21.6	7.6	86.8	25.2	9.5
Montana . . . . .	81.0	19.8	5.7	87.2	24.4	7.2	90.8	27.4	8.3
Nebraska . . . . .	81.8	18.9	5.9	86.6	23.7	7.3	89.8	27.4	8.8
Nevada . . . . .	78.8	15.3	5.2	80.7	18.2	6.1	83.9	21.8	7.6
New Hampshire . . . . .	82.2	24.4	7.9	87.4	28.7	10.0	91.3	32.0	11.2
New Jersey . . . . .	76.7	24.9	8.8	82.1	29.8	11.0	87.4	34.5	12.9
New Mexico . . . . .	75.1	20.4	8.3	78.9	23.5	9.8	82.8	25.3	10.4
New York . . . . .	74.8	23.1	9.9	79.1	27.4	11.8	84.7	32.4	14.0
North Carolina . . . . .	70.0	17.4	5.4	78.1	22.5	7.2	84.3	26.5	8.8
North Dakota . . . . .	76.7	18.1	4.5	83.9	22.0	5.5	90.1	25.8	6.7
Ohio . . . . .	75.7	17.0	5.9	83.0	21.1	7.4	87.6	24.1	8.8
Oklahoma . . . . .	74.6	17.8	6.0	80.6	20.3	6.8	85.6	22.7	7.4
Oregon . . . . .	81.5	20.6	7.0	85.1	25.1	8.7	89.1	29.2	10.4
Pennsylvania . . . . .	74.7	17.9	6.6	81.9	22.4	8.4	87.9	26.4	10.2
Rhode Island . . . . .	72.0	21.3	7.8	78.0	25.6	9.7	84.7	30.5	11.7
South Carolina . . . . .	68.3	16.6	5.4	76.3	20.4	6.9	83.6	24.3	8.4
South Dakota . . . . .	77.1	17.2	4.9	84.6	21.5	6.0	89.9	25.1	7.3
Tennessee . . . . .	67.1	16.0	5.4	75.9	19.6	6.8	83.1	23.0	7.9
Texas . . . . .	72.1	20.3	6.5	75.7	23.2	7.6	79.9	25.5	8.5
Utah . . . . .	85.1	22.3	6.8	87.7	26.1	8.3	90.4	28.5	9.1
Vermont . . . . .	80.8	24.3	8.9	86.4	29.4	11.1	91.0	33.1	13.3
Virginia . . . . .	75.2	24.5	9.1	81.5	29.5	11.6	86.6	34.0	14.1
Washington . . . . .	83.8	22.9	7.0	87.1	27.7	9.3	89.7	31.0	11.1
West Virginia . . . . .	66.0	12.3	4.8	75.2	14.8	5.9	82.8	17.3	6.7
Wisconsin . . . . .	78.6	17.7	5.6	85.1	22.4	7.2	89.8	25.7	8.4
Wyoming . . . . .	83.0	18.8	5.7	87.9	21.9	7.0	91.8	23.8	7.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population, CPH-L-96; 2000 Census of Population, P37, "Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over"; 2009 American Community Survey, R1501, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed High School (Includes Equivalency)," R1502, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree," and R1503, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed an Advanced Degree," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed February 2011.