

No. HS-22. Educational Attainment by Sex: 1910 to 2002

[In percent. As of March, except as indicated. For persons whose educational attainment is known. Noninstitutional population, except 1940, 1950, and 1960 based on resident population]

Year	Total			Male			Female		
	Less than 5 years of elementary school	4 years of high school or more ¹	4 or more years of college ²	Less than 5 years of elementary school	4 years of high school or more ¹	4 or more years of college ²	Less than 5 years of elementary school	4 years of high school or more ¹	4 or more years of college ²
1910 ³	23.8	13.5	2.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1920 ³	22.0	16.4	3.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1930 ³	17.5	19.1	3.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940, April	13.7	24.5	4.6	15.1	22.7	5.5	12.4	26.3	3.8
1947	10.6	33.1	5.4	11.6	31.4	6.2	9.6	34.7	4.7
1950, April	11.2	34.3	6.2	12.3	32.6	7.3	10.1	36.0	5.2
1952	9.2	38.8	7.0	10.5	36.9	8.3	7.9	40.5	5.8
1957	9.1	41.6	7.6	10.2	38.9	9.6	8.1	43.3	5.8
1959	8.2	43.7	8.1	9.2	42.2	10.3	7.2	45.2	6.0
1960, April	8.3	41.0	7.7	9.4	39.5	9.7	7.3	42.5	5.8
1962	7.8	46.3	8.9	8.7	45.0	11.4	6.9	47.5	6.7
1964	7.1	48.0	9.1	8.1	47.0	11.7	6.2	48.9	6.8
1965	6.8	49.0	9.4	7.7	48.0	12.0	5.9	49.9	7.1
1966	6.5	49.9	9.8	7.3	49.0	12.5	5.7	50.8	7.4
1967	6.1	51.1	10.1	6.9	50.5	12.8	5.4	51.7	7.6
1968	5.9	52.6	10.5	6.5	52.0	13.3	5.3	53.2	8.0
1969	5.6	54.0	10.7	6.1	53.6	13.6	5.1	54.4	8.1
1970	5.3	55.2	11.0	5.9	55.0	14.1	4.7	55.4	8.2
1971	5.0	56.4	11.4	5.6	56.3	14.6	4.5	56.6	8.5
1972	4.6	58.2	12.0	5.0	58.2	15.4	4.2	58.2	9.0
1973	4.5	59.8	12.6	4.9	60.0	16.0	4.2	59.6	9.6
1974	4.4	61.2	13.3	4.9	61.6	16.9	4.1	60.9	10.1
1975	4.2	62.5	13.9	4.7	63.1	17.6	3.8	62.1	10.6
1976	3.9	64.1	14.7	4.2	64.7	18.6	3.5	63.5	11.3
1977	3.7	64.9	15.4	4.0	65.6	19.2	3.5	64.4	12.0
1978	3.6	65.9	15.7	3.9	66.8	19.7	3.4	65.2	12.2
1979	3.5	67.7	16.4	3.7	68.4	20.4	3.2	67.1	12.9
1980	3.4	68.6	17.0	3.6	69.2	20.9	3.2	68.1	13.6
1981	3.3	69.7	17.1	3.4	70.3	21.1	3.1	69.1	13.4
1982	3.0	71.0	17.7	3.3	71.7	21.9	2.8	70.3	14.0
1983	3.0	72.1	18.8	3.2	72.7	23.0	2.8	71.5	15.1
1984	2.8	73.3	19.1	2.9	73.7	22.9	2.6	73.0	15.7
1985	2.7	73.9	19.4	2.9	74.4	23.1	2.5	73.5	16.0
1986	2.7	74.7	19.4	2.8	75.1	23.2	2.5	74.4	16.1
1987	2.4	75.6	19.9	2.5	76.0	23.6	2.4	75.3	16.5
1988	2.4	76.2	20.3	2.6	76.4	24.0	2.3	76.0	17.0
1989	2.5	76.9	21.1	2.7	77.2	24.5	2.4	76.6	18.1
1990	2.4	77.6	20.3	2.7	77.7	24.4	2.2	77.5	18.4
1991	2.4	78.4	21.4	2.7	78.5	24.3	2.1	78.3	18.8
1992	2.1	79.4	21.4	2.3	79.7	24.3	2.0	79.2	18.6
1993	2.1	80.2	21.9	2.2	80.5	24.8	2.0	80.0	19.2
1994	1.9	80.9	22.2	2.1	81.0	25.1	1.7	80.7	19.6
1995	1.8	81.7	23.0	2.0	81.7	26.0	1.7	81.6	20.2
1996	1.8	81.7	23.6	1.9	81.9	26.0	1.7	81.6	21.4
1997	1.7	82.1	23.9	1.8	82.0	26.2	1.6	82.2	21.7
1998	1.6	82.8	24.4	1.7	82.8	26.5	1.6	82.9	22.4
1999	1.6	83.4	25.2	1.6	83.4	27.5	1.5	83.4	23.1
2000	1.6	84.1	25.6	1.6	84.2	27.8	1.5	84.0	23.6
2001	1.6	84.1	26.2	1.6	84.1	28.2	1.5	84.2	24.3
2002	1.6	84.1	26.7	1.7	83.8	28.5	1.5	84.4	25.1

¹ NA Not available. ² Beginning 1993, high school graduate or more. ³ Beginning 1993, bachelor's degree or higher. ³ Estimates based on Census Bureau retrojection of 1940 census data on education; see *1960 Census Monograph*, "Education of the American Population," by John K. Folger and Charles B. Nam.

Source: Except as indicated, U.S. Census Bureau, "Years of School Completed by People 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 2002," <<http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/education/tabA-1.pdf>> (released 21 March 2003).