Table 17. Years of School Completed by Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1991

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1991	1990	1989	1988	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER														
Both Sexes														
Total	158,694	156,538	154,155	151,635	151,616	149,144	146,606	143,524	130,409	116,897	109,310	99,465	87,484	74,776
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	3,803	3,833	3,861	3,714	3,709	3,640	3,894	3,873	4,390	4,912	5,747	8,303	9,491	10,105
5 to 7 years	6,036	6,321	6,345	6,622	6,633	6,713	6,862	6,827	7,791	8,607	9,924	13,754	13,951	13,656
8 years	7,010	7,437	7,716	7,928	7,959	8,588	8,810	9,193	10,635	12,026	14,595	17,464	17,725	20,757
High school: 1 to 3 years	17,379	17,461	17,719	17,847	17,813	17,417	17,484	17,553	18,086	18,237	18,682	19,140	14,817	11,182
4 years	61,272	60,119	59,336	58,940	58,940	57,669	56,338	54,866	47,934	42,353	37,134	24,440	17,625	10,552
College: 1 to 3 years	29,170	28,075	26,614	25,799	25,783	25,479	24,729	23,405	19,379	14,518	11,164	8,747	6,246	4,075
4 years or more	34,026	33,291	32,565	30,787	30,779	29,637	28,489	27,808	22,193	16,244	12,062	7,617	5,272	3,407
Median	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.2	10.6	9.3	8.6
Male														
Total	75,487	74,421	73,225	71,911	71,941	70,677	69,503	67,756	61,389	55,036	51,784	47,997	42,627	37,463
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,018	2,004	1,956	1,852	1,855	1,794	1,978	1,947	2,212	2,568	3,031	4,522	5,074	5,550
5 to 7 years	2,925	3,138	3,114	3,268	3,272	3,261	3,286	3,391	3,663	4,148	4,884	7,022	7,004	7,008
8 years	3,374	3,419	3,545	3,581	3,600	3,998	4,160	4,238	4,964	5,612	7,041	8,540	8,848	10,631
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,887	8,000	8,076	8,247	8,217	7,909	7,872	7,783	8,046	7,985	8,355	8,988	6,974	5,333
4 years	27,189	26,426	25,897	25,638	25,674	24,998	24,260	23,552	20,080	17,769	15,571	10,175	7,511	4,507
College: 1 to 3 years	13,720	13,271	12,725	12,057	12,052	12,062	11,856	11,164	9,593	7,274	5,580	4,127	2,888	1,824
4 years or more	18,373	18,164	17,913	17,268	17,269	16,654	16,091	15,682	12,832	9,679	7,321	4,626	3,008	2,021
Median	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	10.3	9.0	8.6
Female														
Total	83,207	82,116	80,930	79,724	79,676	78,467	77,102	75,768	69,020	61,861	57,527	51,468	44,857	
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,784	1,829	1,904	1,862	1,855	1,846	1,916	1,926	2,178	2,344	2,716	3,781	4,417	4,554
5 to 7 years	3,111	3,183	3,231	3,353	3,361	3,452	3,576	3,435	4,129	4,458	5,041	6,732	6,947	6,648
8 years	3,636	4,017	4,171	4,347	4,359	4,590	4,650	4,955	5,671	6,413	7,554	8,924	8,877	10,125
High school: 1 to 3 years	9,491	9,462	9,643	9,599	9,596	9,508	9,612	9,770	10,040	10,252	10,327	10,151	7,843	5,849
4 years	34,083	33,693	33,440	33,303	33,266	32,671	32,078	31,314	27,854	24,584	21,563	14,267	10,114	6,044
College: 1 to 3 years	15,449	14,806	13,888	13,741	13,730	13,417	12,874	12,242	9,786	7,243	5,584	4,620	3,358	2,251
4 years or more	15,652	15,126	14,652	13,519	13,510	12,983	12,399	12,126	9,362	6,565	4,743	2,991	2,264	1,386
Median	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.3	12.1	10.9	9.6	8.7
25 to 34 YEARS OLD														
Both Sexes														
Total	42,905	43,240	43,240	42,953	42,970	42,635	42,053	40,858	36,615	30,092	24,865	22,821	23,626	21,339
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	465	505	446	430	442	390	387	362	362	313	329	709	1,147	1,377
5 to 7 years	682	738	712	689	697	720	698	614	705	755	800	1,689	2,385	3,123
8 years	640	675	640	619	619	640	661	714	719	889	1,137	2,049	2,923	4,553
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,178	4,041	4,013	4,095	4,078	3,995	3,797	3,703	3,571	3,743	4,251	5,135	5,050	4,553
4 years	17,503	17,635	17,901	17,887	17,889	17,539	17,311	16,748	14,481	12,544	10,929	8,166	7,660	4,702
College: 1 to 3 years	9,283	9,320	9,072	9,076	9,069	9,157	9,104	8,980	7,942	5,403	3,491	2,572	2,198	1,554
4 years or more	10,153	10,326	10,454	10,155	10,174	10,196	10,094	9,737	8,836	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	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.9	10.0
Male														
Total	21319	21,462	21,461	21,277	21,320	21,142	20,956	20,184	18,051	14,776	12,236	11,184	11,454	10,521
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	270	295	251	237	244	223	227	194	198	177	189	420	631	779
5 to 7 years	354	402	388	385	392	372	354	324	342	343	468	926	1,207	1,579
8 years	340	357	310	266	269	326	361	376	357	472	595	1,100	1,498	2,353
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,095	2,153	2,129	2,227	2,217	2,030	1,887	1,823	1,639	1,605	1,896	2,441	2,426	2,220
4 years	8,810	8,649	8,659	8,569	8,594	8,544	8,359	7,955	6,393	5,508	4,833	3,356	3,250	2,049
College: 1 to 3 years	4,441	4,392	4,391	4,273	4,278	4,384	4,488	4,433	4,166	2,915	1,842	1,316	1,117	692
4 years or more	5,009	5,215	5,335	5,319	5,326	5,263	5,279	5,080	4,957	3,757	2,412	1,624	538	744
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	13.1	12.9	12.6	12.2	11.5	9.7

Table 17. Years of School Completed by Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1991—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1991	1990	1989	1988	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Female														
Total	21,586	21,779	21,777	21,675	21,649	21,494	21,097	20,673	18,565	15,316	12,629	11,637	12,172	10,818
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	195	209	195	193	199	168	160	168	164	135	140	289	516	598
5 to 7 years	328	336	324	305	306	348	344	289	363	414	334	763	1,178	1,544
8 years	301	317	330	352	349	314	300	338	362	419	542	949	1,425	2,200
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,085	1,889	1,885	1,869	1,862	1,965	1,910	1,880	1,932	2,139	2,355	2,694	2,624	2,333
4 years	8,693	8,986	9,242	9,319	9,295	8,995	8,952	8,794	8,087	7,037	6,096	4,810	4,410	2,653
College: 1 to 3 years	4,841	4,927	4,681	4,801	4,790	4,772	4,616	4,547	3,777	2,489	1,648	1,256	1,081	862
4 years or more	5,143	5,112	5,119	4,836	4,850	4,932	4,813	4,657	3,879	2,686	1,512	875	714	544
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.2	12.1	10.3
35 TO 54 YEARS OLD														
Both sexes														
Total	64,351	62,499	60,494	58,555	58,477	56,650	55,170	53,697	48,124	46,193	46,319	44,742	38,432	
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	995	980	999	958	947	842	896	899	1,034	1,296	1,461	2,424	3,404	4,549
5 to 7 years	1,635	1,605	1,659	1,708	1,704	1,626	1,714	1,683	2,008	2,556	3,220	5,430	4,828	6,429
8 years	1,422	1,499	1,656	1,564	1,554	1,772	1,900	1,956	2,668	3,386	4,715	7,106	8,145	9,841
High school: 1 to 3 years	5,522	5,529	5,800	5,889	5,866	5,656	5,769	5,978	7,063	7,765	8,555	9,502	6,976	4,972
4 years	24,815	24,434	23,334	23,049	23,060	22,820	22,151	21,600	19,584	19,010	18,200	12,517	7,262	4,217
College: 1 to 3 years	13,348	12,553	11,627	11,017	11,007	10,523	10,110	9,217	6,943	5,673	4,875	4,123	2,878	1,836
4 years or more	16,614	15,899	15,417	14,369	14,340	13,409	12,629	12,363	8,822	6,506	5,294	3,639	2,516	1,540
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.4	12.3	11.3	9.7	8.6
Male														
Total	31,460	30,623	29,597	28,645	28,597	27,680	26,925	26,181	23,373	22,358	22,475	21,919	18,896	17,127
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	530	527	504	498	495	412	475	501	590	763	834	1,397	1,834	2,480
5 to 7 years	829	859	884	901	892	858	913	922	1,072	1,361	1,707	2,831	1,727	3,321
8 years	795	799	878	824	822	943	1,006	1,006	1,420	1,739	2,501	3,584	4,164	5,137
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,612	2,573	2,628	2,654	2,639	2,617	2,699	2,726	3,202	3,510	3,876	4,579	3,339	2,388
4 years	11,092	10,790	10,235	10,100	10,112	9,781	9,393	9,210	8,278	7,952	7,612	5,364	3,151	1,798
College: 1 to 3 years	6,430	6,169	5,719	5,327	5,315	5,173	5,013	4,502	3,442	2,879	2,555	1,957	1,271	819
4 years or more	9,169	8,905	8,749	8,340	8,321	7,895	7,426	7,314	5,370	4,153	3,390	2,206	1,403	917
Median	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.7	12.5	12.3	11.1	9.6	8.5
Female														
Total	32,891	31,876	30,898	29,908	29,881	28,969	28,244	27,516	24,751	23,835	23,845	22,823	19,536	16,178
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	464	454	498	462	453	430	420	398	444	533	629	1,027	1,570	2,070
5 to 7 years	804	747	774	808	812	768	801	761	938	1,195	1,513	2,599	3,101	3,108
8 years	627	701	778	739	731	830	893	949	1,248	1,647	2,215	3,522	3,981	4,704
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,910	2,955	3,171	3,234	3,227	3,039	3,071	3,252	3,862	4,256	4,679	4,923	3,637	2,584
4 years	13,723	13,643	13,099	12,949	12,948	13,038	12,759	12,391	11,307	11,058	10,588	7,153	4,111	2,419
College: 1 to 3 years	6,919	6,383	5,908	5,689	5,691	5,349	5,098	4,715	3,501	2,793	2,318	2,166	1,607	1,017
4 years or more	7,443	6,997	6,669	6,029	6,019	5,513	5,202	5,049	3,452	2,352	1,903	1,433	1,113	623
Median	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.3	11.6	9.7	8.7
55 YEARS AND OVER														
Both sexes														
Total	51,439	50,798	50,421	50,128	50,169	49,858	49,383	48,969	45,670	40,613	38,126	31,902	25,427	19,592
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,341	2,349	2,412	2,325	2,320	2,408	2,611	2,612	2,994	3,303	3,957	5,169	4,940	4,178
5 to 7 years	370	3,977	3,974	4,224	4,232	4,368	4,449	4,529	5,078	5,296	5,904	6,635	5,290	4,104
8 years	4,748	5,262	5,421	5,745	5,786	6,176	6,250	6,523	7,248	7,749	8,743	8,309	6,657	6,363
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,675	7,893	7,907	7,860	7,869	7,766	7,917	7,872	7,451	6,730	5,877	4,503	2,791	1,656
4 years	18,954	18,050	18,102	18,004	17,992	17,310	16,876	16,516	13,869	10,798	8,005	3,757	2,704	1,633
College: 1 to 3 years	6,540	6,202	5,914	5,705	5,708	5,799	5,515	5,208	4,494	3,442	2,797	2,051	1,170	685
4 years or more	7,258	7,064	6,693	6,263	6,264	6,033	5,767	5,708	4,535	3,295	2,843	1,479	1,005	579
Median	12.6	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.0	10.8	9.2	8.5	8.3	8.2

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(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1991	1990	1989	1988[1]	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Male														
Total	22,708	22,337	22,167	21,989	22,023	21,855	21,622	21,391	19,967	17,903	17,074	14,895	12,277	9,815
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,217	1,182	1,202	1,117	1,115	1,160	1,275	1,252	1,424	1,628	2,011	2,704	2,609	2,293
5 to 7 years	1,741	1,877	1,842	1,982	1,988	2,032	2,020	2,145	2,250	2,444	2,710	3,265	2,622	2,108
8 years	2,239	2,264	2,356	2,489	2,509	2,730	2,793	2,856	3,186	3,401	3,945	3,856	3,186	3,141
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,183	3,274	3,317	3,366	3,362	3,261	3,286	3,234	3,206	2,871	2,583	1,969	1,209	724
4 years	7,287	6,986	7,003	6,968	6,968	6,673	6,509	6,387	5,409	4,308	3,127	1,453	1,111	660
College: 1 to 3 years	2,850	2,707	2,616	2,455	2,459	2,504	2,355	2,229	1,986	1,480	1,182	853	500	313
4 years or more	4,193	4,046	3,829	3,609	3,622	3,496	3,385	3,289	2,506	1,768	1,516	796	569	361
Median	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	11.9	10.5	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.1
Female														
Total	28,729	28,461	28,255	28,139	28,147	28,004	27,762	27,578	25,703	22,710	21,052	17,007	13,150	9,777
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,125	1,167	1,211	1,208	1,205	1,248	1,336	1,360	1,571	1,675	1,946	2,465	2,331	1,886
5 to 7 years	1,979	2,099	2,132	2,242	2,243	2,336	2,430	2,385	2,828	2,850	3,195	3,370	2,668	1,996
8 years	2,708	2,999	3,063	3,256	3,279	3,446	3,456	3,667	4,061	4,348	4,798	4,453	3,471	3,221
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,495	4,619	4,587	4,495	4,507	4,504	4,630	4,638	4,245	3,858	3,292	2,534	1,582	932
4 years	11,667	11,063	11,099	11,034	11,023	10,637	10,367	10,129	8,460	6,490	4,879	2,304	1,593	973
College: 1 to 3 years	3,690	3,495	3,300	3,250	3,249	3,294	3,160	2,979	2,509	1,962	1,615	1,198	670	372
4 years or more	3,066	3,019	2,863	2,655	2,641	2,539	2,382	2,420	2,030	1,527	1,327	683	436	219
Median	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.0	10.9	9.5	8.6	8.4	8.3

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

Source: 1970, 1975, and 1980 to 1991 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).