Table 11. Years of School Completed by Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: April 1940 to March 1981

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1981	[1]1980	[2]1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER												
Both Sexes												
Total	132,899	130,409	127,882	125,295	123,019	120,870	118,848	116,897	109,310	99,465	[3]87,484	[3]74,776
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	4,359	4,390	4,287	4,324	4,445	4,509	4,601	4,912	5,747	8,303	9,491	10,105
5 to 7 years	7,663	7,791	7,595	7,773	8,212	8,343	8,440	8,607	9,924	13,754	13,951	13,656
8 years	10,205	10,635	10,469	10,731	11,097	11,224	11,472	12,026	14,595	17,464	17,725	20,757
High school: 1 to 3 years	18,041	18,086	17,793	17,579	18,175	18,318	18,204	18,237	18,682	19,140	14,817	11,182
4 years	49,915	47,934	47,117	45,915	44,381	43,602	43,157	42,353	37,134	24,440	17,625	10,552
College: 1 to 3 years	20,043	19,379	18,924	18,393	17,379	16,247	15,477	14,518	11,164	8,747	6,246	4,075
4 years or more	22,674	22,193	21,697	20,579	19,332	18,627	17,496	16,244	12,062	7,617	5,272	3,407
Median	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.2	10.6	9.3	8.6
Male												
Total	62,509	61,389	60,257	58,986	57,922	56,917	55,902	55,036	51,784	47,997	[3]42,627	[3]37,463
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,142	2,212	2,175	2,190	2,230	2,296	2,371	2,568	3,031	4,522	5,074	5,550
5 to 7 years	3,607	3,663	3,588	3,736	3,998	3,980	4,138	4,148	4,884	7,022	7,004	7,008
8 years	4,715	4,964	4,908	5,049	5,197	5,350	5,325	5,612	7,041	8,540	8,848	10,631
High school: 1 to 3 years	8,085	8,046	7,928	7,636	7,821	7,969	7,923	7,985	8,355	8,988	6,974	5,333
4 years	21,019	20,080	19,743	19,250	18,620	18,290	18,048	17,769	15,571	10,173	7,511	4,507
College: 1 to 3 years	9,734	9,593	9,362	9,100	8,657	8,104	7,699	7,274	5,580	4,127	2,888	1,824
4 years or more	13,208	12,832	12,555	12,025	11,398	10,926	10,397	9,679	7,321	4,626	3,008	2,021
Median	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.2	10.3	9.0	8.6
Female												
Total	70,390	69,020	67,624	66,309	65,097	63,953	62,946	61,861	57,527	51,468	[3]44,857	[3]37,313
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,217	2,178	2,113	2,133	2,214	2,213	2,230	2,344	2,716	3,781	4,417	4,554
5 to 7 years	4,056	4,129	4,007	4,038	4,214	4,362	4,302	4,458	5,041	6,732	6,947	6,648
8 years	5,490	5,671	5,560	5,682	5,900	5,874	6,147	6,413	7,554	8,924	8,877	10,125
High school: 1 to 3 years	9,957	10,040	9,865	9,945	10,353	10,349	10,281	10,252	10,327	10,151	7,843	5,849
4 years	28,896	27,854	27,375	26,665	25,761	25,312	25,109	24,584	21,563	14,267	10,114	6,044
College: 1 to 3 years	10,308	9,786	9,562	9,293	8,721	8,142	7,779	7,243	5,584	4,620	3,358	2,251
4 years or more	9,466	9,362	9,144	8,554	7,934	7,701	7,098	6,565	4,743	2,991	2,264	1,386
Median	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.1	10.9	9.6	8.7
25 TO 34 YEARS OLD												
Both Sexes												
Total	37,828	36,615	35,264	34,053	33,120	32,284	31,148	30,092	24,865	22,821	[3]23,626	[3]21,339
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	336	362	339	370	325	269	247	313	329	709	1,147	1,377
5 to 7 years	689	705	660	672	689	667	726	755	800	1,689	2,385	3,123
8 years	740	719	686	709	770	716	782	889	1,137	2,049	2,923	4,553
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,666	3,571	3,415	3,452	3,515	3,715	3,619	3,743	4,251	5,135	5,050	4,553
4 years	15,419	14,481	13,998	13,338	12,993	12,845	12,920	12,544	10,929	8,166	7,660	4,702
College: 1 to 3 years	8,197	7,942	7,651	7,415	7,008	6,398	5,813	5,403	3,491	2,572	2,198	1,554
4 years or more	8,782	8,836	8,515	8,096	7,821	7,676	7,041	6,443	3,926	2,499	1,252	1,288
Median	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.9	10.0
Male												
Total	18,625	18,051	17,346	16,719	16,263	15,863	15,266	14,776	12,236	11,184	[3]11,454	[3]10,521
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	176	198	184	197	154	134	134	177	189	420	631	779
5 to 7 years	359	342	317	319	336	329	373	343	468	926	1,207	1,579
8 years	373	357	338	376	381	343	351	472	595	1,100	1,498	2,353
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,679	1,639	1,558	1,476	1,526	1,625	1,566	1,605	1,896	2,441	2,426	2,220
4 years	6,991	6,393	6,158	5,852	5,701	5,634	5,672	5,508	4,833	3,356	3,250	2,049
College: 1 to 3 years	4,185	4,166	4,010	3,862	3,698	3,403	3,085	2,915	1,842	1,316	1,117	692
4 years or more	4,863	4,957	4,781	4,637	4,471	4,396	4,087	3,757	2,412	1,624	538	744
Median	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.6	12.2	11.5	9.7
Female												
Total	19,203	18,565	17,918	17,334	16,857	16,421	15,882	15,316	12,629	11,637	[3]12,172	[3]10,818
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	160	164	155	173	172	136	112	135	140	289	516	598
5 to 7 years	330	363	343	352	354	337	353	414	334	763	1,178	1,544
8 years	368	362	348	333	388	373	431	419	542	949	1,425	2,200
High school: 1 to 3 years	1,986	1,932	1,857	1,977	1,989	2,088	2,054	2,139	2,355	2,694	2,624	2,333
4 years	8,427	8,087	7,840	7,486	7,292	7,212	7,248	7,037	6,096	4,810	4,410	2,653
College: 1 to 3 years	4,013	3,777	3,640	3,553	3,311	2,995	2,731	2,489	1,648	1,256	1,081	862
4 years or more	3,918	3,879	3,733	3,460	3,351	3,280	2,954	2,686	1,512	875	714	544
Median	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.2	12.1	10.3

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Table 11. Years of School Completed by Persons 25 Years Old and Over, by Age and Sex: April 1940 to March 1981—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed, sex and age	1981	[1]1980	[2]1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1970	1960	1950	1940
35 TO 54 YEARS OLD												
Both Sexes												
Total	48,679	48,124	47,971	47,437	46,921	46,409	46,271	46,193	46,319	44,742	[3]38,432	[3]33,845
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,039	1,034	1,006	1,030	1,107	1,192	1,245	1,296	1,461	2,424	3,404	4,549
5 to 7 years	2,004	2,008	1,984	2,132	2,402	2,402	2,486	2,556	3,220	5,430	4,828	6,429
8 years	2,526	2,668	2,660	2,763	2,860	3,043	3,243	3,386	4,715	7,106	8,145	9,841
High school: 1 to 3 years	6,774	7,063	7,066	7,132	7,590	7,781	7,671	7,765	8,555	9,502	6,976	4,972
4 years	20,032	19,584	19,575	19,488	19,012	18,781	18,893	19,010	18,200	12,517	7,262	4,217
College: 1 to 3 years	7,124	6,943	6,911	6,655	6,286	6,013	5,957	5,673	4,875	4,123	2,878	1,836
4 years	9,181	8,822	8,769	8,237	7,667	7,196	6,777	6,506	5,294	3,639	2,516	1,540
Median	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.3	11.3	9.7	8.6
Male												
Total	23,645	23,373	23,259	22,976	22,719	22,445	22,403	22,358	22,475	21,919	[3]18,896	[3]17,127
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	572	590	570	545	609	661	730	763	834	1,397	1,834	2,480
5 to 7 years	1,050	1,072	1,064	1,116	1,270	1,262	1,336	1,361	1,707	2,831	1,727	3,321
8 years	1,374	1,420	1,415	1,496	1,509	1,627	1,668	1,739	2,501	3,584	4,164	5,137
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,112	3,202	3,206	3,194	3,377	3,554	3,473	3,510	3,876	4,579	3,339	2,388
4 years	8,432	8,278	8,260	8,232	8,001	7,822	7,903	7,952	7,612	5,364	3,151	1,798
College: 1 to 3 years	3,518	3,442	3,416	3,306	3,136	3,000	2,969	2,879	2,555	1,957	1,271	819
4 years or more	5,588	5,370	5,328	5,090	4,817	4,520	4,323	4,153	3,390	2,206	1,403	917
Median	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.3	11.1	9.6	8.5
Female												
Total	25,034	24,751	24,712	24,461	24,202	23,964	23,868	23,835	23,845	22,823	[3]19,536	[3]16,178
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	467	444	436	486	497	534	517	533	629	1,027	1,570	2,070
5 to 7 years	954	938	921	1,016	1,130	1,140	1,147	1,195	1,513	2,599	3,101	3,108
8 years	1,151	1,248	1,245	1,266	1,353	1,417	1,574	1,647	2,215	3,522	3,981	4,704
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,663	3,862	3,860	3,935	4,212	4,227	4,198	4,256	4,679	4,923	3,637	2,584
4 years	11,600	11,307	11,315	11,258	11,012	10,959	10,989	11,058	10,588	7,153	4,111	2,419
College: 1 to 3 years	3,605	3,501	3,495	3,353	3,149	3,014	2,988	2,793	2,318	2,166	1,607	1,017
4 years or more	3,593	3,452	3,441	3,147	2,849	2,678	2,455	2,352	1,903	1,433	1,113	623
Median	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.3	11.6	9.7	8.7
55 YEARS AND OVER												
Both Sexes												
Total	46,391	45,670	44,647	43,806	42,977	42,176	41,429	40,613	38,126	31,902	[3]25,427	[3]19,592
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	2,983	2,994	2,943	2,925	3,013	3,047	3,108	3,303	3,957	5,169	4,940	4,178
5 to 7 years	4,969	5,078	4,950	4,971	5,124	5,274	5,226	5,296	5,904	6,635	5,290	4,104
8 years	6,940	7,248	7,123	7,259	7,469	7,466	7,448	7,749	8,743	8,309	6,657	6,363
High school: 1 to 3 years	7,602	7,451	7,312	6,999	7,069	6,823	6,915	6,730	5,877	4,503	2,791	1,656
4 years	14,465	13,869	13,546	13,088	12,376	11,977	11,346	10,798	8,005	3,757	2,704	1,633
College: 1 to 3 years	4,721	4,494	4,362	4,321	4,086	3,835	3,709	3,442	2,797	2,051	1,170	685
4 years or more	4,711	4,535	4,412	4,245	3,843	3,754	3,677	3,295	2,843	1,479	1,005	579
Median	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.5	11.3	11.1	10.8	9.2	8.5	8.3	8.2
Male												
Total	20,239	19,967	19,653	19,292	18,939	18,608	18,233	17,903	17,074	14,895	[3]12,277	[3]9,815
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,393	1,424	1,421	1,446	1,467	1,502	1,507	1,628	2,011	2,704	2,609	2,293
5 to 7 years	2,198	2,250	2,208	2,302	2,393	2,390	2,428	2,444	2,710	3,265	2,622	2,108
8 years	2,968	3,186	3,156	3,177	3,308	3,380	3,305	3,401	3,945	3,856	3,186	3,141
High school: 1 to 3 years	3,294	3,206	3,164	2,964	2,919	2,787	2,884	2,871	2,583	1,969	1,209	724
4 years	5,596	5,409	5,325	5,167	4,919	4,835	4,473	4,308	3,127	1,453	1,111	660
College: 1 to 3 years	2,031	1,986	1,935	1,935	1,824	1,700	1,646	1,480	1,182	853	500	313
4 years or more	2,758	2,506	2,444	2,301	2,110	2,011	1,989	1,768	1,516	796	569	361
Median	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.4	11.2	11.0	10.5	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.1
Female												
Total	26,153	25,703	24,994	24,514	24,038	23,568	23,196	22,710	21,052	17,007	[3]13,150	[3]9,777
Elementary: 0 to 4 years	1,590	1,571	1,522	1,474	1,545	1,546	1,602	1,675	1,946	2,465	2,331	1,886
5 to 7 years	2,771	2,828	2,743	2,668	2,729	2,885	2,799	2,850	3,195	3,370	2,668	1,996
8 years	3,971	4,061	3,967	4,082	4,160	4,087	4,143	4,348	4,798	4,453	3,471	3,221
High school: 1 to 3 years	4,308	4,245	4,148	4,034	4,149	4,034	4,029	3,858	3,292	2,534	1,582	932
4 years	8,868	8,460	8,220	7,920	7,457	7,141	6,871	6,490	4,879	2,304	1,593	973
College: 1 to 3 years	2,691	2,509	2,427	2,389	2,263	2,135	2,063	1,962	1,615	1,198	670	372
4 years or more	1,953	2,030	1,968	1,944	1,733	1,742	1,690	1,527	1,327	683	436	219
Median	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.0	11.6	11.4	11.3	10.9	9.5	8.6	8.4	8.3

[1]Controlled to 1980 Census base.
[2]Controlled to 1970 Census base.
[3]Total includes persons who did not report on years of school completed.

Source: 1970, and 1975 to 1981 March Current Population Survey, (noninstitutional population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in barracks); 1960 Census of Population, 1950 Census of Population, and 1940 Census of Population (resident population).