Table 17. Years of School Completed by Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1989

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1989	1988[1]	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980[2]	1980[3]	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER																	
Both Sexes																	
Total	154,155	151,635	151,616	149,144	146,606	143,524	140,794	138,020	135,526	132,899	130,409	127,882	116,897	109,310	99,465	[4]87,484	[4]74,776
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	3,861	3,714	3,709	3,640	3,894	3,873	3,884	4,119	4,119	4,359	4,390	4,287	4,912	5,747	8,303	9,491	10,105
5 to 7 years	6,345	6,622	6,633	6,713	6,862	6,827	7,018	7,273	7,552	7,663	7,791	7,595	8,607	9,924	13,754	13,951	13,656
8 years	7,716	7,928	7,959	8,588	8,810	9,193	9,241	9,441	9,680	10,205	10,635	10,469	12,026	14,595	17,464	17,725	20,757
High school: 1 to 3 years	17,719	17,847	17,813	17,417	17,484	17,553	17,434	17,681	18,006	18,041	18,086	17,793	18,237	18,682	19,140	14,817	11,182
4 years	59,336	58,940	58,940	57,669	56,338	54,866	54,073	52,060	51,426	49,915	47,934	47,117	42,353	37,134	24,440	17,625	10,552
College: 1 to 3 years	26,614	25,799	25,783	25,479	24,729	23,405	22,282	21,531	20,692	20,043	19,379	18,924	14,518	11,164	8,747	6,246	4,075
4 years or more	32,565	30,787	30,779	29,637	28,489	27,808	26,862	25,915	24,050	22,674	22,193	21,697	16,244	12,062	7,617	5,272	3,407
Median	13.0	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.3	12.2	10.6	9.3	8.6
Male																	
Total	73,225	71,911	71,941	70,677	69,503	67,756	66,350	65,004	63,764	62,509	61,389	60,257	55,036	51,784	47,997	[4]42,627	[4]37,463
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,956	1,852	1,855	1,794	1,978	1,947	1,945	2,103	2,073	2,142	2,212	2,175	2,568	3,031	4,522	5,074	5,550
5 to 7 years	3,114	3,268	3,272	3,261	3,286	3,391	3,368	3,402	3,575	3,607	3,663	3,588	4,148	4,884	7,022	7,004	7,008
8 years	3,545	3,581	3,600	3,998	4,160	4,238	4,320	4,348	4,412	4,715	4,964	4,908	5,612	7,041	8,540	8,848	10,631
High school: 1 to 3 years	8,076	8,247	8,217	7,909	7,872	7,783	7,837	7,867	7,960	8,085	8,046	7,928	7,985	8,355	8,988	6,974	5,333
4 years	25,897	25,638	25,674	24,998	24,260	23,552	22,990	22,048	21,749	21,019	20,080	19,743	17,769	15,571	10,175	7,511	4,507
College: 1 to 3 years	12,725	12,057	12,052	12,062	11,856	11,164	10,679	10,310	10,020	9,734	9,593	9,362	7,274	5,580	4,127	2,888	1,824
4 years or more	17,913	17,268	17,269	16,654	16,091	15,682	15,211	14,926	13,974	13,208	12,832	12,555	9,679	7,321	4,626	3,008	2,021
Median	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.2	10.3	9.0	8.6
Female																	
Total	80,930	79,724	79,676	78,467	77,102	75,768	74,444	73,016	71,762	70,390	69,020	67,624	61,861	57,527	51,468	[4]44,857	[4]37,313
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,904	1,862	1,855	1,846	1,916	1,926	1,939	2,016	2,045	2,217	2,178	2,113	2,344	2,716	3,781	4,417	4,554
5 to 7 years	3,231	3,353	3,361	3,452	3,576	3,435	3,650	3,871	3,977	4,056	4,129	4,007	4,458	5,041	6,732	6,947	6,648
8 years	4,171	4,347	4,359	4,590	4,650	4,955	4,921	5,093	5,268	5,490	5,671	5,560	6,413	7,554	8,924	8,877	10,125
High school: 1 to 3 years	9,643	9,599	9,596	9,508	9,612	9,770	9,596	9,814	10,046	9,957	10,040	9,865	10,252	10,327	10,151	7,843	5,849
4 years	33,440	33,303	33,266	32,671	32,078	31,314	31,083	30,012	29,677	28,896	27,854	27,375	24,584	21,563	14,267	10,114	6,044
College: 1 to 3 years	13,888	13,741	13,730	13,417	12,874	12,242	11,603	11,220	10,672	10,308	9,786	9,562	7,243	5,584	4,620	3,358	2,251
4 years or more	14,652	13,519	13,510	12,983	12,399	12,126	11,651	10,990	10,076	9,466	9,362	9,144	6,565	4,743	2,991	2,264	1,386
Median	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.1	10.9	9.6	8.7
25 to 34 YEARS OLD																	
Both Sexes																	
Total	43,240	42,953	42,970	42,635	42,053	40,858	40173	39,342	38,703	37,828	36,615	35,264	30,092	24,865	22,821	[4]23,626	[4]21,339
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	446	430	442	390	387	362	404	376	338	336	362	339	313	329	709	1,147	1,377
5 to 7 years	712	689	697	720	698	614	624	628	694	689	705	660	755	800	1,689	2,385	3,123
8 years	640	619	619	640	661	714	748	696	677	740	719	686	889	1,137	2,049	2,923	4,553
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,013	4,095	4,078	3,995	3,797	3,703	3,640	3,664	3,598	3,666	3,571	3,415	3,743	4,251	5,135	5,050	4,553
4 years	17,901	17,887	17,889	17,539	17,311	16,748	16,431	15,804	15,893	15,419	14,481	13,998	12,544	10,929	8,166	7,660	4,702
College: 1 to 3 years	9,072	9,076	9,069	9,157	9,104	8,980	8,555	8,569	8,304	8,197	7,942	7,651	5,403	3,491	2,572	2,198	1,554
4 years or more	10,454	10,155	10,174	10,196	10,094	9,737	9,771	9,605	9,200	8,782	8,836	8,515	6,443	3,926	2,499	1,252	1,288
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.9	10.0
Male																	
Total	21,461	21,277	21,320	21,142	20,956	20,184	19,876	19,438	19,090	18,625	18,051	17,346	14,776	12,236	11,184	[4]11,454	[4]10,521
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	251	237	244	223	227	194	232	213	183	176	198	184	177	189	420	631	779
5 to 7 years	388	385	392	372	354	324	335	324	339	359	342	317	343	468	926	1,207	1,579
8 years	310	266	269	326	361	376	387	334	319	373	357	338	472	595	1,100	1,498	2,353
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,129	2,227	2,217	2,030	1,887	1,823	1,737	1,723	1,655	1,679	1,639	1,558	1,605	1,896	2,441	2,426	2,220
4 years	8,659	8,569	8,594	8,544	8,359	7,955	7,798	7,351	7,380	6,991	6,393	6,158	5,508	4,833	3,356	3,250	2,049
College: 1 to 3 years	4,391	4,273	4,278	4,384	4,488	4,433	4,237	4,284	4,162	4,185	4,166	4,010	2,915	1,842	1,316	1,117	692
4 years or more	5,335	5,319	5,326	5,263	5,279	5,080	5,150	5,207	5,053	4,863	4,957	4,781	3,757	2,412	1,624	538	744
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.1	12.9	12.6	12.2	11.5	9.7

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(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1989	1988[1]	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980[2]	1980[3]	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Female																	
Total	21,777	21,675	21,649	21,494	21,097	20,673	20,297	19,903	19,614	19,203	18,565	17,918	15,316	12,629	11,637	[4]12,172	[4]10,818
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	195	193	199	168	160	168	171	162	156	160	164	155	135	140	289	516	598
5 to 7 years	324	305	306	348	344	289	290	304	356	330	363	343	414	334	763	1,178	1,544
8 years	330	352	349	314	300	338	360	361	357	368	362	348	419	542	949	1,425	2,200
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,885	1,869	1,862	1,965	1,910	1,880	1,903	1,941	1,943	1,986	1,932	1,857	2,139	2,355	2,694	2,624	2,333
4 years	9,242	9,319	9,295	8,995	8,952	8,794	8,634	8,452	8,512	8,427	8,087	7,840	7,037	6,096	4,810	4,410	2,653
College: 1 to 3 years	4,681	4,801	4,790	4,772	4,616	4,547	4,319	4,285	4,142	4,013	3,777	3,640	2,489	1,648	1,256	1,081	862
4 years or more	5,119	4,836	4,850	4,932	4,813	4,657	4,621	4,398	4,148	3,918	3,879	3,733	2,686	1,512	875	714	544
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.2	12.1	10.3
35 TO 54 YEARS OLD																	
Both sexes																	
Total	60,494	58,555	58,477	56,650	55,170	53,697	52,298	50,955	49,721	48,679	48,124	47,971	46,193	46,319	44,742	[4]38,432	[4]33,845
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	999	958	947	842	896	899	893	973	962	1,039	1,034	1,006	1,296	1,461	2,424	3,404	4,549
5 to 7 years	1,659	1,708	1,704	1,626	1,714	1,683	1,750	1,977	2,045	2,004	2,008	1,984	2,556	3,220	5,430	4,828	6,429
8 years	1,656	1,564	1,554	1,772	1,900	1,956	2,005	2,065	2,275	2,526	2,668	2,660	3,386	4,715	7,106	8,145	9,841
High school: 1 to 3 years	5,800	5,889	5,866	5,656	5,769	5,978	6,159	6,313	6,657	6,774	7,063	7,066	7,765	8,555	9,502	6,976	4,972
4 years	23,334	23,049	23,060	22,820	22,151	21,600	21,290	20,787	20,444	20,032	19,584	19,575	19,010	18,200	12,517	7,262	4,217
College: 1 to 3 years	11,627	11,017	11,007	10,523	10,110	9,217	8,700	8,045	7,581	7,124	6,943	6,911	5,673	4,875	4,123	2,878	1,836
4 years or more	15,417	14,369	14,340	13,409	12,629	12,363	11,500	10,795	9,755	9,181	8,822	8,769	6,506	5,294	3,639	2,516	1,540
Median	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.3	11.3	9.7	8.6
Male																	
Total	29,597	28,645	28,597	27,680	26,925	26,181	25,460	24,796	24,165	23,645	23,373	23,259	22,358	22,475	21,919	[4]18,896	[4]17,127
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	504	498	495	412	475	501	503	547	529	572	590	570	763	834	1,397	1,834	2,480
5 to 7 years	884	901	892	858	913	922	930	1,023	1,079	1,050	1,072	1,064	1,361	1,707	2,831	1,727	3,321
8 years	878	824	822	943	1,006	1,006	1,085	1,083	1,223	1,374	1,420	1,415	1,739	2,501	3,584	4,164	5,137
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,628	2,654	2,639	2,617	2,699	2,726	2,830	2,862	2,991	3,112	3,202	3,206	3,510	3,876	4,579	3,339	2,388
4 years	10,235	10,100	10,112	9,781	9,393	9,210	8,926	8,795	8,611	8,432	8,278	8,260	7,952	7,612	5,364	3,151	1,798
College: 1 to 3 years	5,719	5,327	5,315	5,173	5,013	4,502	4,257	3,884	3,756	3,518	3,442	3,416	2,879	2,555	1,957	1,271	819
4 years or more	8,749	8,340	8,321	7,895	7,426	7,314	6,929	6,602	5,976	5,588	5,370	5,328	4,153	3,390	2,206	1,403	917
Median	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.3	11.1	9.6	8.5
Female																	
Total	30,898	29,908	29,881	28,969	28,244	27,516	26,837	26,159	25,557	25,034	24,751	24,712	23,835	23,845	22,823	[4]19,536	[4]16,178
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	498	462	453	430	420	398	389	426	433	467	444	436	533	629	1,027	1,570	2,070
5 to 7 years	774	808	812	768	801	761	821	955	966	954	938	921	1,195	1,513	2,599	3,101	3,108
8 years	778	739	731	830	893	949	920	981	1,052	1,151	1,248	1,245	1,647	2,215	3,522	3,981	4,704
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,171	3,234	3,227	3,039	3,071	3,252	3,331	3,451	3,667	3,663	3,862	3,860	4,256	4,679	4,923	3,637	2,584
4 years	13,099	12,949	12,948	13,038	12,759	12,391	12,364	11,992	11,834	11,600	11,307	11,315	11,058	10,588	7,153	4,111	2,419
College: 1 to 3 years	5,908	5,689	5,691	5,349	5,098	4,715	4,443	4,161	3,826	3,605	3,501	3,495	2,793	2,318	2,166	1,607	1,017
4 years or more	6,669	6,029	6,019	5,513	5,202	5,049	4,571	4,193	3,778	3,593	3,452	3,441	2,352	1,903	1,433	1,113	623
Median	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.3	11.6	9.7	8.7
55 YEARS AND OVER																	
Both sexes																	
Total	50,421	50,128	50,169	49,858	49,383	48,969	48,324	47,723	47,101	46,391	45,670	44,647	40,613	38,126	31,902	[4]25,427	[4]19,592
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,412	2,325	2,320	2,408	2,611	2,612	2,587	2,770	2,819	2,983	2,994	2,943	3,303	3,957	5,169	4,940	4,178
5 to 7 years	3,974	4,224	4,232	4,368	4,449	4,529	4,643	4,668	4,812	4,969	5,078	4,950	5,296	5,904	6,635	5,290	4,104
8 years	5,421	5,745	5,786	6,176	6,250	6,523	6,488	6,680	6,728	6,940	7,248	7,123	7,749	8,743	8,309	6,657	6,363
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,907	7,860	7,869	7,766	7,917	7,872	7,634	7,704	7,751	7,602	7,451	7,312	6,730	5,877	4,503	2,791	1,656
4 years	18,102	18,004	17,992	17,310	16,876	16,516	16,353	15,469	15,089	14,465	13,869	13,546	10,798	8,005	3,757	2,704	1,633
College: 1 to 3 years	5,914	5,705	5,708	5,799	5,515	5,208	5,027	4,916	4,808	4,721	4,494	4,362	3,442	2,797	2,051	1,170	685
4 years or more	6,693	6,263	6,264	6,033	5,767	5,708	5,592	5,514	5,095	4,711	4,535	4,412	3,295	2,843	1,479	1,005	579
Median	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.0	12.0	10.8	9.2	8.5	8.3	8.2

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Years of school completed, sex and age	1989	1988[1]	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980[2]	1980[3]	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Male																	
Total	22,167	21,989	22,023	21,855	21,622	21,391	21,014	20,769	20,509	20,239	19,967	19,653	17,903	17,074	14,895	[4]12,277	[4]9,815
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,202	1,117	1,115	1,160	1,275	1,252	1,209	1,342	1,361	1,393	1,424	1,421	1,628	2,011	2,704	2,609	2,293
5 to 7 years	1,842	1,982	1,988	2,032	2,020	2,145	2,104	2,055	2,157	2,198	2,250	2,208	2,444	2,710	3,265	2,622	2,108
8 years	2,356	2,489	2,509	2,730	2,793	2,856	2,848	2,930	2,871	2,968	3,186	3,156	3,401	3,945	3,856	3,186	3,141
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,317	3,366	3,362	3,261	3,286	3,234	3,271	3,281	3,314	3,294	3,206	3,164	2,871	2,583	1,969	1,209	724
4 years	7,003	6,968	6,968	6,673	6,509	6,387	6,266	5,902	5,759	5,596	5,409	5,325	4,308	3,127	1,453	1,111	660
College: 1 to 3 years	2,616	2,455	2,459	2,504	2,355	2,229	2,185	2,142	2,101	2,031	1,986	1,935	1,480	1,182	853	500	313
4 years or more	3,829	3,609	3,622	3,496	3,385	3,289	3,132	3,117	2,946	2,758	2,506	2,444	1,768	1,516	796	569	361
Median	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.9	10.5	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.1
Female																	
Total	28,255	28,139	28,147	28,004	27,762	27,578	27,309	26,954	26,593	26,153	25,703	24,994	22,710	21,052	17,007	[4]13,150	[4]9,777
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,211	1,208	1,205	1,248	1,336	1,360	1,377	1,428	1,457	1,590	1,571	1,522	1,675	1,946	2,465	2,331	1,886
5 to 7 years	2,132	2,242	2,243	2,336	2,430	2,385	2,539	2,613	2,655	2,771	2,828	2,743	2,850	3,195	3,370	2,668	1,996
8 years	3,063	3,256	3,279	3,446	3,456	3,667	3,640	3,750	3,858	3,971	4,061	3,967	4,348	4,798	4,453	3,471	3,221
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,587	4,495	4,507	4,504	4,630	4,638	4,363	4,423	4,436	4,308	4,245	4,148	3,858	3,292	2,534	1,582	932
4 years	11,099	11,034	11,023	10,637	10,367	10,129	10,087	9,567	9,331	8,868	8,460	8,220	6,490	4,879	2,304	1,593	973
College: 1 to 3 years	3,300	3,250	3,249	3,294	3,160	2,979	2,842	2,775	2,705	2,691	2,509	2,427	1,962	1,615	1,198	670	372
4 years or more	2,863	2,655	2,641	2,539	2,382	2,420	2,460	2,399	2,150	1,953	2,030	1,968	1,527	1,327	683	436	219
Median	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.0	12.1	10.9	9.5	8.6	8.4	8.3

[1]Revised. Beginning with data for 1988, a new edit and tabulation package has been introduced.
[2]Controlled to 1980 Census base.
[3]Controlled to 1970 Census base.
[4]Total includes persons who did not report on years of school completed.

Source: 1970, 1975, and 1980 to 1985 March Current Population Survey, (noninstitutional population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in Barracks); 1960 Census of Population, 1950 Census Population, and 1940 Census of Population (resident population).