

**Table 13.—Educational attainment of persons 25 years old and over, for the 25 largest states: March 1998**

State	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
Alabama .....	2,857	1,322	1,535	78.8 (1.9)	81.5 (2.7)	76.4 (2.7)	20.6 (1.9)	23.9 (2.9)	17.9 (2.4)
Arizona .....	2,824	1,373	1,451	81.9 (1.9)	83.1 (2.6)	80.8 (2.7)	21.9 (2.0)	26.9 (3.1)	17.0 (2.6)
California .....	20,401	10,048	10,353	80.1 (0.8)	80.1 (1.2)	80.0 (1.2)	26.4 (0.9)	28.2 (1.3)	24.6 (1.2)
Florida .....	9,990	4,778	5,212	81.9 (1.0)	82.4 (1.4)	81.5 (1.4)	22.5 (1.1)	25.2 (1.6)	20.1 (1.5)
Georgia .....	4,699	2,204	2,494	80.0 (1.8)	80.3 (2.6)	79.8 (2.5)	20.7 (1.8)	21.1 (2.7)	20.4 (2.5)
Illinois .....	7,517	3,548	3,969	84.2 (1.1)	83.6 (1.6)	84.7 (1.4)	25.8 (1.3)	29.0 (1.9)	22.9 (1.7)
Indiana .....	3,642	1,740	1,903	83.5 (1.9)	84.4 (2.6)	82.7 (2.6)	17.7 (1.9)	18.5 (2.8)	16.9 (2.6)
Kentucky .....	2,501	1,166	1,335	77.9 (2.1)	76.3 (3.1)	79.3 (2.7)	20.1 (2.0)	21.8 (3.0)	18.6 (2.6)
Louisiana .....	2,781	1,345	1,436	78.6 (2.0)	78.3 (2.8)	79.0 (2.7)	19.5 (1.9)	21.2 (2.8)	17.9 (2.6)
Maryland .....	3,398	1,599	1,799	84.7 (2.0)	82.7 (3.0)	86.4 (2.6)	31.8 (2.5)	33.8 (3.8)	30.1 (3.4)
Massachusetts .....	4,043	1,948	2,095	85.6 (1.3)	85.6 (1.9)	85.7 (1.8)	31.0 (1.7)	33.2 (2.5)	28.9 (2.3)
Michigan .....	6,136	2,919	3,217	85.4 (1.1)	84.7 (1.6)	86.1 (1.5)	22.1 (1.3)	23.2 (1.9)	21.2 (1.8)
Minnesota .....	2,981	1,424	1,557	89.4 (1.5)	88.9 (2.2)	89.9 (2.0)	31.0 (2.2)	34.0 (3.3)	28.3 (3.0)
Missouri .....	3,438	1,618	1,820	82.9 (1.9)	83.3 (2.8)	82.5 (2.7)	22.4 (2.1)	22.9 (3.1)	22.0 (2.9)
New Jersey .....	5,239	2,458	2,781	86.5 (1.1)	86.9 (1.6)	86.2 (1.5)	30.1 (1.4)	32.9 (2.2)	27.7 (1.9)
New York .....	11,775	5,462	6,313	81.5 (0.9)	82.3 (1.3)	80.8 (1.2)	26.8 (1.0)	28.6 (1.5)	25.2 (1.4)
North Carolina .....	4,843	2,316	2,527	81.4 (1.5)	79.7 (2.3)	82.9 (2.0)	23.3 (1.6)	24.9 (2.4)	21.8 (2.2)
Ohio .....	7,235	3,400	3,835	86.2 (1.0)	86.3 (1.5)	86.2 (1.4)	21.5 (1.2)	24.7 (1.9)	18.6 (1.6)
Pennsylvania .....	8,002	3,788	4,214	84.1 (1.0)	84.2 (1.5)	84.1 (1.4)	22.1 (1.2)	24.9 (1.8)	19.6 (1.5)
South Carolina .....	2,403	1,119	1,284	78.6 (2.3)	78.7 (3.3)	78.4 (3.1)	21.3 (2.3)	24.4 (3.5)	18.6 (3.0)
Tennessee .....	3,561	1,692	1,870	76.9 (2.1)	76.1 (3.1)	77.6 (2.9)	16.9 (1.9)	19.2 (2.9)	14.7 (2.5)
Texas .....	11,906	5,734	6,171	78.3 (1.0)	78.4 (1.5)	78.2 (1.4)	23.3 (1.1)	25.5 (1.6)	21.2 (1.4)
Virginia .....	4,482	2,159	2,323	82.6 (1.8)	82.1 (2.6)	83.2 (2.5)	30.3 (2.2)	35.1 (3.3)	25.8 (2.9)
Washington .....	3,740	1,849	1,891	92.0 (1.5)	91.3 (2.2)	92.7 (2.0)	28.1 (2.4)	28.5 (3.5)	27.7 (3.4)
Wisconsin .....	3,405	1,675	1,729	88.0 (1.5)	88.5 (2.2)	87.4 (2.2)	22.3 (2.0)	23.1 (2.9)	21.5 (2.7)

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

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