# Table 7. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: MARCH 1977

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Region, sex, race, Spanish origin, and age | All persons (thousands) | Percent by years of school completed | | | | Median school years completed |
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| | | Less than 5 years | High school, 4 years or more | | | |
| | | | Total | College, 1 year or more | College, 5 years or more | |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 164,935 | 2.9 | 60.6 | 26.4 | 12.5 | 12.3 |
| Male | 78,782 | 3.1 | 60.5 | 29.7 | 15.1 | 12.3 |
| Female | 86,153 | 2.7 | 60.6 | 23.5 | 10.1 | 12.3 |
| White | 144,795 | 2.3 | 62.6 | 27.5 | 13.2 | 12.4 |
| Black | 17,398 | 6.8 | 43.4 | 16.3 | 5.7 | 11.3 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 7,448 | 12.9 | 38.0 | 14.3 | 4.7 | 10.4 |
| 14 to 19 years | 24,834 | 0.4 | 21.3 | 4.1 | - | 10.2 |
| 20 to 24 years | 19,230 | 0.6 | 83.8 | 40.1 | 10.1 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 17,460 | 0.8 | 85.4 | 45.5 | 24.0 | 12.9 |
| 30 to 34 years | 14,824 | 0.8 | 81.0 | 41.4 | 23.5 | 12.8 |
| 35 to 44 years | 23,108 | 1.9 | 73.6 | 31.7 | 17.5 | 12.6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 23,302 | 3.3 | 64.3 | 25.3 | 13.5 | 12.4 |
| 55 to 64 years | 20,076 | 4.4 | 56.2 | 20.1 | 9.9 | 12.2 |
| 65 years and over | 22,100 | 9.8 | 37.5 | 16.1 | 8.0 | 9.5 |
| NORTHEAST | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 38,072 | 2.2 | 60.8 | 25.3 | 12.7 | 12.3 |
| Male | 17,947 | 2.1 | 61.0 | 29.4 | 15.7 | 12.3 |
| Female | 20,125 | 2.3 | 60.7 | 21.7 | 10.0 | 12.3 |
| White | 34,678 | 2.0 | 62.0 | 25.9 | 13.1 | 12.3 |
| Black | 3,023 | 3.4 | 46.9 | 16.4 | 5.8 | 11.7 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 1,512 | 11.2 | 34.4 | 12.0 | 3.7 | 10.1 |
| 14 to 19 years | 5,405 | 0.4 | 23.1 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 10.4 |
| 20 to 24 years | 4,064 | 0.6 | 85.9 | 42.5 | 11.5 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 3,750 | 0.9 | 86.8 | 46.0 | 26.1 | 12.9 |
| 30 to 34 years | 3,388 | 0.9 | 80.8 | 39.5 | 23.8 | 12.7 |
| 35 to 44 years | 5,146 | 1.5 | 75.2 | 29.9 | 18.1 | 12.6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 5,712 | 1.6 | 64.6 | 22.8 | 13.0 | 12.3 |
| 55 to 64 years | 5,167 | 2.3 | 56.6 | 18.2 | 9.6 | 12.2 |
| 65 years and over | 5,440 | 8.0 | 35.6 | 14.1 | 7.5 | 9.3 |
| NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 44,261 | 1.6 | 61.8 | 25.1 | 12.1 | 12.3 |
| Male | 21,219 | 1.8 | 61.6 | 28.1 | 14.4 | 12.3 |
| Female | 23,042 | 1.4 | 62.1 | 22.2 | 9.9 | 12.3 |
| White | 40,502 | 1.3 | 63.2 | 25.6 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| Black | 3,436 | 4.3 | 45.4 | 17.7 | 6.2 | 11.6 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 591 | 9.5 | 38.5 | 15.2 | 5.9 | 10.7 |
| 14 to 19 years | 7,158 | 0.3 | 21.6 | 3.6 | - | 10.2 |
| 20 to 24 years | 5,198 | 0.5 | 87.1 | 39.7 | 10.3 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 4,536 | 0.3 | 88.8 | 45.2 | 25.3 | 12.9 |
| 30 to 34 years | 3,886 | 0.3 | 83.6 | 40.2 | 23.4 | 12.8 |
| 35 to 44 years | 6,158 | 1.1 | 76.3 | 30.0 | 16.1 | 12.6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 6,407 | 1.5 | 67.1 | 23.9 | 13.0 | 12.4 |
| 55 to 64 years | 5,234 | 2.0 | 57.1 | 18.1 | 9.2 | 12.2 |
| 65 years and over | 5,683 | 6.1 | 36.0 | 14.6 | 7.7 | 9.3 |
| SOUTH | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 52,599 | 4.7 | 55.5 | 24.1 | 11.4 | 12.2 |
| Male | 24,960 | 5.2 | 55.4 | 26.6 | 13.7 | 12.2 |
| Female | 27,639 | 4.2 | 55.6 | 21.8 | 9.3 | 12.2 |
| White | 42,898 | 3.6 | 59.1 | 26.2 | 12.6 | 12.3 |
| Black | 9,358 | 9.3 | 39.0 | 14.0 | 5.5 | 10.7 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 2,286 | 16.5 | 36.6 | 14.7 | 5.4 | 9.8 |
| 14 to 19 years | 7,898 | 0.4 | 18.8 | 3.5 | - | 10.1 |
| 20 to 24 years | 6,186 | 0.5 | 79.0 | 36.5 | 9.6 | 12.7 |
| 25 to 29 years | 5,599 | 1.1 | 80.1 | 40.3 | 21.4 | 12.8 |
| 30 to 34 years | 4,721 | 0.9 | 76.1 | 36.7 | 20.9 | 12.7 |
| 35 to 44 years | 7,473 | 2.7 | 67.1 | 28.6 | 16.0 | 12.4 |
| 45 to 54 years | 7,181 | 6.4 | 56.6 | 23.0 | 11.9 | 12.2 |
| 55 to 64 years | 6,251 | 8.5 | 49.5 | 19.0 | 9.8 | 11.9 |
| 65 years and over | 7,290 | 14.9 | 35.2 | 15.9 | 7.5 | [illegible] |

See footnote at end of table.

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(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Region, sex, race, Spanish origin, and age | All persons (thousands) | Percent by years of school completed | | | | Median school years completed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Less than 5 years | High school, 4 years or more | | | |
| | | | Total | College, 1 year or more | College, 5 years or more | |
| WEST | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 30,003 | 2.5 | 67.2 | 34.0 | 14.7 | 12.5 |
| Male | 14,656 | 2.7 | 66.9 | 37.4 | 17.6 | 12.6 |
| Female | 15,347 | 2.4 | 67.5 | 30.7 | 11.9 | 12.5 |
| White | 26,716 | 2.2 | 68.1 | 34.7 | 15.2 | 12.5 |
| Black | 1,582 | 3.5 | 58.7 | 26.1 | 5.4 | 12.3 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 3,059 | 11.8 | 40.8 | 15.0 | 4.4 | 10.8 |
| 14 to 19 years | 4,373 | 0.6 | 23.1 | 4.2 | - | 10.3 |
| 20 to 24 years | 3,783 | 1.1 | 85.0 | 43.6 | 9.0 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 3,576 | 1.0 | 87.9 | 53.3 | 24.4 | 13.3 |
| 30 to 34 years | 2,829 | 1.3 | 86.0 | 53.1 | 27.5 | 13.3 |
| 35 to 44 years | 4,331 | 2.0 | 79.2 | 41.5 | 21.6 | 12.8 |
| 45 to 54 years | 4,002 | 2.8 | 73.1 | 35.0 | 17.9 | 12.6 |
| 55 to 64 years | 3,423 | 3.5 | 66.6 | 27.9 | 11.8 | 12.4 |
| 65 years and over | 3,687 | 8.3 | 46.9 | 21.5 | 9.7 | 11.2 |

[1]Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

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## Errata Sheet

In table 1 on page 7 of the published report, the data line for 1977--White, Both Sexes, 25 to 29 years old was omitted. The correct section follows.

**Table 1. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SEX: MARCH 1977 AND 1976**

(Numbers in thousands. For meaning of symbols, see text. Noninstitutional population. The March 1977 survey includes 954,000 members of the Armed Forces and the March 1976 survey includes 914,000 members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post. All other members of the Armed Forces are excluded)

| AGE, RACE, SEX, AND SPANISH ORIGIN | TOTAL PERSONS | YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MEDIAN SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ELEMENTARY | | | | | HIGH SCHOOL | | | | COLLEGE | | | | | |
| | | NONE | 1 TO 4 YEARS | 5 YEARS | 6 AND 7 YEARS | 8 YEARS | 1 YEAR | 2 YEARS | 3 YEARS | 4 YEARS | 1 YEAR | 2 YEARS | 3 YEARS | 4 YEARS | 5 YEARS OR MORE | |
| 1977--WHITE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOTH SEXES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL, 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER | 144 795 | 884 | 2 501 | 1 287 | 7 364 | 14 129 | 9 239 | 10 474 | 8 268 | 50 805 | 8 099 | 9 064 | 3 628 | 11 598 | 7 455 | 12.4 |
| 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD | 14 057 | 37 | 17 | 25 | 1 777 | 3 595 | 3 591 | 3 115 | 1 705 | 176 | 6 | 13 | - | - | - | 9.4 |
| 18 AND 19 YEARS OLD | 6 977 | 16 | 19 | 6 | 54 | 162 | 263 | 511 | 1 430 | 3 643 | 774 | 77 | 15 | 8 | - | 12.3 |
| 20 TO 24 YEARS OLD | 16 544 | 48 | 56 | 28 | 147 | 285 | 498 | 705 | 696 | 7 276 | 1 885 | 2 038 | 1 141 | 1 448 | 294 | 12.8 |
| 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER | 107 216 | 783 | 2 409 | 1 228 | 5 387 | 10 087 | 4 888 | 6 143 | 4 438 | 39 710 | 5 434 | 6 935 | 2 472 | 10 142 | 7 161 | 12.5 |
| 25 TO 29 YEARS OLD | 15 191 | 53 | 70 | 45 | 176 | 254 | 402 | 549 | 457 | 6 031 | 1 292 | 1 450 | 571 | 2 535 | 1 306 | 12.9 |
| 30 TO 34 YEARS OLD | 12 981 | 34 | 68 | 58 | 244 | 368 | 422 | 632 | 433 | 5 168 | 904 | 1 044 | 417 | 1 740 | 1 448 | 12.8 |
| 35 TO 39 YEARS OLD | 10 491 | 42 | 113 | 57 | 266 | 432 | 430 | 630 | 465 | 4 450 | 595 | 721 | 278 | 1 074 | 938 | 12.6 |
| 40 TO 44 YEARS OLD | 9 704 | 49 | 146 | 68 | 320 | 509 | 405 | 533 | 433 | 4 213 | 535 | 601 | 217 | 914 | 760 | 12.6 |
| 45 TO 49 YEARS OLD | 10 131 | 38 | 204 | 95 | 441 | 795 | 472 | 589 | 479 | 4 149 | 454 | 643 | 194 | 923 | 657 | 12.5 |
| 50 TO 54 YEARS OLD | 10 555 | 67 | 224 | 104 | 456 | 842 | 543 | 723 | 661 | 4 289 | 420 | 649 | 191 | 814 | 572 | 12.4 |
| 55 TO 59 YEARS OLD | 9 775 | 83 | 229 | 130 | 526 | 1 106 | 514 | 646 | 448 | 3 873 | 377 | 559 | 157 | 658 | 469 | 12.3 |
| 60 TO 64 YEARS OLD | 8 368 | 51 | 208 | 125 | 640 | 1 289 | 473 | 549 | 376 | 3 008 | 301 | 414 | 136 | 438 | 359 | 12.2 |
| 65 TO 69 YEARS OLD | 7 373 | 59 | 302 | 169 | 653 | 1 392 | 461 | 554 | 263 | 2 072 | 248 | 335 | 147 | 417 | 301 | 11.4 |
| 70 TO 74 YEARS OLD | 5 383 | 86 | 264 | 167 | 673 | 1 156 | 333 | 310 | 221 | 1 231 | 161 | 239 | 81 | 286 | 175 | 10.0 |
| 75 YEARS OLD AND OVER | 7 264 | 220 | 581 | 212 | 993 | 1 943 | 434 | 427 | 203 | 1 227 | 147 | 278 | 83 | 342 | 175 | 8.8 |

In table 7, pages 41 and 42, the boxhead "College, 4 years or more" was incorrectly labled "College, 5 years or more." The corrected table follows.

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| Male | 78,782 | 3.1 | 60.5 | 29.7 | 15.1 | 12.3 |
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| White | 144,795 | 2.3 | 62.6 | 27.5 | 13.2 | 12.4 |
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| 14 to 19 years | 24,834 | 0.4 | 21.3 | 4.1 | - | 10.2 |
| 20 to 24 years | 19,230 | 0.6 | 83.8 | 40.1 | 10.1 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 17,460 | 0.8 | 85.4 | 45.5 | 24.0 | 12.9 |
| 30 to 34 years | 14,824 | 0.8 | 81.0 | 41.4 | 23.5 | 12.8 |
| 35 to 44 years | 23,108 | 1.9 | 73.6 | 31.7 | 17.5 | 12.6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 23,302 | 3.3 | 64.3 | 25.3 | 13.5 | 12.4 |
| 55 to 64 years | 20,076 | 4.4 | 56.2 | 20.1 | 9.9 | 12.2 |
| 65 years and over | 22,100 | 9.8 | 37.5 | 16.1 | 8.0 | 9.5 |
| NORTHEAST | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over | 38,072 | 2.2 | 60.8 | 25.3 | 12.7 | 12.3 |
| Male | 17,947 | 2.1 | 61.0 | 29.4 | 15.7 | 12.3 |
| Female | 20,125 | 2.3 | 60.7 | 21.7 | 10.0 | 12.3 |
| White | 34,678 | 2.0 | 62.0 | 25.9 | 13.1 | 12.3 |
| Black | 3,023 | 3.4 | 46.9 | 16.4 | 5.8 | 11.7 |
| Spanish origin[1] | 1,512 | 11.2 | 34.4 | 12.0 | 3.7 | 10.1 |
| 14 to 19 years | 5,405 | 0.4 | 23.1 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 10.4 |
| 20 to 24 years | 4,064 | 0.6 | 85.9 | 42.5 | 11.5 | 12.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 3,750 | 0.9 | 86.8 | 46.0 | 26.1 | 12.9 |
| 30 to 34 years | 3,388 | 0.9 | 80.8 | 39.5 | 23.8 | 12.7 |
| 35 to 44 years | 5,146 | 1.5 | 75.2 | 29.9 | 18.1 | 12.6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 5,712 | 1.6 | 64.6 | 22.8 | 13.0 | 12.3 |
| 55 to 64 years | 5,167 | 2.3 | 56.6 | 18.2 | 9.6 | 12.2 |
| 65 years and over | 5,440 | 8.0 | 35.6 | 14.1 | 7.5 | 9.3 |
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| Total, 14 years and over | 44,261 | 1.6 | 61.8 | 25.1 | 12.1 | 12.3 |
| Male | 21,219 | 1.8 | 61.6 | 28.1 | 14.4 | 12.3 |
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| Total, 14 years and over | 52,599 | 4.7 | 55.5 | 24.1 | 11.4 | 12.2 |
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| White | 42,898 | 3.6 | 59.1 | 26.2 | 12.6 | 12.3 |
| Black | 9,358 | 9.3 | 39.0 | 14.0 | 5.5 | 10.7 |
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| 30 to 34 years | 4,721 | 0.9 | 76.1 | 36.7 | 20.9 | 12.7 |
| 35 to 44 years | 7,473 | 2.7 | 67.1 | 28.6 | 16.0 | 12.4 |
| 45 to 54 years | 7,181 | 6.4 | 56.6 | 23.0 | 11.9 | 12.2 |
| 55 to 64 years | 6,251 | 8.5 | 49.5 | 19.0 | 9.8 | 11.9 |
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| Male | 14,656 | 2.7 | 66.9 | 37.4 | 17.6 | 12.6 |
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| White | 26,716 | 2.2 | 68.1 | 34.7 | 15.2 | 12.5 |
| Black | 1,582 | 3.5 | 58.7 | 26.1 | 5.4 | 12.3 |
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| 25 to 29 years | 3,576 | 1.0 | 87.9 | 53.3 | 24.4 | 13.3 |
| 30 to 34 years | 2,829 | 1.3 | 86.0 | 53.1 | 27.5 | 13.3 |
| 35 to 44 years | 4,331 | 2.0 | 79.2 | 41.5 | 21.6 | 12.8 |
| 45 to 54 years | 4,002 | 2.8 | 73.1 | 35.0 | 17.9 | 12.6 |
| 55 to 64 years | 3,423 | 3.5 | 66.6 | 27.9 | 11.8 | 12.4 |
| 65 years and over | 3,687 | 8.3 | 46.9 | 21.5 | 9.7 | 11.2 |

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