

# Population Characteristics

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## MEN WITH COLLEGE DEGREES: MARCH 1967

(Advance data, March 1967 survey)

There were about 6.4 million men in the United States who held college degrees in the spring of 1967. This number includes 4.2 million whose highest degree is a bachelor's degree, 1.1 million with the master's degree as their highest degree, and the remaining 1.1 million holding a doctorate or professional degree. These data were collected by the Bureau of the Census in the Current Population Survey of March 1967 and by a followup questionnaire to the men who had completed 4 years of college or more. The survey data include detailed information on male college graduates and on the colleges they attended.

More men hold their highest degree in business and commerce than in any other field. This is also true for those whose highest degree is a bachelor's degree. Education, on the other hand, was the most likely field of specialization of the men whose highest degree was a master's degree and the professions of law and health clearly predominate among the holders of "other" degrees.

According to a ranking of colleges based on the average aptitude of entering freshmen, earnings are significantly higher for men who graduated from high ranking colleges. Median earnings in 1966 for all men who graduated from low rank colleges were \$7,881, while the median for those who graduated from the high rank colleges was \$11,678, a difference of \$3,797. Earnings also varied by level of highest degree received. Holders of doctorates or professional degrees had median earnings in 1966 that were 42 percent higher than the median earnings for those with bachelor's degrees.

Table 1.--MALE COLLEGE GRADUATES, BY HIGHEST DEGREE AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: MARCH 1967

(Numbers in thousands)

Age	Total	Highest degree		
		Bachelor	Master	Other
Total.....	6,352	4,206	1,079	1,067
Under 25 years.....	474	438	31	4
25 to 29 years.....	983	734	146	104
30 to 34 years.....	939	637	190	112
35 to 39 years.....	1,021	626	217	179
40 to 44 years.....	887	573	149	166
45 to 49 years.....	629	382	112	135
50 to 54 years.....	439	277	72	90
55 to 59 years.....	323	186	56	81
60 to 64 years.....	308	161	64	84
65 years and over...	349	193	43	113
Median age...years..	38.8	37.4	39.0	44.1

Data on men who had received more than one degree are presented according to the highest degree only. The degrees are ranked as bachelor's, master's, or "other." "Other" is the highest category and includes doctor's degrees, law degrees, and divinity degrees. The data on rank of college were obtained as a part of the "Project Talent" survey of high school seniors conducted by the University of Pittsburgh under the sponsorship of the U.S. Office of Education.

The figures in this report for March 1967 are sample survey data and relate to the population of

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the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Inmates of institutions are included in the sample. Members of the Armed Forces living off post, or with their families on post, are included, but all other members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Since the figures presented in this report are based on sample data, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a com-

plete census. The sampling variation may be relatively large for small numbers. (See Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 158, for approximate level of sampling variability.)

A more complete statement on the variability due to sampling, as well as more detailed information about male college graduates, will be issued in a later report in this series.

**Table 2.--MALE COLLEGE GRADUATES BY HIGHEST DEGREE AND FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES: MARCH 1967**

(Numbers in thousands)

Field of specialization	Total	Highest degree			Percent distribution			
		Bachelor	Master	Other	Total	Highest degree		
						Bachelor	Master	Other
Total.....	6,352	4,206	1,079	1,067	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Biological sciences.....	285	221	42	22	4.5	5.2	3.9	2.1
Business and commerce.....	1,171	1,008	163	-	18.4	24.0	15.1	-
Education.....	976	590	356	30	15.4	14.0	33.0	2.8
Engineering.....	1,000	825	145	29	15.7	19.6	13.4	2.7
Health professions.....	477	96	10	372	7.5	2.3	0.9	34.9
Humanities.....	380	275	81	24	6.0	6.5	7.5	2.3
Law.....	406	14	-	392	6.4	0.3	-	36.8
Physical sciences.....	533	381	111	42	8.4	9.1	10.3	3.9
Religion.....	142	29	7	106	2.2	0.7	0.7	9.9
Social sciences.....	679	549	100	31	10.7	13.1	9.2	2.9
Other fields.....	178	152	24	2	2.8	3.6	2.2	0.2
Not reported.....	126	67	41	18	2.0	1.6	3.8	1.6

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

**Table 3.--MALE COLLEGE GRADUATES, BY DETAILED FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION OF HIGHEST DEGREE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: MARCH 1967**

(Numbers in thousands)

Detailed field of specialization	Number	Percent	Detailed field of specialization	Number	Percent
Total.....	6,352	100.0	Humanities.....	380	6.0
Biological sciences.....	285	4.5	English and journalism.....	174	2.7
Agriculture.....	136	2.1	Speech and drama.....	31	0.5
Zoology.....	16	0.2	Foreign languages and literatures..	53	0.8
Forestry.....	16	0.3	Philosophy.....	47	0.7
All other biological sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	117	1.8	All other fine and applied arts <sup>1</sup> ...	74	1.2
Business and commerce.....	1,171	18.4	Law.....	406	6.4
Accounting.....	236	3.7	Physical sciences.....	533	8.4
All other business and commerce <sup>1</sup> ...	935	14.7	Mathematical subjects.....	124	2.0
Education.....	976	15.4	Chemistry.....	223	3.5
Elementary education.....	24	0.4	Physics.....	93	1.5
Educational administration.....	75	1.2	Geology.....	38	0.6
Industrial arts (educational).....	37	0.6	All other physical sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	55	0.9
Physical education.....	58	0.9	Religion.....	142	2.2
All other education <sup>1</sup> .....	781	12.3	Theology.....	110	1.7
Engineering.....	1,000	15.7	All other religion <sup>1</sup> .....	32	0.5
Civil engineering.....	111	1.7	Social sciences.....	679	10.7
Electrical engineering.....	173	2.7	Psychology.....	95	1.5
Mechanical engineering.....	188	3.0	Economics.....	174	2.7
All other engineering <sup>1</sup> .....	528	8.3	History.....	158	2.5
Health professions.....	477	7.5	Political science.....	61	1.0
Dentistry (D.D.S. and D.M.D.).....	93	1.5	Sociology.....	55	0.9
Medicine--M.D.....	235	3.7	All other social sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	136	2.1
Pharmacy.....	80	1.3	Other fields.....	178	2.8
All other health professions <sup>1</sup> .....	69	1.1	Architecture.....	54	0.8
			All other.....	124	2.0
			Not reported.....	126	2.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes not specified.

Table 4.--EARNINGS OF MALE COLLEGE GRADUATES, BY HIGHEST DEGREE, AND RANK OF COLLEGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: MARCH 1967

(Numbers in thousands)

Highest degree and rank of college	Total	Earnings in 1966											Median earnings
		No earnings	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$19,999	\$20,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 and over	
All Degrees													
All ranks.....	6,352	309	527	414	879	1,446	1,615	599	248	217	77	20	\$9,489
Low.....	1,269	42	131	115	267	344	273	48	23	23	2	2	\$7,881
Medium.....	3,222	131	243	175	428	763	891	305	139	105	38	6	\$9,752
High.....	1,278	97	103	59	86	233	328	183	75	74	29	12	\$11,678
Not available....	582	40	51	65	98	107	123	63	12	16	8	-	\$8,598
Bachelor													
All ranks.....	4,206	203	372	289	622	1,029	1,091	317	145	91	31	18	\$9,096
Low.....	986	30	112	92	215	271	206	27	17	13	-	2	\$7,641
Medium.....	2,183	85	173	134	315	551	602	172	79	46	21	6	\$9,324
High.....	797	73	65	41	48	149	225	98	47	32	8	10	\$11,305
Not available....	240	15	22	22	43	57	57	20	2	-	2	-	\$8,362
Master													
All ranks.....	1,079	48	84	42	152	305	299	94	27	27	-	2	\$9,339
Low.....	206	11	12	16	41	66	48	9	2	2	-	-	\$8,327
Medium.....	557	21	46	14	81	158	167	45	15	10	-	-	\$9,407
High.....	256	10	19	8	20	68	71	33	10	16	-	2	\$10,555
Not available....	60	6	7	4	10	12	13	6	-	-	-	-	(B)
Other													
All ranks.....	1,067	58	71	83	106	113	226	188	76	99	46	-	\$12,900
Low.....	76	1	6	7	11	6	19	12	4	8	2	-	(B)
Medium.....	482	25	24	27	32	54	122	88	45	50	17	-	\$13,785
High.....	226	14	18	10	18	16	32	52	18	26	21	-	\$16,087
Not available....	283	18	23	39	45	38	52	36	10	16	6	-	\$9,041
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION													
All Degrees													
All ranks.....	100.0	4.9	8.3	6.5	13.8	22.8	25.4	9.4	3.9	3.4	1.2	0.3	(X)
Low.....	100.0	3.3	10.3	9.1	21.0	27.1	21.5	3.8	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.2	(X)
Medium.....	100.0	4.1	7.5	5.4	13.3	23.7	27.7	9.4	4.3	3.3	1.2	0.2	(X)
High.....	100.0	7.6	8.0	4.6	6.7	18.2	25.7	14.3	5.8	5.8	2.3	0.9	(X)
Not available....	100.0	6.9	8.8	11.1	16.8	18.4	21.1	10.8	2.0	2.7	1.4	-	(X)
Bachelor													
All ranks.....	100.0	4.8	8.8	6.9	14.8	24.5	25.9	7.5	3.4	2.2	0.7	0.4	(X)
Low.....	100.0	3.0	11.4	9.3	21.8	27.5	20.9	2.7	1.8	1.3	-	0.2	(X)
Medium.....	100.0	3.9	7.9	6.1	14.4	25.2	27.6	7.9	3.6	2.1	1.0	0.3	(X)
High.....	100.0	9.1	8.2	5.2	6.1	18.7	28.2	12.3	5.9	4.1	1.1	1.2	(X)
Not available....	100.0	6.3	9.0	9.1	17.9	23.7	23.8	8.5	0.7	-	0.7	-	(X)
Master													
All ranks.....	100.0	4.4	7.8	3.9	14.1	28.2	27.7	8.7	2.5	2.5	-	0.2	(X)
Low.....	100.0	5.2	6.0	7.6	19.6	32.1	23.1	4.6	1.0	0.9	-	-	(X)
Medium.....	100.0	3.7	8.3	2.6	14.6	28.3	30.0	8.1	2.7	1.7	-	-	(X)
High.....	100.0	4.0	7.5	3.1	7.7	26.6	27.6	12.8	3.8	6.1	-	0.8	(X)
Not available....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	-	-	-	-	(X)
Other													
All ranks.....	100.0	5.5	6.6	7.8	9.9	10.6	21.1	17.7	7.1	9.3	4.3	-	(X)
Low.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	-	(X)
Medium.....	100.0	5.2	4.9	5.5	6.7	11.2	25.3	18.2	9.3	10.3	3.5	-	(X)
High.....	100.0	6.1	8.2	4.6	8.0	6.9	14.2	23.1	7.9	11.4	9.3	-	(X)
Not available....	100.0	6.5	8.1	13.8	15.8	13.4	18.5	12.8	3.4	5.5	2.2	-	(X)

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B Base less than 100,000.

X Not applicable.