

Indicator 26. Reported High School Program

Percent of high school seniors who reported being in various high school programs: 1982 and 1992

Student and school characteristics	General		College preparatory or academic		Vocational	
	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992
All seniors	35.2	45.3	37.9	43.0	26.9	11.7
Male	38.1	46.3	36.8	41.8	25.1	11.9
Female	32.4	44.2	38.9	44.2	28.7	11.6
Race/ethnicity						
White	34.8	43.3	40.6	45.7	24.6	11.0
Black	35.1	48.9	33.3	35.6	31.6	15.4
Hispanic	37.4	56.4	24.9	30.6	37.7	13.1
Asian	27.5	40.3	55.9	50.9	16.6	8.8
American Indian	55.3	60.8	19.1	22.6	25.6	16.7
Test performance quartile						
Lowest test quartile	42.0	—	12.3	—	45.6	—
Second test quartile	44.6	—	20.5	—	34.9	—
Third test quartile	37.9	—	37.6	—	24.5	—
Highest test quartile	18.9	—	73.1	—	8.0	—
Socioeconomic status ¹						
Low quartile	40.3	55.6	20.5	23.2	39.2	21.2
Middle two quartiles	36.2	46.0	36.4	40.9	27.4	13.1
High quartile	27.4	36.2	60.1	60.8	12.5	3.0
Control of school						
Public	36.7	47.1	34.5	40.0	28.8	12.9
Catholic	21.9	24.4	67.4	73.5	10.7	2.2
Other private	22.1	33.1	67.6	65.9	10.3	1.0
Location of school						
Urban	32.2	43.3	37.4	45.5	30.4	11.2
Suburban	33.6	45.5	41.4	44.6	25.0	9.8
Rural/nonmetropolitan area	39.6	46.5	32.6	38.6	27.9	14.9

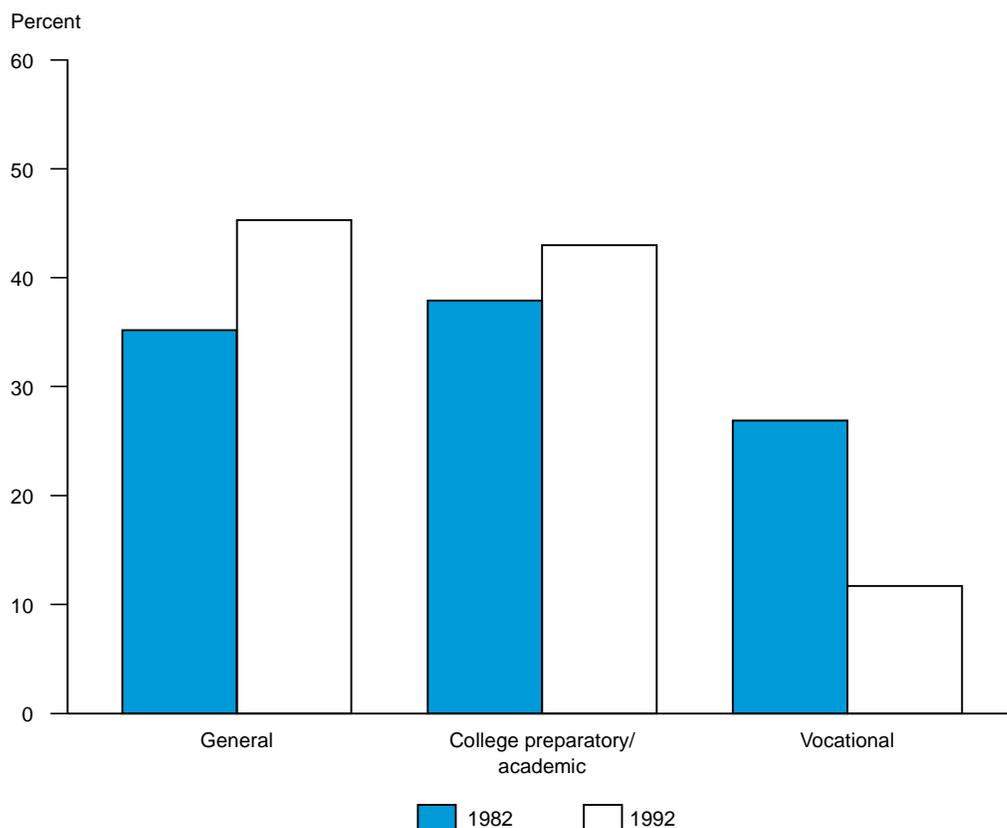
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¹ Socioeconomic status was measured by a composite score on parental education and occupations, and family income. The "Low" SES group is the lowest quartile; the "Middle" SES group is the middle two quartiles; and the "High" SES group is the upper quartile.

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More white and Hispanic seniors reported being in college preparatory or academic programs in 1992 than in 1982. During the same period, the proportion of seniors in vocational education declined from 27 percent to 12 percent. The proportion in general programs rose from 35 percent to 45 percent.