

**Table 14.—Educational attainment of persons 25 years old and over, for the 15 largest metropolitan areas, by sex:  
March 2000**

| Metropolitan area   | Number of persons 25 years old and over (in thousands) |       |        | Percent high school completion or higher |            |            | Percent completed bachelor's or higher degree |            |            |
|---|--|-------|--------|--|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
|   | Total  | Male  | Female | Total                                    | Male       | Female     | Total   | Male       | Female     |
| 1   | 2  | 3     | 4      | 5  | 6          | 7          | 8   | 9          | 10         |
| Atlanta, GA, MSA .....  | 2,620  | 1,257 | 1,363  | 89.0 (1.2)                               | 89.4 (1.7) | 88.7 (1.6) | 31.4 (1.8)                                    | 35.0 (2.6) | 28.1 (2.4) |
| Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA/NH/<br>ME/CT, CMSA .....            | 3,823  | 1,851 | 1,972  | 85.3 (0.8)                               | 85.4 (1.2) | 85.2 (1.2) | 34.4 (1.1)                                    | 37.7 (1.6) | 31.2 (1.5) |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha,<br>IL/IN/WI, CMSA .....                     | 5,274  | 2,522 | 2,751  | 85.2 (0.8)                               | 84.8 (1.2) | 85.6 (1.1) | 30.7 (1.0)                                    | 32.6 (1.5) | 28.9 (1.4) |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH, CMSA .....                                   | 2,020  | 935   | 1,085  | 89.6 (1.0)                               | 90.3 (1.5) | 89.0 (1.5) | 28.7 (1.6)                                    | 33.0 (2.4) | 24.9 (2.0) |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, CMSA .....                                 | 3,251  | 1,592 | 1,659  | 85.6 (1.1)                               | 84.9 (1.6) | 86.2 (1.5) | 30.7 (1.4)                                    | 32.3 (2.1) | 29.2 (1.9) |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, CMSA .....                           | 3,623  | 1,757 | 1,866  | 85.4 (0.9)                               | 86.0 (1.2) | 84.7 (1.3) | 26.2 (1.1)                                    | 30.6 (1.6) | 22.1 (1.5) |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria,<br>TX, CMSA .....                     | 2,786  | 1,373 | 1,413  | 79.1 (1.5)                               | 79.1 (2.0) | 79.1 (2.0) | 25.7 (1.5)                                    | 28.0 (2.2) | 23.4 (2.1) |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange<br>County, CA, CMSA .....            | 9,754  | 4,737 | 5,017  | 77.9 (0.7)                               | 78.7 (0.9) | 77.1 (0.9) | 25.6 (0.7)                                    | 28.7 (1.0) | 22.6 (0.9) |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL, CMSA .....                             | 2,495  | 1,186 | 1,309  | 81.7 (1.2)                               | 80.8 (1.7) | 82.6 (1.6) | 25.1 (1.3)                                    | 28.3 (1.9) | 22.1 (1.7) |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-<br>Long Island, NY/NJ/CT/PA, CMSA   | 13,406   | 6,113 | 7,293  | 83.4 (0.4)                               | 85.1 (0.6) | 81.9 (0.6) | 32.6 (0.5)                                    | 35.9 (0.9) | 29.7 (0.7) |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,<br>PA/NJ/DE/MD, CMSA ..... | 4,015  | 1,850 | 2,165  | 86.4 (0.8)                               | 86.2 (1.2) | 86.5 (1.0) | 27.8 (1.0)                                    | 32.4 (1.5) | 23.9 (1.3) |
| Pittsburgh, PA, MSA .....   | 1,537  | 694   | 843    | 87.5 (1.3)                               | 87.3 (1.9) | 87.6 (1.7) | 24.2 (1.6)                                    | 28.1 (2.6) | 20.9 (2.1) |
| St. Louis, MO/IL, MSA .....                                       | 1,683  | 811   | 873    | 85.5 (1.6)                               | 84.5 (2.3) | 86.5 (2.1) | 24.5 (1.9)                                    | 26.3 (2.8) | 22.8 (2.6) |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose,<br>CA, CMSA .....                 | 4,759  | 2,318 | 2,440  | 88.9 (0.9)                               | 89.1 (1.2) | 88.6 (1.2) | 37.3 (1.3)                                    | 38.4 (1.8) | 36.2 (1.8) |
| Washington-Baltimore,<br>DC/MD/VA/WV, CMSA .....                  | 4,938  | 2,381 | 2,557  | 87.8 (0.7)                               | 88.8 (1.0) | 86.9 (1.0) | 37.2 (1.1)                                    | 40.6 (1.6) | 34.0 (1.5) |

NOTE: CMSA=Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area.MSA=Metropolitan Statistical Area. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

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