Table 17. **Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1993**

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1993	1992[1]	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER															
Both Sexes															
Total	162,826	160,827	158,694	156,538	154,155	151,635	149,144	146,606	143,524	130,409	116,897	109,310	99,465	[2]87,484	[2]74,776
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	3,380	3,449	3,803	3,833	3,861	3,714	3,640	3,894	3,873	4,390	4,912	5,747	8,303	9,491	10,105
5 to 8 years	11,747	11,989	13,046	13,758	14,061	14,550	15,301	15,672	16,020	18,426	20,633	24,519	31,218	31,676	34,413
High school: 1 to 3 years	17,067	17,672	17,379	17,461	17,719	17,847	17,417	17,484	17,553	18,086	18,237	18,682	19,140	14,817	11,182
4 years	57,589	57,860	61,272	60,119	59,336	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	37,451	35,520	29,170	28,075	26,614	25,799	25,479	24,729	23,405	19,379	14,518	11,164	8,747	6,246	4,075
4 years or more	35,590	34,337	34,026	33,291	32,565	30,787	29,637	28,489	27,808	22,193	16,244	12,062	7,617	5,272	3,407
Median	(NA)	(NA)	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	77,644	76,579	75,487	74,421	73,225	71,911	70,677	69,503	67,756	61,389	55,036	51,784	47,997	[2]42,627	[2]37,463
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,709	1,737	2,018	2,004	1,956	1,852	1,794	1,978	1,947	2,212	2,568	3,031	4,522	5,074	5,550
5 to 8 years	5,594	5,726	6,299	6,557	6,659	6,849	7,259	7,446	7,629	8,627	9,760	11,925	15,562	15,852	17,639
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,821	8,085	7,887	8,000	8,076	8,247	7,909	7,872	7,783	8,046	7,985	8,355	8,988	6,974	5,333
4 years	25,766	25,774	27,189	26,426	25,897	25,638	24,998	24,260	23,552	20,080	17,769	15,571	10,175	7,511	4,507
College: 1 to 3 years	17,521	16,631	13,720	13,271	12,725	12,057	12,062	11,856	11,164	9,593	7,274	5,580	4,127	2,888	1,824
4 years or more	19,234	18,627	18,373	18,164	17,913	17,268	16,654	16,091	15,682	12,832	9,679	7,321	4,626	3,008	2,021
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	10.3	9.0	8.6
Female															
Total	85,181	84,248	83,207	82,116	80,930	79,724	78,467	77,102	75,768	69,020	61,861	57,527	51,468	[2]44,857	[2]37,313
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,672	1,712	1,784	1,829	1,904	1,862	1,846	1,916	1,926	2,178	2,344	2,716	3,781	4,417	4,554
5 to 8 years	6,154	6,263	6,747	7,200	7,402	7,700	8,042	8,226	8,390	9,800	10,871	12,595	15,656	15,824	16,773
High school: 1 to 3 years	9,246	9,587	9,491	9,462	9,643	9,599	9,508	9,612	9,770	10,040	10,252	10,327	10,151	7,843	5,849
4 years	31,823	32,086	34,083	33,693	33,440	33,303	32,671	32,078	31,314	27,854	24,584	21,563	14,267	10,114	6,044
College: 1 to 3 years	19,930	18,889	15,449	14,806	13,888	13,741	13,417	12,874	12,242	9,786	7,243	5,584	4,620	3,358	2,251
4 years or more	16,357	15,709	15,652	15,126	14,652	13,519	12,983	12,399	12,126	9,362	6,565	4,743	2,991	2,264	1,386
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.7	12.7	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	41,864	42,493	42,905	43,240	43,240	42,953	42,635	42,053	40,858	36,615	30,092	24,865	22,821	[2]23,626	[2]21,339
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	382	433	465	505	446	430	390	387	362	362	313	329	709	1,147	1,377
5 to 8 years	1,223	1,250	1,322	1,413	1,352	1,308	1,360	1,359	1,328	1,424	1,644	1,937	3,738	5,308	7,676
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,894	4,071	4,178	4,041	4,013	4,095	3,995	3,797	3,703	3,571	3,743	4,251	5,135	5,050	4,553
4 years	15,036	16,021	17,503	17,635	17,901	17,887	17,539	17,311	16,748	14,481	12,544	10,929	8,166	7,660	4,702
College: 1 to 3 years	11,361	10,860	9,283	9,320	9,072	9,076	9,157	9,104	8,980	7,942	5,403	3,491	2,572	2,198	1,554
4 years or more	9,968	9,861	10,153	10,326	10,454	10,155	10,196	10,094	9,737	8,836	6,443	3,926	2,499	1,252	1,288
Median	(NA)	(NA)	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	20,856	21,125	21319	21,462	21,461	21,277	21,142	20,956	20,184	18,051	14,776	12,236	11,184	[2]11,454	[2]10,521
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	237	231	270	295	251	237	223	227	194	198	177	189	420	631	779
5 to 8 years	679	682	694	759	698	651	698	715	700	699	815	1,063	2,026	2,705	3,932
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,986	2,057	2,095	2,153	2,129	2,227	2,030	1,887	1,823	1,639	1,605	1,896	2,441	2,426	2,220
4 years	7,604	8,113	8,810	8,649	8,659	8,569	8,544	8,359	7,955	6,393	5,508	4,833	3,356	3,250	2,049
College: 1 to 3 years	5,308	5,116	4,441	4,392	4,391	4,273	4,384	4,488	4,433	4,166	2,915	1,842	1,316	1,117	692
4 years or more	5,041	4,927	5,009	5,215	5,335	5,319	5,263	5,279	5,080	4,957	3,757	2,412	1,624	538	744
Median	(NA)	(NA)	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. **Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1993**—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1993	1992[1]	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Female															
Total	21,007	21,368	21,586	21,779	21,777	21,675	21,494	21,097	20,673	18,565	15,316	12,629	11,637	[2]12,172	[2]10,818
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	143	203	195	209	195	193	168	160	168	164	135	140	289	516	598
5 to 8 years	543	567	629	653	654	657	662	644	627	725	833	876	1,712	2,603	3,744
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,907	2,014	2,085	1,889	1,885	1,869	1,965	1,910	1,880	1,932	2,139	2,355	2,694	2,624	2,333
4 years	7,432	7,908	8,693	8,986	9,242	9,319	8,995	8,952	8,794	8,087	7,037	6,096	4,810	4,410	2,653
College: 1 to 3 years	6,054	5,744	4,841	4,927	4,681	4,801	4,772	4,616	4,547	3,777	2,489	1,648	1,256	1,081	862
4 years or more	4,928	4,933	5,143	5,112	5,119	4,836	4,932	4,813	4,657	3,879	2,686	1,512	875	714	544
Median	(NA)	(NA)	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	68,845	66,594	64,351	62,499	60,494	58,555	56,650	55,170	53,697	48,124	46,193	46,319	44,742	[2]38,432	[2]33,845
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	942	899	995	980	999	958	842	896	899	1,034	1,296	1,461	2,424	3,404	4,549
5 to 8 years	2,486	2,608	3,057	3,104	3,315	3,272	3,398	3,614	3,639	4,676	5,942	7,935	12,536	12,973	16,270
High school: 1 to 3 years	5,538	5,845	5,522	5,529	5,800	5,889	5,656	5,769	5,978	7,063	7,765	8,555	9,502	6,976	4,972
4 years	23,927	23,442	24,815	24,434	23,334	23,049	22,820	22,151	21,600	19,584	19,010	18,200	12,517	7,262	4,217
College: 1 to 3 years	17,984	16,658	13,348	12,553	11,627	11,017	10,523	10,110	9,217	6,943	5,673	4,875	4,123	2,878	1,836
4 years or more	17,970	17,144	16,614	15,899	15,417	14,369	13,409	12,629	12,363	8,822	6,506	5,294	3,639	2,516	1,540
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.4	12.3	11.3	9.7	8.6
Male															
Total	33,751	32,619	31,460	30,623	29,597	28,645	27,680	26,925	26,181	23,373	22,358	22,475	21,919	[2]18,896	[2]17,127
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	478	472	530	527	504	498	412	475	501	590	763	834	1,397	1,834	2,480
5 to 8 years	1,316	1,368	1,624	1,658	1,762	1,725	1,801	1,919	1,928	2,492	3,100	4,208	6,415	5,891	8,458
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,660	2,750	2,612	2,573	2,628	2,654	2,617	2,699	2,726	3,202	3,510	3,876	4,579	3,339	2,388
4 years	10,983	10,670	11,092	10,790	10,235	10,100	9,781	9,393	9,210	8,278	7,952	7,612	5,364	3,151	1,798
College: 1 to 3 years	9,120	7,968	6,430	6,169	5,719	5,327	5,173	5,013	4,502	3,442	2,879	2,555	1,957	1,271	819
4 years or more	9,101	9,389	9,169	8,905	8,749	8,340	7,895	7,426	7,314	5,370	4,153	3,390	2,206	1,403	917
Median	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.7	12.5	12.3	11.1	9.6	8.5
Female															
Total	35,093	33,975	32,891	31,876	30,898	29,908	28,969	28,244	27,516	24,751	23,835	23,845	22,823	[2]19,536	[2]16,178
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	462	427	464	454	498	462	430	420	398	444	533	629	1,027	1,570	2,070
5 to 8 years	1,169	1,240	1,431	1,448	1,552	1,547	1,598	1,694	1,710	2,186	2,842	3,728	6,121	7,082	7,812
High school: 1 to 3 years	2,877	3,096	2,910	2,955	3,171	3,234	3,039	3,071	3,252	3,862	4,256	4,679	4,923	3,637	2,584
4 years	12,944	12,770	13,723	13,643	13,099	12,949	13,038	12,759	12,391	11,307	11,058	10,588	7,153	4,111	2,419
College: 1 to 3 years	9,358	8,687	6,919	6,383	5,908	5,689	5,349	5,098	4,715	3,501	2,793	2,318	2,166	1,607	1,017
4 years or more	8,283	7,756	7,443	6,997	6,669	6,029	5,513	5,202	5,049	3,452	2,352	1,903	1,433	1,113	623
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	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	52,117	51,740	51,439	50,798	50,421	50,128	49,858	49,383	48,969	45,670	40,613	38,126	31,902	[2]25,427	[2]19,592
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,058	2,118	2,341	2,349	2,412	2,325	2,408	2,611	2,612	2,994	3,303	3,957	5,169	4,940	4,178
5 to 8 years	8,038	8,133	5,118	9,239	9,395	9,969	10,544	10,699	11,052	12,326	13,045	14,647	14,944	11,947	10,467
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,637	7,756	7,675	7,893	7,907	7,860	7,766	7,917	7,872	7,451	6,730	5,877	4,503	2,791	1,656
4 years	18,626	18,397	18,954	18,050	18,102	18,004	17,310	16,876	16,516	13,869	10,798	8,005	3,757	2,704	1,633
College: 1 to 3 years	8,106	8,005	6,540	6,202	5,914	5,705	5,799	5,515	5,208	4,494	3,442	2,797	2,051	1,170	685
4 years or more	7,652	7,332	7,258	7,064	6,693	6,263	6,033	5,767	5,708	4,535	3,295	2,843	1,479	1,005	579
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.6	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	1993	1992[1]	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1980	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
Male															
Total	23,038	22,836	22,708	22,337	22,167	21,989	21,855	21,622	21,391	19,967	17,903	17,074	14,895	[2]12,277	[2]9,815
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	992	1,033	1,217	1,182	1,202	1,117	1,160	1,275	1,252	1,424	1,628	2,011	2,704	2,609	2,293
5 to 8 years	3,595	3,676	3,980	4,141	4,198	4,471	4,762	4,813	5,001	5,436	5,845	6,655	7,121	5,808	5,249
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,174	3,277	3,183	3,274	3,317	3,366	3,261	3,286	3,234	3,206	2,871	2,583	1,969	1,209	724
4 years	7,178	6,991	7,287	6,986	7,003	6,968	6,673	6,509	6,387	5,409	4,308	3,127	1,453	1,111	660
College: 1 to 3 years	3,587	3,549	2,850	2,707	2,616	2,455	2,504	2,355	2,229	1,986	1,480	1,182	853	500	313
4 years or more	4,508	4,312	4,193	4,046	3,829	3,609	3,496	3,385	3,289	2,506	1,768	1,516	796	569	361
Median	(NA)	(NA)	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	11.9	10.5	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.1
Female															
Total	29,080	28,904	28,729	28,461	28,255	28,139	28,004	27,762	27,578	25,703	22,710	21,052	17,007	[2]13,150	[2]9,777
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,066	1,084	1,125	1,167	1,211	1,208	1,248	1,336	1,360	1,571	1,675	1,946	2,465	2,331	1,886
5 to 8 years	4,442	4,456	4,687	5,098	5,195	5,498	5,782	5,886	6,052	6,889	7,198	7,993	7,823	6,139	5,217
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,462	4,478	4,495	4,619	4,587	4,495	4,504	4,630	4,638	4,245	3,858	3,292	2,534	1,582	932
4 years	11,447	11,409	11,667	11,063	11,099	11,034	10,637	10,367	10,129	8,460	6,490	4,879	2,304	1,593	973
College: 1 to 3 years	4,519	4,455	3,690	3,495	3,300	3,250	3,294	3,160	2,979	2,509	1,962	1,615	1,198	670	372
4 years or more	3,149	3,021	3,066	3,019	2,863	2,655	2,539	2,382	2,420	2,030	1,527	1,327	683	436	219
Median	(NA)	(NA)	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

[1]Begining with data for 1992, a new question results in different categories than for earlier years. Data shown as 'High School, 4 years' is now collected by the category 'High School Graduate'. Data shown as 'College 1 to 3 years', is now collected by 'Some College'; and two 'Associate degree' categories. Data shown as 'College 4 years or more', is now collected by the categories, 'Bachelor's degree; Master's degree'; 'Doctorate degree'; and 'Professional degree'. Due to the change in question format, median years of schooling can not be derived.

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

Source: 1970, 1975, and 1980 to 1993 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).