

Indicator 60. Educational Aspirations

Percent of seniors who plan to go to college after graduation and educational aspirations, by selected characteristics: 1982 and 1992

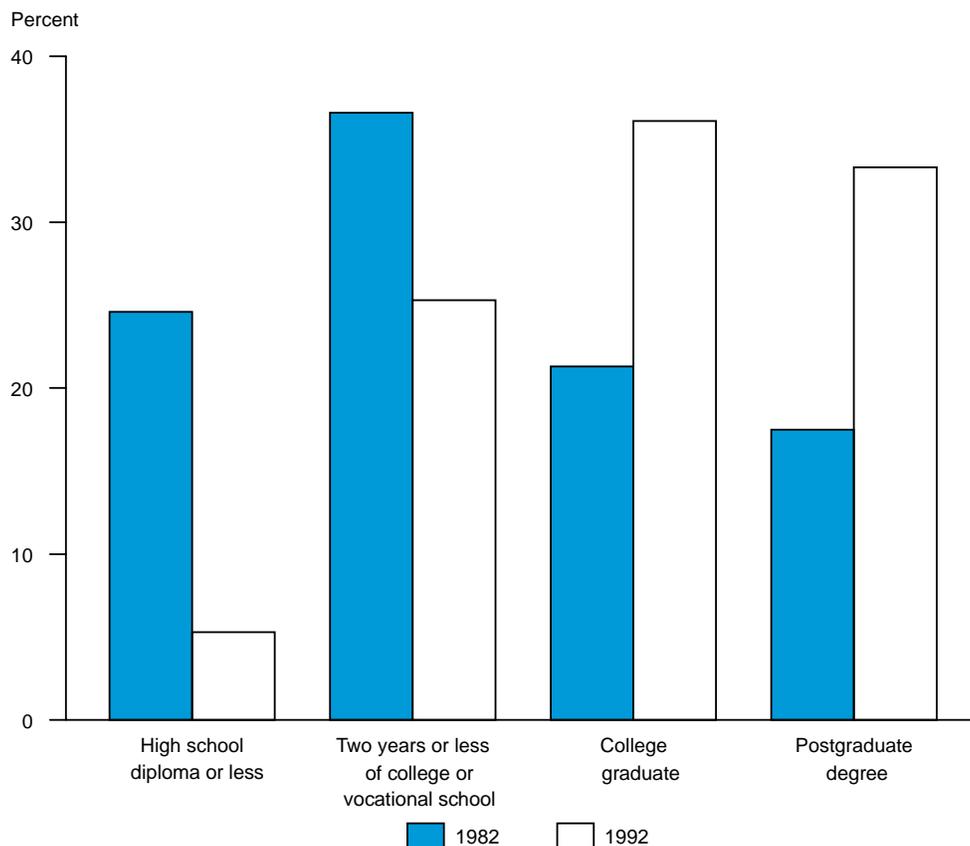
Student and school characteristics	Planned timing of postsecondary attendance						Level of educational aspiration							
	Right after high school		A year or more after graduation		No or don't know		High school diploma or less		Two years or less of college or vocational school		College graduate		Post-graduate degree	
	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992	1982	1992
All seniors	58.3	76.6	11.0	14.8	30.6	8.6	24.6	5.3	36.6	25.3	21.3	36.1	17.5	33.3
Male	53.4	73.0	10.6	16.0	35.9	11.2	28.2	6.7	34.0	26.0	20.5	36.2	17.3	31.1
Female	63.0	80.1	11.4	13.8	25.8	6.1	21.1	3.9	39.2	24.5	22.0	36.2	17.8	35.4
Race/ethnicity														
White	60.2	76.6	10.4	15.2	29.5	8.4	22.7	5.4	35.6	25.1	23.4	37.3	18.3	32.3
Black	57.5	75.2	13.9	14.4	28.7	10.6	25.3	4.7	40.7	23.5	17.1	34.0	16.9	37.9
Hispanic	45.6	75.4	13.3	15.4	41.1	9.4	35.4	6.3	39.8	31.3	13.3	31.6	11.5	30.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	81.7	83.4	7.7	11.0	10.9	5.7	11.8	2.9	28.4	19.1	23.5	35.7	36.4	42.3
American Indian/Alaskan Native	48.5	65.7	12.3	20.8	39.3	13.5	31.2	9.2	45.2	30.0	12.1	25.8	11.5	35.0
Test performance quartile														
Lowest	32.8	59.3	13.6	18.5	53.6	22.3	45.3	13.4	42.7	47.8	6.4	20.8	5.6	18.0
Second	45.2	71.2	12.6	18.7	42.3	10.1	33.7	6.9	45.5	38.8	13.1	33.2	7.7	21.2
Third	61.9	81.2	11.7	14.0	26.4	4.8	19.0	3.4	40.3	21.5	26.0	44.0	14.7	31.1
Highest	85.4	90.9	7.1	7.4	7.6	1.8	6.6	0.9	20.5	6.1	35.1	38.7	37.9	54.3
Socioeconomic status ¹														
Low	38.3	60.3	13.4	22.3	48.3	17.5	40.9	11.5	40.5	41.1	11.6	27.1	6.9	20.2
Middle	56.6	74.6	12.2	16.5	31.2	8.9	23.1	5.4	41.3	28.7	21.1	38.7	14.4	27.2
High	82.8	91.1	6.5	6.5	10.7	2.6	9.0	1.3	23.6	9.4	32.1	37.4	35.3	51.9
Control of school														
Public	56.0	74.8	11.4	15.9	32.5	9.3	26.1	5.8	37.7	27.1	20.2	35.3	16.1	31.9
Catholic	80.0	93.0	6.5	5.0	13.6	2.1	12.0	0.7	26.7	10.1	32.5	47.7	28.8	41.5
Other private	77.3	92.0	8.9	3.6	13.8	4.4	11.1	1.5	28.1	7.9	27.2	37.4	33.6	53.2

¹ Socioeconomic status was measured by a composite score on parental education and occupation, 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.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "High School and Beyond," First Followup survey; and "National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988," Second Followup survey.

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Percent of high school seniors aspiring to various levels of education: 1982 and 1992



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The hopes for the future of high school seniors included more education in 1992 than in 1982. In 1992, 69 percent said that they hoped to graduate from college as compared with 39 percent in 1982. Moreover, 33 percent said they hoped to get a postgraduate degree as compared with 18 percent in 1982. The proportion of minority students aspiring for postgraduate degrees was about the same or higher as for whites.