Table 7. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1973

(Numbers in thousands)

Age, sex, and years of school completed	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1962	1957	1950	1947	1940
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER													
Both Sexes													
Total	115,005	112,866	111,133	110,627	109,310	107,750	106,469	104,864	100,664	[1]95,630	[1]87,484	[1]82,578	[1]74,776
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	5,106	5,100	5,124	5,574	5,747	6,014	6,248	6,400	7,826	8,561	9,491	8,611	10,105
5 to 7 years	8,726	8,991	9,227	9,622	9,924	10,169	10,474	10,664	11,736	12,206	13,951	32,308	13,656
8 years	12,474	12,847	13,276	14,407	14,595	14,807	14,993	15,514	16,702	17,110	17,725		20,757
High school: 1 to 3 years	18,274	18,420	18,855	18,601	18,682	18,527	18,724	18,647	17,751	16,951	14,817	13,487	11,182
4 years	41,460	40,448	39,171	38,029	37,134	36,133	34,603	33,173	28,477	24,832	17,625	16,926	10,552
College: 1 to 3 years	13,665	12,831	12,117	11,782	11,164	10,564	10,254	9,914	9,170	6,985	6,246	5,533	4,075
4 years or more	15,300	14,228	13,364	12,612	12,063	11,535	11,171	10,550	9,002	7,172	5,272	4,424	3,407
Median.....years	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	11.4	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.6
Male													
Total	54,167	53,067	52,351	52,357	51,784	51,031	50,510	49,756	48,283	[1]46,208	[1]42,627	[1]40,483	[1]37,463
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,637	2,598	2,634	2,933	3,031	3,095	3,261	3,417	4,213	4,610	5,074	4,615	5,550
5 to 7 years	4,196	4,369	4,495	4,685	4,884	5,051	5,194	5,239	5,878	6,112	7,004	16,086	7,008
8 years	5,990	6,119	6,359	7,018	7,041	7,131	7,213	7,497	8,049	8,522	8,848		10,631
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,966	8,120	8,413	8,264	8,355	8,398	8,564	8,463	8,399	8,003	6,974	6,535	5,333
4 years	17,488	17,011	16,424	16,008	15,571	15,177	14,613	14,015	11,932	10,230	7,511	7,353	4,507
College: 1 to 3 years	6,756	6,376	5,972	5,798	5,580	5,263	4,945	4,755	4,315	3,347	2,888	2,625	1,824
4 years	9,135	8,473	8,055	7,653	7,321	6,917	6,721	6,372	5,497	4,359	3,008	2,478	2,021
Median.....years	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	11.1	10.3	9.0	8.9	8.6
Female													
Total	60,838	59,799	58,782	58,270	57,527	56,719	55,959	55,107	52,381	[1]49,422	[1]44,857	[1]42,095	[1]37,313
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,469	2,502	2,490	2,641	2,716	2,919	2,987	2,985	3,613	3,951	4,417	3,996	4,554
5 to 7 years	4,531	4,622	4,732	4,937	5,041	5,119	5,280	5,422	5,858	6,094	6,947	16,222	6,648
8 years	6,484	6,728	6,917	7,390	7,554	7,677	7,780	8,017	8,653	8,588	8,877		10,125
High school: 1 to 3 years	10,308	10,300	10,442	10,339	10,327	10,131	10,160	10,185	9,352	8,948	7,843	6,952	5,849
4 years	23,972	23,437	22,746	22,021	21,563	20,955	19,991	19,157	16,545	14,602	10,114	9,573	6,044
College: 1 to 3 years	6,910	6,454	6,145	5,984	5,584	5,301	5,309	5,162	4,855	3,638	3,358	2,908	2,251
4 years or more	6,165	5,755	5,309	4,959	4,743	4,619	4,450	4,178	3,505	2,813	2,264	1,946	1,386
Median.....years	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.6	9.3	8.7
25 TO 34 YEARS OLD													
Both Sexes													
Total	28,972	27,793	26,517	25,545	24,865	24,152	23,285	22,388	22,130	[1]23,437	[1]23,626	[1]22,627	[1]21,339
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	352	333	283	324	329	459	347	319	597	750	1,147	1,015	1,377
5 to 7 years	729	778	786	833	800	857	963	991	1,252	1,731	2,385	5,523	3,123
8 years	925	1,072	1,005	1,178	1,137	1,229	1,283	1,302	1,684	2,240	2,923		4,553
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,763	3,915	3,981	3,986	4,251	4,140	4,129	4,014	4,371	4,965	5,050	4,997	4,553
4 years	12,362	12,194	11,635	11,232	10,929	10,592	10,157	9,645	8,815	8,927	7,660	7,630	4,702
College: 1 to 3 years	5,056	4,454	4,090	3,822	3,491	3,202	2,989	2,946	2,552	2,275	2,198	1,908	1,554
4 years or more	5,785	5,047	4,734	4,169	3,926	3,693	3,413	3,169	2,859	2,351	1,252	1,378	1,288
Median.....years	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.9	11.8	10.0

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Table 7. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1973—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Age, sex, and years of school completed	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1962	1957	1950	1947	1940
25 TO 34 YEARS OLD--Continued													
Male													
Total	14,222	13,638	13,030	12,596	12,236	11,788	11,381	10,876	10,762	[1]11,368	[1]11,454	[1]10,894	[1]10,521
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	211	204	156	170	189	205	192	170	334	423	631	544	779
5 to 7 years	367	408	399	439	468	475	509	518	680	943	1,207	2,665	1,579
8 years	492	558	528	653	595	646	683	691	889	1,154	1,498		2,353
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,617	1,760	1,796	1,771	1,896	1,849	1,880	1,814	2,008	2,446	2,426	2,494	2,220
4 years	5,491	5,363	5,150	5,049	4,833	4,652	4,473	4,187	3,700	3,542	3,250	3,337	2,049
College: 1 to 3 years	2,672	2,416	2,191	2,005	1,842	1,719	1,505	1,522	1,309	1,181	1,117	993	692
4 years or more	3,372	2,927	2,809	2,506	2,412	2,241	2,136	1,973	1,842	1,556	538	738	744
Median.....years	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.5	11.6	9.7
Female													
Total	14,750	14,155	13,487	12,950	12,629	12,383	11,904	11,512	11,368	[1]12,069	[1]12,172	[1]11,733	[1]10,818
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	142	129	127	154	140	254	155	149	263	327	516	471	598
5 to 7 years	362	370	385	393	334	382	454	472	572	788	1,178	2,858	1,544
8 years	434	514	477	526	542	583	599	612	795	1,086	1,425		2,200
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,145	2,154	2,184	2,212	2,355	2,291	2,246	2,200	2,363	2,519	2,624	2,503	2,333
4 years	6,871	6,830	6,485	6,183	6,096	5,941	5,684	5,458	5,115	5,385	4,410	4,293	2,653
College: 1 to 3 years	2,383	2,037	1,899	1,816	1,648	1,481	1,484	1,426	1,243	1,094	1,081	915	862
4 years or more	2,413	2,121	1,926	1,663	1,512	1,451	1,278	1,195	1,017	795	714	640	544
Median.....years	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.0	10.3
35 TO 54 YEARS OLD													
Both Sexes													
Total	46,217	45,910	45,956	46,294	46,319	46,255	46,396	46,321	45,287	[1]42,645	[1]38,432	[1]36,717	[1]33,845
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,293	1,344	1,368	1,437	1,461	1,643	1,656	1,771	2,181	2,658	3,404	3,203	4,549
5 to 7 years	2,710	2,820	2,925	3,179	3,220	3,422	3,588	3,700	4,474	5,001	4,828	15,184	6,429
8 years	3,534	3,699	4,079	4,409	4,715	4,891	5,110	5,336	6,321	7,348	8,145		9,841
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,896	8,001	8,521	8,393	8,555	8,586	8,838	9,138	8,938	8,384	6,976	6,311	4,972
4 years	19,038	18,651	18,400	18,334	18,200	17,773	17,362	16,906	14,668	12,041	7,262	6,715	4,217
College: 1 to 3 years	5,375	5,318	5,074	5,082	4,875	4,749	4,642	4,525	4,452	3,248	2,878	2,622	1,836
4 years or more	6,372	6,076	5,589	5,460	5,294	5,190	5,200	4,947	4,253	3,360	2,516	2,221	1,540
Median.....years	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.0	11.2	9.7	9.0	8.6
Male													
Total	22,367	22,166	22,200	22,474	22,475	22,420	22,521	22,482	22,081	[1]20,873	[1]18,896	[1]18,165	[1]17,127
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	733	716	751	847	834	889	929	1,000	1,235	1,491	1,834	1,678	2,480
5 to 7 years	1,415	1,477	1,554	1,667	1,707	1,818	1,852	1,904	2,362	2,506	1,727	7,765	3,321
8 years	1,871	1,936	2,120	2,318	2,501	2,541	2,635	2,796	3,183	3,787	4,164		5,137
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,532	3,586	3,917	3,823	3,876	4,012	4,160	4,270	4,359	3,987	3,339	3,102	2,388
4 years	8,004	7,836	7,663	7,674	7,612	7,427	7,324	7,143	6,202	5,195	3,151	2,907	1,798
College: 1 to 3 years	2,730	2,714	2,564	2,578	2,555	2,456	2,364	2,244	2,142	1,558	1,271	1,168	819
4 years or more	4,081	3,901	3,631	3,567	3,390	3,277	3,257	3,128	2,598	1,972	1,403	1,258	917
Median.....years	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	11.9	11.0	9.6	8.9	8.5

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Table 7. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1973—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Age, sex, and years of school completed	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1962	1957	1950	1947	1940
35 TO 54 YEARS OLD--Continued													
Female													
Total	23,850	23,744	23,756	23,821	23,845	23,834	23,874	23,839	23,206	[1]21,772	[1]19,536	[1]18,552	[1]16,718
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	559	628	619	588	629	754	724	773	946	1,167	1,570	1,525	2,070
5 to 7 years	1,293	1,343	1,372	1,512	1,513	1,604	1,737	1,794	2,112	2,495	3,101	7,419	3,108
8 years	1,663	1,763	1,958	2,092	2,215	2,349	2,475	2,540	3,138	3,561	3,981		4,704
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,364	4,415	4,604	4,570	4,679	4,575	4,676	4,868	4,579	4,397	3,637	3,209	2,584
4 years	11,033	10,815	10,736	10,660	10,588	10,346	10,038	9,762	8,466	6,846	4,111	3,808	2,419
College: 1 to 3 years	2,647	2,603	2,509	2,505	2,318	2,293	2,281	2,282	2,310	1,690	1,607	1,454	1,017
4 years or more	2,290	2,174	1,958	1,894	1,903	1,913	1,943	1,819	1,655	1,388	1,113	963	623
Median....years	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.1	11.5	9.7	9.3	8.7
55 YEARS OLD AND OVER													
Both Sexes													
Total	39,817	39,163	38,659	38,787	38,126	37,424	36,789	36,155	33,247	[1]29,548	[1]25,427	[1]23,234	[1]19,592
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	3,461	3,424	3,472	3,809	3,957	4,011	4,240	4,310	5,048	5,153	4,940	4,393	4,178
5 to 7 years	5,288	5,392	5,515	5,610	5,904	5,889	5,923	5,973	6,010	5,474	5,290	11,601	4,104
8 years	8,014	8,075	8,191	8,820	8,743	8,687	8,599	8,876	8,697	7,522	6,657		6,363
High school: 1 to 3 years	6,615	6,504	6,351	6,225	5,877	5,801	5,760	5,495	4,442	3,602	2,791	2,179	1,656
4 years	10,060	9,604	9,136	8,463	8,005	7,768	7,085	6,622	4,994	3,864	2,704	2,581	1,633
College: 1 to 3 years	3,233	3,060	2,952	2,878	2,797	2,615	2,624	2,443	2,166	1,462	1,170	1,003	685
4 years or more	3,145	3,105	3,042	2,982	2,843	2,653	2,558	2,434	1,890	1,461	1,005	825	579
Median....years	10.4	10.2	10.0	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.6	8.2
Male													
Total	17,579	17,263	17,120	17,288	17,074	16,822	16,609	16,398	15,440	[1]13,967	[1]12,277	[1]11,424	[1]9,815
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,693	1,678	1,729	1,913	2,011	2,003	2,136	2,247	2,644	2,696	2,609	2,393	2,293
5 to 7 years	2,414	2,486	2,542	2,580	2,710	2,759	2,833	2,817	2,836	2,663	2,622	5,656	2,108
8 years	3,628	3,625	3,710	4,049	3,945	3,942	3,895	4,010	3,977	3,581	3,186		3,141
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,817	2,774	2,698	2,668	2,583	2,536	2,523	2,379	2,032	1,570	1,209	939	724
4 years	3,993	3,811	3,612	3,285	3,127	3,099	2,816	2,685	2,030	1,493	1,111	1,109	660
College: 1 to 3 years	1,356	1,245	1,215	1,214	1,182	1,086	1,078	989	864	608	500	464	313
4 years or more	1,682	1,645	1,614	1,579	1,516	1,397	1,328	1,271	1,057	831	569	482	361
Median....years	10.1	9.9	9.6	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.2	8.6	8.1
Female													
Total	22,238	21,900	21,539	21,500	21,052	20,601	20,180	19,756	17,807	[1]15,581	[1]13,150	[1]11,810	[1]9,777
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,767	1,746	1,742	1,893	1,946	2,009	2,106	2,063	2,404	2,457	2,331	2,000	1,886
5 to 7 years	2,874	2,908	2,973	3,033	3,195	3,134	3,089	3,156	3,174	2,811	2,668	5,945	1,996
8 years	4,387	4,451	4,482	4,772	4,798	4,744	4,706	4,865	4,720	3,941	3,471		3,221
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,799	3,729	3,654	3,556	3,292	3,264	3,237	3,117	2,410	2,032	1,582	1,240	932
4 years	6,068	5,790	5,526	5,179	4,879	4,669	4,269	3,937	2,964	2,371	1,593	1,472	973
College: 1 to 3 years	1,880	1,814	1,737	1,665	1,615	1,526	1,544	1,454	1,302	854	670	539	372
4 years or more	1,463	1,461	1,425	1,402	1,327	1,255	1,229	1,164	833	630	436	343	219
Median....years	10.7	10.5	10.3	9.9	9.5	9.4	9.2	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.3

[1]Total includes persons who did not report on years of school completed.

Source: 1947 and 1957 to 1970--March Current Population Survey data, resident population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in barracks. 1971 to 1974--March Current Population Survey, non-institutional population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in barracks. 1940 census data, resident population, based on completed count; 1950 census data, resident population, based on 20-percent sample.