

American Community Survey

Population: Question on Educational Attainment

Question on School Enrollment

Questions as they appear in the questionnaire.

10 a. At any time IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, has this person attended school or college? *Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, home school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.*

No, has not attended in the last 3 months → *SKIP to question 11*

Yes, public school, public college

Yes, private school, private college, home school

b. What grade or level was this person attending? *Mark (X) ONE box.*

Nursery school, preschool

Kindergarten

Grade 1 through 12 – *Specify grade 1 – 12*

College undergraduate years (freshman to senior)

Graduate or professional school beyond a bachelor's degree (*for example: MA or PhD program, or medical or law school*)

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11 What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? *Mark (X) ONE box. If currently enrolled, mark the previous grade or highest degree received.*

NO SCHOOLING COMPLETED

No schooling completed

NURSERY OR PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

Nursery school

Kindergarten

Grade 1 through 11 – *Specify grade 1 – 11*

12th grade – **NO DIPLOMA**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Regular high school diploma

GED or alternative credential

COLLEGE OR SOME COLLEGE

Some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit

1 or more years of college credit, no degree

Associate's degree (*for example: AA, AS*)

Bachelor's degree (*for example: BA, BS*)

AFTER BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Master's degree (*for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA*)

Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (*for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD*)

Doctorate degree (*for example: PhD, EdD*)

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

Educational attainment and school enrollment data are needed for use in assessing the socioeconomic condition of school-age children. Government agencies also require these data for funding allocations and program planning and implementation. These data are needed to determine the extent of illiteracy rates of citizens in language minorities in order to meet statutory requirements under the Voting Rights Act.

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Education

Based on data about educational attainment, school districts are allocated funds to provide classes in basic skills to adults who have not completed high school.

The U.S. Department of Education uses school enrollment data to develop adult education and literacy programs based on the number of individuals with limited English proficiency.

Government

The U.S. Department of Justice uses school enrollment data in the enforcement work against discrimination in education.

Employment

Employers use information about the educational attainment levels of the labor force to locate new jobs and stimulate economic growth.

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