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Completions

Educational Attainment

The percentages of 25- to 29-year-olds who have completed high school, some college, or a bachelor's degree or higher have increased since 1971, but disparities in attainment among racial/ethnic groups remain.

In 2001, 88 percent of all 25- to 29-year-olds had completed high school with a diploma or high school equivalency certificate. Although this represents an increase since 1971, the high school completion rate has been at least 85 percent since the mid-1970s.

In 1971, Blacks were considerably less likely than Whites to have completed high school (59 versus 82 percent). Although Blacks have narrowed the gap, their high school completion rate was still below that of Whites in 2001 (87 versus 93 percent). The high school completion rate for Hispanics also increased between 1971 and 2001 (from 48 to 63 percent), but Hispanics, unlike Blacks, have not made progress in closing the gap with Whites (see supplemental table 25-1).

In 1971, 34 percent of 25- to 29-year-olds had completed some college. The rate for completing some college increased during the 1970s, leveled off during the 1980s, and then increased again. This overall upward trend reflects the increased propensity of high school graduates to enroll in college immediately after high

school (*indicator 20*). By 2001, 58 percent of all 25- to 29-year-olds had completed some college, with Whites (65 percent) more likely than Blacks (51 percent) or Hispanics (32 percent) to have done so. The percentage completing some college increased between 1971 and 2001 for each racial/ethnic group, but less for Hispanics than for Whites or Blacks (see supplemental table 25-2).

Twenty-nine percent of 25- to 29-year-olds had at least a bachelor's degree in 2001, up from 17 percent in 1971. The rate for completing a bachelor's degree or higher was roughly half the rate for completing some college throughout this period. Although the percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher increased for all three racial/ethnic groups, the Black and Hispanic gaps with Whites widened slightly. Until the early 1980s, women aged 25–29 were less likely than their male counterparts to have a bachelor's or higher degree, but that difference has disappeared. In 2001, women were more likely than men to have graduated (see supplemental table 25-3).

HIGH SCHOOL: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2001



NOTE: "High school completers" also includes those with higher levels of education, and "some college" also includes those with a bachelor's degree or higher. The questions about educational attainment were reworded in 1992. Before then, "some college" meant 1 or more years; beginning in 1992, it meant any college at all. In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights for undercounted populations were adjusted. See *Supplemental Note 2* for further discussion.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

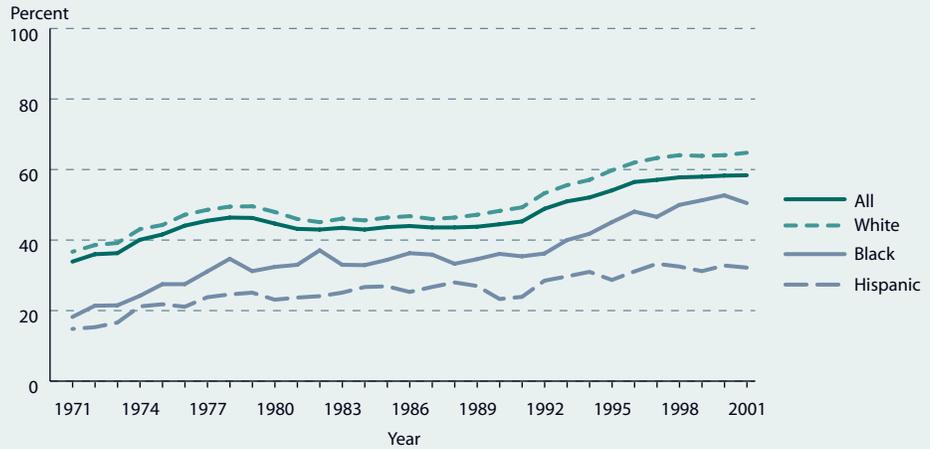
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SOME COLLEGE: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with at least some college, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2001



BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER: Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2001



NOTE: "High school completers" also includes those with higher levels of education, and "some college" also includes those with a bachelor's degree or higher. The questions about educational attainment were reworded in 1992. Before then, "some college" meant 1 or more years; beginning in 1992, it meant any college at all. In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights for undercounted populations were adjusted. See *Supplemental Note 2* for further discussion.

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Table 25-1 Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All*			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	77.7	79.1	76.5	81.7	83.0	80.5	58.8	56.7	60.5	48.3	51.3	45.7
1972	79.8	80.5	79.2	83.4	84.1	82.7	64.1	61.7	66.0	47.6	47.1	47.9
1973	80.2	80.6	79.8	84.0	84.2	83.9	64.1	63.2	64.9	52.3	54.2	50.6
1974	81.9	83.1	80.8	85.5	86.0	85.0	68.4	71.5	65.8	54.1	55.9	52.5
1975	83.1	84.5	81.7	86.6	88.0	85.2	71.1	72.3	70.1	53.1	52.2	53.9
1976	84.7	86.0	83.5	87.7	89.0	86.4	74.0	72.8	74.9	58.1	57.6	58.4
1977	85.4	86.6	84.2	88.6	89.2	88.0	74.5	77.5	72.0	58.0	61.9	54.6
1978	85.3	86.0	84.6	88.5	88.8	88.2	77.4	78.7	76.3	56.5	58.5	54.6
1979	85.6	86.3	84.9	89.2	89.8	88.5	74.7	74.0	75.3	57.1	55.5	58.6
1980	85.4	85.4	85.5	89.2	89.1	89.2	76.7	74.8	78.3	57.9	57.0	58.8
1981	86.3	86.5	86.1	89.8	89.7	89.9	77.6	78.8	76.6	59.8	59.1	60.4
1982	86.2	86.3	86.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	81.0	80.4	81.5	61.0	60.6	61.2
1983	86.0	86.0	86.0	89.3	89.3	89.3	79.5	79.0	79.9	58.4	57.8	58.9
1984	85.9	85.6	86.3	89.4	89.4	89.4	79.1	75.9	81.7	58.6	56.7	60.1
1985	86.2	85.9	86.4	89.5	89.2	89.9	80.5	80.6	80.5	61.0	58.6	63.1
1986	86.1	85.9	86.4	89.6	88.7	90.4	83.5	86.4	81.0	59.1	58.2	60.0
1987	86.0	85.5	86.4	89.4	88.9	90.0	83.5	84.5	82.6	59.8	58.6	61.0
1988	85.9	84.7	87.1	89.7	88.4	90.9	80.9	80.9	80.9	62.3	59.9	64.8
1989	85.5	84.4	86.5	89.3	88.2	90.4	82.3	80.5	83.8	61.0	61.0	61.1
1990	85.7	84.4	87.0	90.1	88.6	91.6	81.8	81.4	82.0	58.2	56.6	59.9
1991	85.4	84.9	85.8	89.8	89.2	90.5	81.8	83.6	80.1	56.7	56.4	57.2
1992	86.3	86.1	86.5	90.6	90.3	91.1	80.9	82.7	79.3	60.9	61.1	60.6
1993	86.7	86.0	87.4	91.2	90.7	91.8	82.7	84.8	80.8	60.9	58.2	63.9
1994	86.1	84.5	87.6	91.1	90.0	92.3	84.1	82.8	85.3	60.3	58.0	63.0
1995	86.9	86.3	87.4	92.5	92.0	93.0	86.8	88.4	85.3	57.2	55.7	58.7
1996	87.3	86.5	88.1	92.6	92.0	93.1	86.0	87.9	84.5	61.1	59.7	62.9
1997	87.4	85.8	88.9	92.9	91.7	94.0	86.9	85.8	87.8	61.8	59.2	64.8
1998	88.1	86.6	89.6	93.6	92.5	94.6	88.2	88.4	88.1	62.8	59.9	66.3
1999	87.8	86.1	89.5	93.0	91.9	94.1	88.7	88.2	89.2	61.6	57.4	65.9
2000	88.1	86.7	89.4	94.0	92.9	95.2	86.8	87.6	86.3	62.8	59.2	66.4
2001	87.7	86.8	88.6	93.3	93.0	93.6	87.0	87.5	86.7	63.2	59.5	67.2

*Included in the totals but not shown separately are other racial/ethnic categories. See *Supplemental Note 1* for more information on the racial/ethnic categories.

NOTE: "High school completers" also includes those with higher levels of education. The Current Population Survey (CPS) questions used to obtain educational attainment were changed in 1992. In 1994, the survey instrument for the CPS was changed and weights were adjusted. See *Supplemental Note 2* for further discussion.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

Educational Attainment

Table 25-2 Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with some college, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All*			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	33.9	38.5	29.4	36.7	41.7	31.8	18.2	16.5	19.5	14.8	19.6	10.4
1972	36.0	40.8	31.3	38.6	44.0	33.3	21.4	19.5	22.9	15.3	17.5	13.6
1973	36.3	41.4	31.4	39.2	44.6	33.7	21.5	21.2	21.7	16.6	21.4	12.4
1974	40.1	44.7	35.6	43.1	47.8	38.4	24.2	26.4	22.4	21.2	24.7	18.1
1975	41.6	47.4	36.0	44.3	50.4	38.3	27.5	29.6	25.8	21.8	26.3	17.6
1976	44.1	50.1	38.4	47.2	53.5	41.0	27.5	29.5	26.0	21.1	24.4	18.2
1977	45.5	50.3	40.8	48.6	53.4	43.7	31.1	34.3	28.5	23.8	26.4	21.6
1978	46.4	51.0	41.9	49.5	54.6	44.4	34.7	35.6	33.9	24.6	27.6	21.9
1979	46.3	49.8	42.9	49.6	53.3	45.9	31.2	30.1	32.0	25.1	28.1	22.2
1980	44.7	47.6	41.9	48.0	51.1	44.9	32.4	32.6	32.3	23.1	25.9	20.4
1981	43.2	45.7	40.9	46.0	48.5	43.5	33.0	33.8	32.3	23.7	24.6	22.8
1982	43.0	44.5	41.6	45.1	46.6	43.7	37.1	38.1	36.3	24.1	24.6	23.7
1983	43.5	44.8	42.2	46.1	47.7	44.4	33.0	33.2	32.9	25.1	23.7	26.3
1984	43.0	43.6	42.5	45.6	46.2	45.0	32.9	31.6	34.0	26.7	27.0	26.4
1985	43.7	44.2	43.3	46.4	46.8	46.0	34.4	34.2	34.5	26.9	26.9	27.1
1986	44.0	44.1	43.8	46.8	46.9	46.8	36.3	35.9	36.6	25.3	24.9	25.8
1987	43.6	43.1	44.1	46.0	45.7	46.2	35.9	32.4	38.8	26.7	27.1	26.3
1988	43.6	43.7	43.6	46.4	46.4	46.5	33.3	34.7	32.1	28.0	26.5	29.6
1989	43.8	43.9	43.7	47.2	47.1	47.2	34.6	34.0	35.1	27.0	27.3	26.8
1990	44.5	43.7	45.3	48.3	47.3	49.3	36.1	35.0	36.9	23.3	22.9	23.9
1991	45.3	44.4	46.2	49.3	48.8	49.9	35.4	32.0	38.2	23.9	23.1	24.8
1992	48.9	48.2	49.6	53.3	52.6	53.9	36.2	35.0	37.2	28.5	27.2	30.1
1993	51.0	49.5	52.6	55.6	54.7	56.6	40.0	37.0	42.4	29.7	26.9	33.2
1994	52.1	49.8	54.3	57.1	54.9	59.3	41.8	40.3	42.9	31.0	28.0	34.7
1995	54.1	52.3	55.8	59.8	57.5	62.0	45.1	45.3	44.8	28.7	26.8	31.0
1996	56.5	54.5	58.5	62.0	60.3	63.7	48.1	47.9	48.3	31.1	28.0	35.0
1997	57.1	54.9	59.4	63.3	61.3	65.3	46.6	43.0	49.6	33.3	30.7	36.4
1998	57.8	54.6	61.0	64.1	61.3	66.9	50.0	46.8	52.6	32.5	29.3	36.3
1999	58.0	54.7	61.3	63.9	60.7	67.0	51.3	45.9	55.6	31.2	27.4	35.0
2000	58.3	55.1	61.5	64.1	60.5	67.7	52.7	50.3	54.5	32.8	29.0	36.6
2001	58.4	54.4	62.5	64.8	60.5	69.1	50.5	46.7	53.6	32.2	28.3	36.3

*Included in the totals but not shown separately are other racial/ethnic categories. See *Supplemental Note 1* for more information on the racial/ethnic categories.

NOTE: "Some college" also includes those with a bachelor's degree or higher. The Current Population Survey (CPS) questions used to obtain educational attainment were changed in 1992. In 1994, the survey instrument for the CPS was changed and weights were adjusted. See *Supplemental Note 2* for further discussion.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

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Table 25-3 Percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All*			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	17.1	20.4	13.8	18.9	22.4	15.4	6.7	6.9	6.6	5.1	7.9	2.7
1972	19.0	22.0	16.0	20.8	24.1	17.5	8.4	7.1	9.5	3.7	4.5	3.0
1973	19.0	21.6	16.4	20.8	23.8	17.9	8.2	7.2	9.0	5.6	6.7	4.9
1974	20.7	23.9	17.6	23.2	26.7	19.7	7.9	8.8	7.2	5.5	5.0	5.9
1975	21.9	25.1	18.7	23.8	27.3	20.2	10.5	11.1	10.0	8.8	10.3	7.2
1976	23.7	27.5	20.1	25.7	29.8	21.6	13.0	12.0	13.9	7.4	10.3	4.8
1977	24.0	27.0	21.1	26.4	29.8	23.1	12.6	12.8	12.5	6.7	7.0	6.4
1978	23.3	26.0	20.6	25.6	28.9	22.3	11.7	10.7	12.6	9.7	9.6	9.8
1979	23.1	25.8	20.5	25.5	28.4	22.6	12.4	13.1	11.8	7.4	7.9	6.7
1980	22.5	24.0	21.0	25.0	26.8	23.2	11.5	10.5	12.4	7.7	8.5	7.0
1981	21.3	23.1	19.6	23.6	25.5	21.7	11.6	12.1	11.1	7.5	8.5	6.6
1982	21.7	23.3	20.2	23.8	25.7	21.9	12.6	11.7	13.4	9.7	10.8	8.7
1983	22.5	23.9	21.1	24.5	26.2	22.7	12.9	13.1	12.7	10.4	9.7	11.1
1984	21.9	23.2	20.7	24.1	25.5	22.7	11.7	12.9	10.6	10.6	9.6	11.5
1985	22.2	23.1	21.3	24.4	25.5	23.3	11.6	10.4	12.6	11.1	10.9	11.2
1986	22.4	22.9	21.9	25.2	25.8	24.5	11.8	10.3	13.2	9.0	9.0	9.1
1987	22.0	22.3	21.8	24.6	24.9	24.4	11.5	11.9	11.2	8.7	9.2	8.2
1988	22.7	23.4	21.9	25.1	25.7	24.5	12.0	12.4	11.7	11.3	11.9	10.6
1989	23.4	23.9	22.9	26.3	26.9	25.8	12.6	12.1	13.1	10.1	9.6	10.5
1990	23.2	23.7	22.8	26.4	26.6	26.2	13.4	15.2	11.9	8.2	7.3	9.1
1991	23.2	23.0	23.4	26.7	26.5	26.9	11.0	11.5	10.5	9.2	8.1	10.4
1992	23.6	23.2	24.0	27.1	26.6	27.7	11.1	11.7	10.5	9.5	8.8	10.3
1993	23.7	23.4	23.9	27.2	27.2	27.1	13.3	12.6	13.9	8.3	7.1	9.8
1994	23.2	22.5	24.0	27.1	26.8	27.4	13.6	11.6	15.2	8.0	6.6	9.8
1995	24.7	24.5	24.9	28.8	28.4	29.3	15.4	17.4	13.7	8.9	7.8	10.1
1996	27.1	26.1	28.2	31.6	30.9	32.3	14.6	12.2	16.6	10.0	10.2	9.8
1997	27.8	26.3	29.3	32.6	31.2	34.0	14.2	11.8	16.3	11.0	9.5	12.7
1998	27.3	25.7	29.0	32.3	30.5	34.2	15.8	14.3	17.0	10.4	9.5	11.4
1999	28.2	26.8	29.5	33.6	32.0	35.1	15.0	13.1	16.5	8.9	7.5	10.4
2000	29.1	27.9	30.1	34.0	32.3	35.8	17.9	18.3	17.4	9.6	8.3	11.0
2001	28.7	26.2	31.1	33.0	29.7	36.3	17.9	17.9	17.8	11.1	9.1	13.2

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Table S25 Standard errors for percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, at least some college, and a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity: March 1971–2001

March	High school completion				At least some college				Bachelor's degree or higher			
	All	White	Black	Hispanic	All	White	Black	Hispanic	All	White	Black	Hispanic
1971	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.9	0.6	0.6	1.7	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.3
1972	0.5	0.5	2.1	2.9	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.1	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.1
1973	0.5	0.5	2.0	2.6	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.9	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.2
1974	0.4	0.4	1.9	2.5	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1
1975	0.4	0.4	1.8	2.5	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.4
1976	0.4	0.4	1.7	2.5	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.3
1977	0.4	0.4	1.7	2.5	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.2	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.3
1978	0.4	0.4	1.6	2.3	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.4
1979	0.4	0.4	1.6	2.3	0.5	0.6	1.7	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.2
1980	0.4	0.4	1.5	2.2	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2
1981	0.4	0.3	1.5	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.1
1982	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.3
1983	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.2	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.3
1984	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.3
1985	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.4
1986	0.4	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2
1987	0.4	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.1
1988	0.4	0.4	1.5	2.3	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.5
1989	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.4
1990	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.0	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.1
1991	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.0	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.2
1992	0.4	0.4	1.4	2.0	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.8	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.2
1993	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.9	0.6	0.7	1.8	1.8	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.1
1994	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.7
1995	0.4	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.7
1996	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.8
1997	0.4	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.8
1998	0.4	0.3	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.8
1999	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.7
2000	0.4	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.7
2001	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.8

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

Educational Attainment

Table S25-1 Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds who completed high school, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	2.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	4.3	3.9
1972	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	2.1	3.2	2.8	2.9	4.3	4.0
1973	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	3.8	3.5
1974	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.6	3.4
1975	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.4
1976	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.4
1977	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.4
1978	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	3.3	3.2
1979	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.3	3.4	3.2
1980	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.1	3.0
1981	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.9
1982	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.1	3.1	2.9
1983	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.2	3.1	3.0
1984	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.2	1.8	2.1	3.0	2.9
1985	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.1	3.1	2.9
1986	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.9	2.9
1987	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.8
1988	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.5	2.2	2.0	2.3	3.2	3.2
1989	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.2	3.1	3.2
1990	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.7	2.8
1991	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.8	2.9
1992	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.9
1993	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.8
1994	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.8
1995	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.8
1996	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.9
1997	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.8
1998	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.8
1999	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.8
2000	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.7
2001	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.7

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

Educational Attainment

Table S25-2 Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with some college, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.4	2.4
1972	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	2.5	2.1	3.3	2.7
1973	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.9	3.1	2.3
1974	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.0	3.1	2.6
1975	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.8	2.8	2.4	2.0	3.1	2.6
1976	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.0	3.2	2.7
1977	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.2	3.3	2.8
1978	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.8	2.4	2.0	3.0	2.7
1979	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	2.6	2.4	2.0	3.1	2.7
1980	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.5
1981	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.5	2.2	1.8	2.6	2.4
1982	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.7	2.6
1983	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.7
1984	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.6
1985	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.8	2.7
1986	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	2.4	2.3	1.8	2.5	2.6
1987	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	2.5	2.5
1988	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.9	3.1
1989	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.8	2.9
1990	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.7	2.3	2.5
1991	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.5
1992	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.4	2.7
1993	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.4	2.7
1994	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.3	2.1	1.2	1.5	1.8
1995	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.3	2.1	1.1	1.6	1.7
1996	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.9
1997	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.8
1998	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.8
1999	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.8
2000	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.7
2001	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.8

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.

Educational Attainment

Table S25-3 Standard errors for the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, by race/ethnicity and sex: March 1971–2000

March	All			White			Black			Hispanic		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.3
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.4
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.5
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.6
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.8
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.3	2.2	1.5
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.7
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.9
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.6
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.6
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.4
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.7
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.9
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.9
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.9
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.7
1971	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.6	1.6
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.1	2.1
1971	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.9	2.0
1971	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.7
1971	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.8
1992	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.8
1993	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.7
1994	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.8	1.1
1995	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.1
1996	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.2
1997	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.3
1998	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.7	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.2
1999	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.7	1.6	0.7	1.0	1.1
2000	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.0	1.1
2001	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.8	1.0	1.2

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. March Current Population Surveys, 1971–2001.