

Indicator 28. School Completion

Percent of 25- to 29-year-olds completing high school and college, by age and race/ethnicity: 1940 to 1995

Year	Highest level of education completed				
	Less than 4 years of high school	Completed high school			
		Total	4 years of high school only	4 years of high school and some college	4 or more years of college
All races					
1940	61.9	38.1	—	—	5.9
1950	47.2	52.8	—	—	7.7
1960	39.3	60.7	37.5	12.2	11.0
1970	24.6	75.4	44.1	14.9	16.4
1980	14.6	85.4	40.7	22.2	22.5
1990	14.3	85.7	41.2	21.3	23.2
1992	13.7	86.3	37.4	25.3	23.6
1993	13.3	86.7	35.7	27.4	23.7
1994	13.9	86.1	34.0	28.8	23.3
1995	13.2	86.9	32.8	29.4	24.7
White¹					
1940	58.8	41.2	—	—	6.4
1950	43.7	56.3	—	—	8.2
1960	36.3	63.7	39.1	12.8	11.8
1970	22.2	77.8	45.0	15.5	17.3
1980	13.1	86.9	40.7	22.5	23.7
1990	13.7	86.3	41.0	21.1	24.2
1992	12.9	87.1	36.8	25.3	25.0
1993	12.7	87.3	35.0	27.5	24.7
1994	13.5	86.5	33.3	29.0	24.2
1995	12.6	87.4	32.0	29.4	26.0
Black¹					
1940 ²	87.7	12.3	—	—	1.6
1950 ²	76.4	23.6	—	—	2.8
1960 ²	61.4	38.6	25.5	7.7	5.4
1970	43.8	56.2	39.0	9.9	7.3
1980	23.1	76.9	44.1	21.1	11.7
1990	18.4	81.6	45.7	22.6	13.4
1992	19.1	80.9	44.7	24.9	11.3
1993	17.3	82.7	42.5	27.0	13.2
1994	15.9	84.1	42.2	28.2	13.7
1995	13.5	86.5	41.7	29.6	15.3
Hispanic³					
1980	42.1	57.9	34.8	15.4	7.7
1990	41.9	58.1	34.8	15.2	8.2
1992	39.1	60.9	32.3	19.1	9.5
1993	39.1	60.9	31.2	21.4	8.3
1994	39.7	60.3	29.3	23.0	8.0
1995	42.9	57.1	28.4	19.9	8.9

—Data not available.

¹ Includes Hispanics.

² Includes other races.

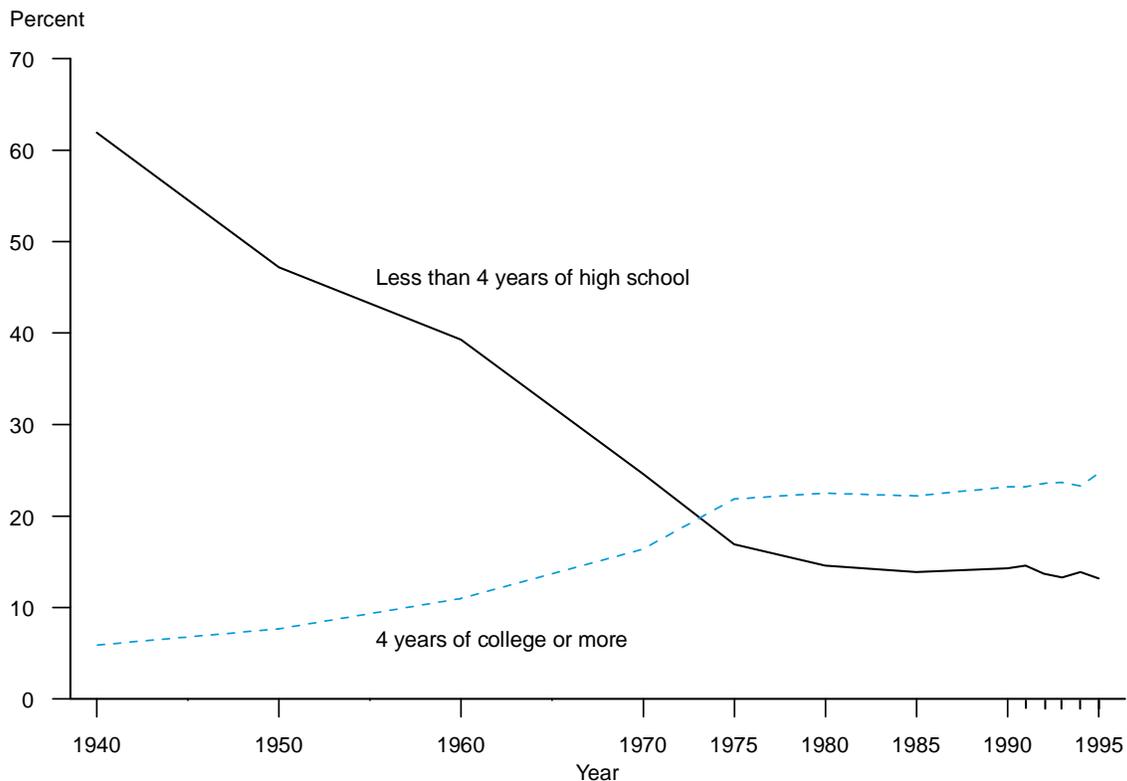
³ Hispanics may be of any race.

NOTE: Because of rounding, percentages may not total 100 percent.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *1960 Census of Population*, vol. 1, part 1; Current Population Reports, Series P-20, *Educational Attainment in the United States*, various years; and unpublished data.

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Young adults have completed more and more years of education over the past decades, but increases in educational attainment since 1975 have been small. The proportion of blacks completing high school has risen significantly. The proportion of 25- to 29-year-old blacks who had completed high school rose from 77 percent in 1980 to 87 percent in 1995. Hispanics complete less schooling than other groups; 9 percent completed 4 or more years of college in 1995 compared with 26 percent of whites.