

Table 229. Educational Attainment by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1970 to 2010

[In percent. For persons 25 years old and over. 1970 and 1980 data 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 230 for data by sex]

Year	Asian and Pacific Islander ²				Hispanic ³			
	Total ¹	White ²	Black ²	Asian and Pacific Islander ²	Total ⁴	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR MORE⁵								
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
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
2010.....	87.1	87.6	84.2	88.9	62.9	57.4	74.8	81.4
COLLEGE GRADUATE OR MORE⁵								
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
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
2010.....	29.9	30.3	19.8	52.4	13.9	10.6	17.5	26.2

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 230. Educational Attainment by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1970 to 2010

[In percent. See Table 229 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 MORE⁴										
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
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
2010.....	86.6	87.6	86.9	88.2	83.6	84.6	91.2	87.0	61.4	64.4
COLLEGE GRADUATE OR MORE⁴										
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
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
2010.....	30.3	29.6	30.8	29.9	17.7	21.4	55.6	49.5	12.9	14.9

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 229. 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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