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PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 1970 TO 1985*

(This report supersedes the projections shown in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 305)

By 1985, about one-sixth of the men and one-eighth of the women 25 years old and over in the United States will have completed 4 years or more of college if present trends in educational attainment are continued (table A). In 1965, about one-eighth of the men and one-fourteenth of the women were college graduates.

This report shows projections by age and sex, from 1970 through 1985 by 5-year intervals in comparison with Current Population Survey estimates back to 1957. The data are limited to the adult population 25 years old and over, nearly all of whom have completed their formal education. Two series of projections reflecting different assumptions about the continuation of past trends are shown for persons in the younger age groups because these persons had not finished their education by 1965. Projections of the number of elementary, high school, and college graduates 25 years-old and over at the dates specified above are also given. The survey figures shown are an average of the years 1964, 1965, and 1966, assumed to represent the 1965 level, and an average of 1957 and 1959, assumed to represent the 1958 level.

This report supersedes the projections of educational attainment shown in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 305, and presents projections that differ considerably from those in the previous report. The projections shown here are consistent with the levels of attainment shown by

the Current Population Survey, whereas the previous ones were consistent with the levels shown by the 1960 Census. The two levels are somewhat different (table B). For example, the 1960 Census showed 41 percent of the population 25 years old and over as having completed high school, whereas the Current Population Survey for 1959 shows 43 percent having achieved that level. The decision to base the projections on the survey rather than the census was made to preserve historical consistency with the trends shown by the survey. The effect on the projections of this substitution is shown in table A.

Rising rates of enrollment in the past have been accompanied by a lengthening of the number of years spent in school. Increased schooling will lead in turn to a rising level of educational attainment for the American people as older generations are replaced by younger ones with more education. One measure of rising attainment is the proportion of the population completing high school. It is expected that in 1985, 68 percent of the population 25 years old and over will have completed high school, as compared with 49 percent in 1965. The proportion completing high school is expected to be higher for each age group in 1985 than it was in 1965 (see chart). The projections are that between 1965 and 1985 the total number of high school graduates is expected to rise from about 51 million to 91 or 95 million among persons 25 years old and over.

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Table A.--COMPARISON OF PROJECTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER WITH PREVIOUS PROJECTIONS IN SERIES P-25, NO. 305

(Numbers in thousands. Series 2 projections from this report. Series B projections from P-25, No. 305)

Report and year	Both sexes				Male				Female			
	High school graduates ¹		College graduates ²		High school graduates ¹		College graduates ²		High school graduates ¹		College graduates ²	
	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent
PRESENT REPORT:												
1957 and 1959.....	41,113	42.3	7,606	7.8	19,086	40.6	4,669	9.9	22,027	43.9	2,937	5.9
1964 to 1966.....	50,519	49.0	9,764	9.5	23,610	48.0	5,940	12.1	26,910	50.0	3,823	7.1
1970.....	58,492	53.8	11,466	10.5	27,450	53.2	6,911	13.4	31,042	54.3	4,555	8.0
1975.....	69,123	58.9	13,627	11.6	32,688	58.9	8,188	14.8	36,436	58.9	5,440	8.8
1980.....	83,156	63.8	16,764	12.9	40,504	64.0	10,136	16.0	42,651	63.5	6,627	9.9
1985.....	94,977	68.5	19,240	13.9	45,495	69.2	11,197	17.0	49,483	67.8	8,044	11.0
PREVIOUS REPORT:												
1950.....	29,207	34.3	5,285	6.2	13,440	32.6	3,027	7.3	15,766	36.0	2,258	5.2
1960.....	40,822	41.1	7,625	7.7	18,916	39.5	4,639	9.7	21,906	42.5	2,986	5.8
1965.....	46,578	44.8	9,157	8.8	21,696	43.5	5,689	11.4	24,882	46.6	3,469	6.4
1970.....	53,761	49.0	11,093	10.1	25,068	48.0	6,986	13.4	28,692	50.0	4,107	7.2
1975.....	63,515	53.7	13,628	11.5	29,738	52.9	8,684	15.4	33,780	54.5	4,945	8.0
1980.....	74,647	58.3	16,584	12.9	35,052	57.5	10,653	17.5	39,595	58.9	5,931	8.8
1985.....	86,920	62.5	19,922	14.3	40,949	61.9	12,867	19.4	45,971	63.1	7,055	9.7

¹ Persons who completed 4 years of high school or beyond.² Persons who completed 4 or more years of college.

Table B.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957 TO 1964

Years of school completed	1964 (CPS)	1962 (CPS)	1960 (census)	1959 (CPS)	1957 (CPS)
Total, 25 years old and over.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
None.....	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4
Elementary: 1 to 4 years.....	5.3	5.7	6.0	5.9	6.6
5 to 7 years.....	11.1	11.7	13.9	12.3	12.8
8 years.....	15.8	16.6	17.5	16.9	17.9
High school: 1 to 3 years.....	18.0	17.6	19.3	18.0	17.7
4 years.....	30.0	28.3	24.6	26.9	26.0
College: 1 to 3 years.....	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.1	7.3
4 years.....	5.7	5.9	4.6	5.1	7.5
5 or more.....	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.8	-
Not reported.....	-	-	-	1.9	1.9

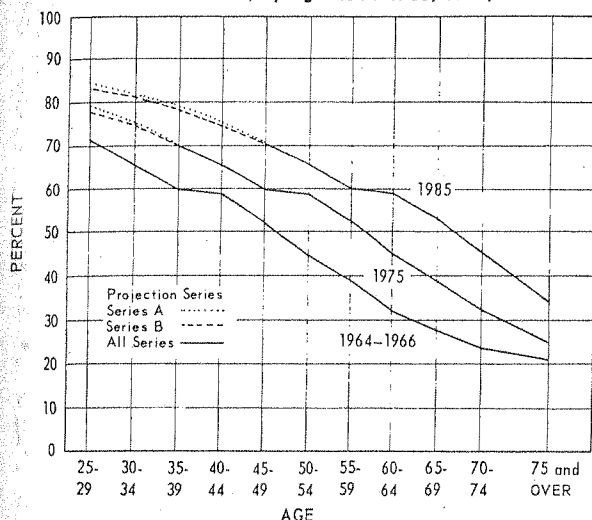
- Rounds to zero.

Because of the continuing increase in educational attainment at the younger ages, there is a fairly steady decline from the younger to the older ages in the proportion who have completed high school. The one irregularity in this trend appears for the cohort that was in high school in World War II and will be 55 to 59 years old in 1985. Many of these

persons took advantage of veteran's benefits to finish high school and go on to college.

Between 1965 and 1985, according to the projections, the number of college graduates in the population 25 years old and over is expected to rise from fewer than 10 million to about 19 to 21

Percent Who Have Completed High School for the Population 25 Years Old and Over, by Age: 1964-1966, 1975, and 1985



million (table 1). In 1965, approximately 7 percent of the women and 12 percent of the men had completed 4 years or more of college. By 1985, according to the projections, about 11 to 13 percent of the women and 17 to 19 percent of the men will have attained this level. These changes would represent a gain of approximately 5 percentage points for women compared with about 6 percentage points for men. One unanticipated result is that the projections show more women than men completing 4 years of college and not going on to graduate school.

At the same time, it is anticipated that the sharp increase in educational attainment at the high school and college levels will be accompanied by a sharp reduction in the percentage of persons who have had less than 5 years of formal schooling. In 1965 about 7 percent of persons 25 years old and over were in this category. According to the projections, this proportion would be reduced to less than 3 percent by 1985.

The median years of school completed may serve as another indicator of improvement in educational attainment. The median years of school completed by the population 25 years old and over in 1965 was 11.8 years; it is expected to rise gradually to 12.4 or 12.5 in 1985 and, with the assumed trends to 1985, will probably be stabilized at about that level at least through the end of this century. This will occur as persons who are now in the older age groups, and whose educational level is relatively low, leave the population through death and are replaced by persons with greater amounts of education.

Tables 1 and 2 of this report include two series of projections for the younger adult age groups from 1970 to 1985. Since most of these persons are now attending school, their future educational attainment is subject to a greater degree of uncertainty than that of older persons; consequently, two series of attainment projections are presented reflecting different assumptions about future trends. Series 1 assumes that the rate of improvement will be somewhat more rapid than that in the period 1958 to 1965 and Series 2 assumes that it will be less rapid.

Only one series is presented for persons 30 years old and over in 1970 because nearly all of these persons have completed their formal schooling by 1965. The small gain in educational attainment assumed beyond age 29 was too small to permit showing a range in the projections. These future numbers are assumed then to be affected mainly by mortality and immigration.

In addition, a third projection, shown only in table C and designated Series X, was based on the assumption of a continuation of the 1965 levels of attainment through 1985. In that series, changes in numbers at any educational level are attributed to changes in population alone. Table B shows numbers from this series for persons 25 to 29 years old along with comparable figures from Series 1 and 2. Between 1970 and 1985, for example, the number of college graduates 25 to 29 years old would increase from about 2.0 million to about 2.7 million without any change in age-sex specific attainment rates. Thus, Series X implies an increase between 1970 and 1985 of about 700,000 college graduates 25 to 29 years old due to population growth alone. The increased attainment rates assumed for Series 1 and Series 2 result in projected increases of about 2.4 million college graduates 25 to 29 years old in each series from 1970 to 1985, suggesting that less than one-third the increase in the expected number of college graduates at those ages would be due to population growth alone.

A common underlying assumption of all three series of projections is that, during the period covered, there will be no unusual political or economic changes and no extreme changes in the trends of educational attainment. Moreover, these projections should be regarded not as predictions but rather as indicators of the results of specified assumptions about future population growth and future "rates" of educational attainment at each age. The figures would probably be very different if, for example, in the near future mass programs of free public higher education were to become available throughout the country.

Table C.--PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, BASED ON DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FUTURE EDUCATIONAL TRENDS FOR PERSONS 25 TO 29 YEARS OLD, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1970 TO 1985

(In thousands. See text for further explanation of alternative series)

Year and assumption	All levels	Years of school completed									Median school years completed
		None	Elementary school			High school		College			
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more	
1970:											
Series 1.....	13,466	53	137	368	539	2,258	6,259	1,809	1,333	711	12.5
Series 2.....	13,466	54	142	381	557	2,272	6,307	1,783	1,317	654	12.5
Series X.....	13,466	68	188	544	735	2,481	6,019	1,666	1,185	580	12.5
1975:											
Series 1.....	16,973	51	126	314	496	2,561	8,082	2,419	1,849	1,075	12.6
Series 2.....	16,973	54	135	335	528	2,693	8,361	2,314	1,693	862	12.6
Series X.....	16,972	86	238	686	926	3,126	7,579	2,101	1,495	734	12.5
1980:											
Series 1.....	19,065	48	112	238	402	2,569	9,199	2,835	2,248	1,414	12.7
Series 2.....	19,065	50	119	264	445	2,775	9,718	2,675	1,989	1,031	12.6
Series X.....	19,065	96	268	771	1,041	3,511	8,512	2,362	1,679	826	12.5
1985:											
Series 1.....	20,866	52	104	176	319	2,498	10,117	3,195	2,624	1,780	12.7
Series 2.....	20,866	52	112	201	364	2,771	10,929	2,986	2,261	1,189	12.6
Series X.....	20,866	106	293	844	1,139	3,842	9,316	2,584	1,838	904	12.5

ASSUMPTION AND METHODS

The methodology for the projections is summarized in the following 6 steps:

Step 1. Using data for the years 1964, 1965, and 1966, an average of the distributions of the population 25 years old and over by age, sex, and attainment was obtained.

Step 2. High and low series of indices of educational termination for ages 25 to 29 were projected to 1985.

Step 3. The indices were converted to a percentage distribution of the population age 25 to 29 by attainment.

Step 4. The educational attainment rates for cohorts aged 25 to 29 were carried forward to ages 30 to 34 by adding a set of adjustment terms to allow for further education prior to age 30.

Step 5. The percent distribution by attainment for all older ages was obtained by assuming that it was the same as for the same cohort 5 years earlier.

Step 6. The percentages were applied to projections of the population.

The following provides more details on these steps:

Step 1. Average distribution of the population by age, sex, and attainment: 1964-1966.

The population used in the projections is that which is covered by the annual March supplements to the Current Population Survey; that is, the civilian noninstitutional population, the institutional population, and members of the Armed Forces living off post. This population by 5-year age groups and sex was averaged for 1964, 1965, and 1966.

The percentage distributions of attainment by age and sex for March of 1964, 1965, and 1966 were averaged and applied to the average population described above. However, for ages 35 and over, these percentages pertain to 10-year age groups. For these ages, percentage distributions by 5-year age groups were obtained by taking the percentage distributions for appropriate cohorts from the 1960 Census. These percentage distributions were applied to the average population, and the absolute figures by 5-year age groups were forced to the figures by 10-year age groups by raking. Finally, percentages for 5-year age groups were computed using these adjusted 5-year absolutes.

Step 2. Indices of educational termination. Indices based on data from the Current Population Survey were computed for ages 25 to 29 by sex for 1957, 1959, 1964, 1965, and 1966 (table D). The indices are as follows:

- The proportion of the population who did not complete 1 year of elementary school.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 1-year of elementary school who did not complete 5 years of elementary school.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 5 years of elementary school who did not complete 8 years of elementary school.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 8 years of elementary school who did not complete 1 year of high school.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 1 year of high school who did not complete 4 years of high school.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 4 years of high school who did not complete 1 year of college.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 1 year of college who did not complete 4 years of college.
- The proportion of those who completed at least 4 years of college who did not complete 5 years of college.

Table D.--INDICES OF EDUCATIONAL TERMINATION FOR AGES 25 TO 29, BY SEX: 1957-1959 AND 1964-1966

(See text for definition of indices)

Level of educational termination	1964-1966		1957-1959	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
a. None.....	0.49	0.52	0.72	0.72
b. 1 to 4 years...	1.71	1.12	2.57	1.78
c. 5 to 7 years...	4.53	3.72	8.11	5.95
d. 8 years.....	6.15	5.48	9.91	8.17
e. 9 to 11 years...	20.04	21.51	23.97	24.96
f. 12 years.....	57.48	69.62	56.96	72.94
g. 1 to 3 years...	45.20	53.20	46.13	56.06
h. 4 yrs. or more.	59.38	79.32	61.76	81.62

Averages of the indices were computed for the 1957-1959 period and the 1964-1966 period. The percent change in each index over the 7-year period

was calculated. Percent change for a 5-year period was obtained by taking the 5/7 root of the rate of change for the 7-year period (table E).

The average indices for 1964-1966 were projected successively to 1970, 1975, 1980, and 1985 by applying the percent change for a 5-year period described above. To obtain a high assumption, 1.20 percentage points were added to each percent change. To obtain a low assumption, 1.20 percentage points were subtracted from each percent change. These adjustments were chosen so as to give an approximate range of 10 percent to the indices by 1985. Minimum values were assigned to a few indices that were approaching zero.

Table E.--PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE INDICES OF EDUCATIONAL TERMINATION FOR AGES 25 TO 29 ASSUMED FOR ATTAINMENT PROJECTIONS

(Change over a 5-year period. See text for definition of indices)

Level of educational termination	High assumption		Low assumption	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
a. None.....	-25.23	-21.94	-22.83	-19.54
b. 1 to 4 years...	-26.45	-29.37	-24.05	-26.97
c. 5 to 7 years...	-35.23	-29.70	-32.83	-27.30
d. 8 years.....	-30.08	-26.02	-27.68	-23.62
e. 9 to 11 years..	-13.21	-11.28	-10.81	-8.88
f. 12 years.....	-0.55	-4.47	+1.85	-2.07
g. 1 to 3 years...	-2.65	-4.87	-0.25	-2.47
h. 4 yrs. or more.	-3.96	-3.22	-1.56	-0.82

Step 3. Conversion to attainment distribution. The indices may be converted to a cumulative distribution by level of attainment by cumulative multiplication of their complements. Each cumulative distribution may be converted further to an ordinary percentage distribution by taking differences in the distribution. The result is a percentage distribution at age 25 to 29 by attainment for each sex for each year for which projections are to be made.

Step 4. Advancing attainment to ages 30 to 34. It was assumed that there would be no change in the proportion who did not attain one year of high school. Changes in the distribution for those who had attained at least one year of high school were chosen after an examination of the changes by cohort between 1957 and 1962 and between 1959 and 1964 as shown by the CPS and between 1950 and 1960 as shown by the censuses (table F).

Table F.--ASSUMED CHANGES IN THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT WHEN THE COHORT AGED 25 TO 29 YEARS ADVANCES TO AGE 30 TO 34 YEARS

Level	Male	Female
No high school.....	0.0	0.0
1 year of high school or more..	0.0	0.0
1 to 3 years of high school..	0.0	-0.6
4 years of high school.....	-0.5	-0.7
1 to 3 years of college.....	-1.8	0.3
4 years of college.....	0.4	0.7
5 or more years of college...	1.9	0.3

Step 5. Percent distribution by attainment for ages 35 and over. The percent distributions based on the average of 1964, 1965, and 1966 were advanced by cohort from younger ages. This assumes that death and immigration are the only causes for changing numbers in attainment levels. The additional attainment of the small number who go to school after age 35 is ignored.

Step 6. Applying percent distribution by attainment to projections of population. Projections of the total population by age and sex were adjusted to exclude Armed Forces overseas and in barracks within the United States.¹ The percent distributions by attainment were applied to these population projections.

RELATED REPORTS

Statistics on the educational attainment of the population 14 years old and over in March 1967, based on the Current Population Survey, have been published in Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 169. Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 388, "Summary of Demographic Projections" contains some of the statistics presented in this report as part of a consistent series of demographic projections on a variety of subjects. It contains projections of the total population consistent with the population base used for these attainment projections, as well as projections of school enrollment and many other social and economic characteristics of the population. An earlier report on projections of educational attainment, Series P-25, No. 305, published in April 1965, is superseded by the present report.

¹For projections of the total population consistent with the population base used here, see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 388, "Summary of Demographic Projections."

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The data in this report on educational attainment refer to the highest grade or year of school ever completed in "regular" schools. Such schools include graded public and private (including parochial) elementary and high schools (both junior and senior high), colleges, universities, and professional schools, whether day schools or night schools. "Regular" schooling is that which may advance a person toward an elementary or high school diploma or a college, university, or professional degree. Education in other schools is counted as regular schooling only if the credits obtained are regarded as transferable to a school in the regular school system.

The term "high school graduates," as used here, refers to persons who had completed 4 years of high school or beyond. The term "college graduates" is used here synonymously with persons who had completed 4 or more years of college.

The median years of school completed is defined as the value which divides the population into two equal parts--one half having completed more schooling and one-half having completed less schooling than the median. This median was computed after the statistics on years of school completed had been converted to a continuous series of numbers (e.g., completion of the first year of high school was treated as completion of the 9th year and the completion of the first year of college as completion of the 13th year). The persons completing a given school year were assumed to be distributed evenly within the interval from .0 to .9 of the year (for example, persons completing the 12th year were assumed to be distributed evenly between 12.0 and 12.9). In fact, at the time of the March survey, most of the enrolled persons had completed about three-fourths of a school year beyond the highest grade completed, whereas a large majority of persons who were not enrolled had not attended any part of a grade beyond the highest one completed. The effect of the assumption is to place the median for younger persons slightly below, and for older persons slightly above, the true median. Because of the inexact assumption as to the distribution within an interval, this median is more appropriately used for comparing groups and the same group at different dates than as an absolute measure of educational attainment.

Rounding of estimates.--The individual figures in this report have been rounded to the nearest thousand from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts may differ from the totals shown. Percents are based on unrounded numbers.

Table 1.--ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS OF YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959 TO 1985

(Numbers in thousands. Figures exclude Armed Forces overseas and in barracks within the United States; they relate to March 1. Projections are consistent with survey rather than census data)

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed									Median school years completed
		None	Elementary school			High school		College			
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more	
1957 and 1959 ¹											
Total, 25 years and over.....	97,103	2,292	6,271	12,520	17,325	17,582	25,929	7,578	7,606		10.7
25 to 29 years.....	11,063	81	238	753	899	2,226	4,484	1,196	1,186		12.3
30 to 34 years.....	12,117	98	348	881	1,158	2,672	4,543	1,163	1,254		12.2
35 to 44 years.....	23,476	224	860	2,202	3,095	4,844	8,246	1,960	2,045		12.1
45 to 54 years.....	19,729	326	1,107	2,777	4,076	3,811	4,535	1,560	1,537		10.2
55 to 64 years.....	15,084	473	1,391	2,710	3,937	2,262	2,427	986	898		8.8
65 years and over.....	15,634	1,090	2,327	3,197	4,160	1,767	1,694	713	686		8.3
Male, 25 years and over.....	46,962	1,171	3,480	6,257	8,610	8,358	10,764	3,653	4,669		10.4
25 to 29 years.....	5,370	39	137	422	473	1,029	1,862	650	758		12.3
30 to 34 years.....	5,910	47	202	486	600	1,339	1,787	582	867		12.2
35 to 44 years.....	11,460	123	513	1,092	1,588	2,365	3,533	1,007	1,239		12.0
45 to 54 years.....	9,733	185	628	1,383	2,088	1,866	1,959	714	910		9.9
55 to 64 years.....	7,333	240	741	1,360	2,003	1,064	1,016	419	490		8.7
65 years and over.....	7,156	537	1,259	1,514	1,858	695	607	281	405		8.1
Female, 25 years and over.....	50,141	1,121	2,791	6,263	8,715	9,224	15,165	3,925	2,937		11.0
25 to 29 years.....	5,693	42	101	331	426	1,197	2,622	546	428		12.3
30 to 34 years.....	6,207	51	146	395	558	1,333	2,756	581	387		12.2
35 to 44 years.....	12,016	101	347	1,110	1,507	2,479	4,713	953	806		12.1
45 to 54 years.....	9,996	141	479	1,394	1,988	1,945	2,576	846	627		10.5
55 to 64 years.....	7,751	233	650	1,350	1,934	1,198	1,411	567	408		8.8
65 years and over.....	8,478	553	1,068	1,683	2,302	1,072	1,087	432	281		8.4
1964 to 1966 ²											
Total, 25 years and over.....	103,182	1,805	5,192	11,087	15,952	18,627	31,607	9,148	6,172	3,592	11.8
25 to 29 years.....	11,037	56	154	445	602	2,035	4,938	1,365	970	473	12.5
30 to 34 years.....	10,965	52	228	592	774	2,096	4,534	1,213	958	516	12.4
35 to 39 years.....	11,966	72	294	818	1,098	2,499	4,521	1,209	921	535	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	12,324	81	367	927	1,269	2,403	4,768	1,197	794	518	12.2
45 to 49 years.....	11,429	84	394	1,045	1,574	2,291	3,998	1,031	630	383	12.1
50 to 54 years.....	10,516	102	465	1,264	1,874	2,093	2,955	900	520	343	11.2
55 to 59 years.....	9,115	123	514	1,258	1,963	1,698	2,096	710	447	306	10.2
60 to 64 years.....	7,762	164	593	1,282	1,964	1,269	1,401	544	332	214	8.9
65 to 69 years.....	6,290	234	612	1,151	1,658	908	967	387	238	134	8.7
70 to 74 years.....	5,171	317	638	1,003	1,364	648	661	283	171	86	8.5
75 years and over.....	6,607	521	933	1,300	1,812	688	766	311	192	84	8.3
Male, 25 years and over.....	49,209	916	2,867	5,455	7,804	8,558	13,302	4,368	3,390	2,550	11.7
25 to 29 years.....	5,354	26	91	237	307	941	2,158	721	519	355	12.5
30 to 34 years.....	5,355	32	139	317	388	926	1,971	612	564	406	12.4
35 to 39 years.....	5,838	37	180	438	602	1,184	1,828	602	550	417	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	5,970	42	219	475	663	1,134	1,980	582	478	397	12.2
45 to 49 years.....	5,571	49	240	512	800	1,114	1,733	520	351	252	12.0
50 to 54 years.....	5,123	59	282	620	956	1,012	1,281	430	274	210	10.9
55 to 59 years.....	4,405	71	296	633	990	817	881	306	220	192	9.8
60 to 64 years.....	3,688	90	326	633	974	586	557	225	166	131	8.8
65 to 69 years.....	2,871	109	311	553	781	374	396	154	109	84	8.6
70 to 74 years.....	2,284	148	322	468	608	243	257	107	77	53	8.3
75 years and over.....	2,751	252	461	570	736	227	260	109	81	53	8.1
Female, 25 years and over.....	53,973	889	2,325	5,632	8,148	10,069	18,306	4,781	2,782	1,041	12.0
25 to 29 years.....	5,683	30	63	208	295	1,094	2,781	644	451	118	12.4
30 to 34 years.....	5,609	21	89	275	386	1,170	2,563	602	394	111	12.3
35 to 39 years.....	6,128	35	114	381	496	1,315	2,693	607	371	118	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	6,354	39	148	452	606	1,269	2,789	615	316	121	12.2
45 to 49 years.....	5,858	35	154	534	774	1,176	2,266	511	279	131	12.1
50 to 54 years.....	5,394	43	182	645	918	1,082	1,675	469	247	133	11.5
55 to 59 years.....	4,710	52	219	625	973	881	1,215	404	226	114	10.7
60 to 64 years.....	4,074	73	267	649	990	683	845	318	165	83	9.3
65 to 69 years.....	3,419	125	301	598	877	534	571	233	129	50	8.8
70 to 74 years.....	2,888	168	316	535	756	405	404	176	94	33	8.6
75 years and over.....	3,856	269	472	730	1,076	460	506	201	110	31	8.4

¹Average of 1957 and 1959.

²Average of 1964, 1965, and 1966.

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FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959 TO 1985--Continued

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Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed									Median school years completed
		None	Elementary school			High school		College			
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more	
1970											
Total, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	108,766	1,455	4,465	10,045	14,483	19,776	36,580	10,422	7,283	4,256	12.1
Series 2.....	108,766	1,457	4,470	10,058	14,501	19,790	36,629	10,397	7,266	4,200	12.1
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	13,466	53	137	368	539	2,258	6,259	1,809	1,333	711	12.5
Series 2.....	13,466	54	142	381	557	2,272	6,307	1,783	1,317	654	12.5
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	11,255	57	157	454	614	2,039	4,961	1,312	1,052	607	12.5
Series 2.....	11,022	53	229	596	778	2,106	4,556	1,220	963	520	12.4
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	11,910	71	292	814	1,092	2,487	4,500	1,203	917	532	12.3
Series 2.....	12,184	80	363	916	1,254	2,375	4,717	1,183	785	511	12.2
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	11,050	81	379	1,011	1,521	2,215	3,870	997	608	369	12.1
Series 2.....	9,991	96	439	1,201	1,779	1,989	2,814	855	493	324	11.2
45 to 49 years:											
Series 1.....	8,401	113	471	1,158	1,807	1,566	1,939	657	412	280	10.2
Series 2.....	6,843	143	520	1,128	1,728	1,120	1,243	482	292	187	8.9
50 to 54 years:											
Series 1.....	5,199	193	503	949	1,368	755	805	322	197	108	8.7
Series 2.....	7,445	515	974	1,450	2,002	866	917	383	231	107	8.4
55 to 59 years:											
Series 1.....	51,559	717	2,440	4,864	6,990	9,054	15,528	4,984	3,934	3,048	12.1
Series 2.....	51,559	718	2,443	4,871	6,998	9,080	15,571	4,968	3,909	3,002	12.1
60 to 64 years:											
Series 1.....	6,608	24	83	190	272	1,050	2,852	940	683	514	12.6
Series 2.....	6,608	25	86	198	280	1,076	2,894	925	658	468	12.6
65 to 69 years:											
Series 1.....	5,520	27	94	245	317	969	2,196	644	557	471	12.5
Series 2.....	5,405	32	141	320	392	935	1,990	617	569	410	12.4
70 to 74 years:											
Series 1.....	5,803	37	179	435	598	1,177	1,817	598	547	415	12.3
Series 2.....	5,891	42	216	468	654	1,119	1,954	574	472	392	12.2
75 years and over:											
Series 1.....	5,318	47	229	489	764	1,064	1,653	497	335	241	12.0
Series 2.....	4,770	54	263	577	890	942	1,193	401	255	196	10.9
Series 3.....	3,937	63	264	565	884	730	788	274	197	171	9.8
Series 4.....	3,106	76	275	533	820	493	469	190	140	110	8.8
Series 5.....	2,225	85	241	429	605	290	307	119	85	65	8.6
Series 6.....	2,975	230	456	613	794	284	310	129	94	64	8.2
Female, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	57,207	738	2,025	5,181	7,493	10,722	21,052	5,438	3,348	1,209	12.1
Series 2.....	57,207	739	2,027	5,186	7,502	10,710	21,058	5,429	3,357	1,198	12.1
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	6,858	28	54	178	267	1,208	3,407	868	651	197	12.5
Series 2.....	6,858	29	56	183	276	1,196	3,413	859	659	187	12.5
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	5,735	30	64	210	298	1,070	2,765	668	494	136	12.4
Series 2.....	5,617	21	89	276	386	1,171	2,566	603	394	111	12.3
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	6,107	35	114	379	494	1,311	2,683	605	369	117	12.3
Series 2.....	6,293	38	147	447	600	1,256	2,763	609	313	120	12.2
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	5,732	34	151	522	757	1,151	2,217	500	273	128	12.1
Series 2.....	5,221	42	176	624	889	1,047	1,621	454	239	128	11.5
45 to 49 years:											
Series 1.....	4,464	50	207	592	923	835	1,151	383	215	108	10.7
Series 2.....	3,736	67	245	595	908	627	774	292	152	77	9.3
50 to 54 years:											
Series 1.....	2,974	108	262	520	763	465	498	203	112	44	8.8
Series 2.....	4,470	285	517	837	1,208	582	607	254	137	43	8.5
1975											
Total, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	117,291	1,165	3,792	8,949	12,951	21,022	43,072	12,200	8,869	5,273	12.2
Series 2.....	117,291	1,169	3,805	8,983	13,001	21,209	43,448	12,048	8,646	4,981	12.2
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	16,973	51	126	314	496	2,561	8,082	2,419	1,849	1,075	12.6
Series 2.....	16,973	54	135	335	528	2,693	8,361	2,314	1,693	862	12.6
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	13,674	53	140	374	547	2,250	6,270	1,736	1,430	873	12.6
Series 2.....	13,674	55	145	387	565	2,306	6,368	1,690	1,364	795	12.5
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	11,334	57	159	458	619	2,054	4,995	1,321	1,059	612	12.5
Series 2.....	10,981	52	228	593	775	2,099	4,540	1,215	960	519	12.4
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	11,731	70	288	802	1,075	2,450	4,436	1,185	902	523	12.3
Series 2.....	11,812	78	351	887	1,215	2,303	4,580	1,147	759	493	12.2
45 to 49 years:											
Series 1.....	10,508	77	359	961	1,445	2,106	3,688	947	577	348	12.1
Series 2.....	9,234	88	403	1,109	1,642	1,839	2,609	790	455	297	11.2
50 to 54 years:											
Series 1.....	7,425	99	413	1,021	1,594	1,384	1,723	583	363	244	10.3
Series 2.....	5,686	118	428	935	1,433	932	1,041	403	242	153	9.0
55 to 59 years:											
Series 1.....	7,934	421	896	1,493	2,109	1,043	1,109	453	273	137	8.5

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Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed									Median school years completed
		None	Elementary school			High school		College			
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more	
1980--Continued											
Female, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	67,123	492	1,460	4,145	6,025	12,055	28,252	7,488	5,287	1,919	12.3
Series 2.....	67,123	496	1,466	4,173	6,072	12,264	28,729	7,295	4,992	1,635	12.3
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	9,610	24	48	123	209	1,383	4,749	1,408	1,198	468	12.6
Series 2.....	9,610	26	48	135	230	1,492	5,021	1,312	1,041	305	12.6
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	8,628	28	48	157	252	1,327	4,238	1,213	1,010	355	12.6
Series 2.....	8,628	29	52	167	268	1,397	4,388	1,147	914	266	12.5
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	6,939	28	55	180	271	1,180	3,399	899	707	220	12.5
Series 2.....	6,939	29	57	185	280	1,210	3,453	869	667	189	12.5
40 to 44 years.....	5,752	30	64	211	299	1,073	2,774	670	496	136	12.4
45 to 49 years.....	5,550	21	88	272	382	1,157	2,536	595	390	109	12.3
50 to 54 years.....	5,921	34	110	368	479	1,271	2,602	586	358	114	12.3
55 to 59 years.....	5,973	36	139	425	570	1,192	2,622	578	297	113	12.2
60 to 64 years.....	5,277	31	139	481	697	1,060	2,041	460	251	118	12.1
65 to 69 years.....	4,561	36	154	545	777	915	1,416	397	208	112	11.5
70 to 74 years.....	3,586	40	166	476	741	671	925	307	172	87	10.7
75 years and over.....	5,327	184	449	908	1,350	826	952	374	199	86	8.8
1985											
Total, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	138,726	801	2,697	6,716	9,784	22,824	57,966	16,578	13,055	8,305	12.5
Series 2.....	138,726	807	2,725	6,802	9,923	23,493	59,681	16,056	12,207	7,033	12.4
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	20,866	52	104	176	319	2,498	10,117	3,195	2,624	1,780	12.7
Series 2.....	20,866	52	112	201	364	2,771	10,929	2,986	2,261	1,189	12.6
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	19,238	48	113	240	406	2,534	9,166	2,717	2,374	1,639	12.7
Series 2.....	19,238	50	120	266	449	2,741	9,689	2,556	2,113	1,253	12.6
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	17,190	52	128	318	502	2,541	8,080	2,322	1,968	1,280	12.6
Series 2.....	17,190	54	136	339	535	2,674	8,362	2,216	1,809	1,063	12.6
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	13,665	53	140	374	547	2,249	6,266	1,736	1,429	872	12.6
Series 2.....	13,665	55	144	386	565	2,305	6,364	1,689	1,363	794	12.5
45 to 49 years.....	11,140	56	156	450	608	2,019	4,912	1,299	1,041	599	12.5
50 to 54 years.....	10,517	50	218	568	742	2,013	4,355	1,163	916	492	12.4
55 to 59 years.....	10,845	65	264	739	991	2,267	4,121	1,095	829	475	12.3
60 to 64 years.....	10,423	68	306	781	1,068	2,035	4,067	1,012	662	423	12.2
65 to 69 years.....	8,642	62	290	790	1,185	1,732	3,055	777	470	280	12.1
70 to 74 years.....	6,852	65	292	823	1,214	1,366	1,955	588	335	215	11.3
75 years and over.....	9,347	229	685	1,457	2,202	1,569	1,871	675	408	249	9.2
Male, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	65,722	382	1,458	3,116	4,534	10,287	25,871	7,816	6,446	5,812	12.5
Series 2.....	65,722	384	1,480	3,160	4,603	10,600	26,691	7,607	6,113	5,084	12.5
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	10,360	26	52	82	150	1,143	5,009	1,582	1,171	1,146	12.7
Series 2.....	10,360	26	59	94	172	1,269	5,405	1,493	1,027	815	12.7
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	9,579	24	65	117	196	1,202	4,460	1,273	1,102	1,140	12.7
Series 2.....	9,579	24	72	130	218	1,299	4,710	1,209	999	918	12.6
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	8,553	24	80	161	250	1,213	3,838	1,108	956	925	12.7
Series 2.....	8,553	25	85	172	266	1,276	3,969	1,068	895	797	12.6
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	6,747	25	85	194	277	1,072	2,878	839	724	653	12.6
Series 2.....	6,747	26	88	202	286	1,098	2,921	822	698	606	12.6
45 to 49 years.....	5,444	27	93	241	312	956	2,166	635	550	464	12.5
50 to 54 years.....	5,071	30	132	300	368	877	1,866	579	534	384	12.4
55 to 59 years.....	5,103	32	157	383	526	1,035	1,598	526	481	365	12.3
60 to 64 years.....	4,739	34	174	377	526	900	1,572	462	380	315	12.2
65 to 69 years.....	3,780	34	163	347	543	756	1,175	353	238	171	12.0
70 to 74 years.....	2,856	33	157	345	533	564	714	240	153	117	10.9
75 years and over.....	3,491	95	301	568	853	569	596	220	159	131	8.9

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Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed									Median school years completed
		None	Elementary school			High school		College			
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more	
1985--Continued											
Female, 25 years and over:											
Series 1.....	73,004	419	1,239	3,601	5,250	12,536	32,095	8,762	6,608	2,494	12.4
Series 2.....	73,004	423	1,245	3,642	5,320	12,893	32,990	8,449	6,095	1,949	12.4
25 to 29 years:											
Series 1.....	10,506	26	53	95	169	1,355	5,108	1,613	1,453	635	12.7
Series 2.....	10,506	26	53	107	192	1,502	5,524	1,493	1,234	374	12.6
30 to 34 years:											
Series 1.....	9,659	24	48	124	210	1,332	4,706	1,444	1,272	499	12.7
Series 2.....	9,659	26	48	136	231	1,442	4,979	1,347	1,114	335	12.6
35 to 39 years:											
Series 1.....	8,637	28	48	157	252	1,328	4,243	1,214	1,011	355	12.6
Series 2.....	8,637	29	52	168	269	1,398	4,393	1,148	915	266	12.5
40 to 44 years:											
Series 1.....	6,919	28	55	179	270	1,177	3,389	897	705	219	12.5
Series 2.....	6,919	29	57	185	279	1,207	3,443	866	665	188	12.5
45 to 49 years.....	5,696	30	63	208	296	1,063	2,746	664	491	135	12.4
50 to 54 years.....	5,447	20	86	267	375	1,136	2,489	584	382	107	12.3
55 to 59 years.....	5,742	33	107	357	465	1,232	2,523	568	347	110	12.3
60 to 64 years.....	5,684	35	132	404	542	1,135	2,495	550	283	108	12.2
65 to 69 years.....	4,863	29	128	443	642	976	1,880	424	231	108	12.1
70 to 74 years.....	3,996	32	135	478	681	802	1,241	348	183	98	11.5
75 years and over.....	5,856	135	384	889	1,349	1,000	1,275	456	250	118	9.5

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959, 1964-1966, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed								
		None	Elementary school			High school		College		
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more
1957 and 1959 ¹										
Total, 25 years and over.....	100.0	2.4	6.5	12.9	17.8	18.1	26.7	7.8	7.8	
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.2	6.8	8.1	20.1	40.5	10.8	10.7	
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.9	7.3	9.6	22.1	37.5	9.6	10.4	
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	1.0	3.7	9.4	13.2	20.6	35.1	8.4	8.7	
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.7	5.6	14.1	20.7	19.3	23.0	7.9	7.8	
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	3.1	9.2	18.0	26.1	15.0	16.1	6.5	6.0	
65 years and over.....	100.0	7.0	14.9	20.4	26.6	11.3	10.8	4.6	4.4	
Male, 25 years and over.....	100.0	2.5	7.4	13.3	18.3	17.8	22.9	7.8	9.9	
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	7.9	8.8	19.2	34.7	12.1	14.1	
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	8.2	10.2	22.7	30.2	9.9	14.7	
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.5	9.5	13.9	20.6	30.8	8.8	10.8	
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.9	6.5	14.2	21.5	19.2	20.1	7.3	9.4	
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	3.3	10.1	18.6	27.3	14.5	13.9	5.7	6.7	
65 years and over.....	100.0	7.5	17.6	21.2	26.0	9.7	8.5	3.9	5.7	
Female, 25 years and over.....	100.0	2.2	5.6	12.5	17.4	18.4	30.2	7.8	5.9	
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.7	1.8	5.8	7.5	21.0	46.1	9.6	7.5	
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.4	6.4	9.0	21.5	44.4	9.4	6.2	
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.9	9.2	12.5	20.6	39.2	7.9	6.7	
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.4	4.8	14.0	19.9	19.5	25.8	8.5	6.3	
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	3.0	8.4	17.4	25.0	15.5	18.2	7.3	5.3	
65 years and over.....	100.0	6.5	12.6	19.9	27.2	12.6	12.8	5.1	3.3	
1964 to 1966 ²										
Total, 25 years and over.....	100.0	1.8	5.0	10.8	15.5	18.1	30.6	8.9	6.0	3.5
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.4	4.0	5.5	18.4	44.7	12.4	8.8	4.3
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.5	2.1	5.4	7.1	19.1	41.4	11.1	8.7	4.7
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.5	6.8	9.2	20.9	37.8	10.1	7.7	4.5
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.0	7.5	10.3	19.5	38.7	9.7	6.4	4.2
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.4	9.2	13.8	20.0	35.0	9.0	5.5	3.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.4	12.0	17.8	19.9	28.1	8.6	5.0	3.3
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.4	5.6	13.8	21.5	18.6	23.0	7.8	4.9	3.4
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	2.1	7.6	16.5	25.3	16.3	18.1	7.0	4.3	2.8
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	3.7	9.7	18.3	26.4	14.4	15.4	6.2	3.8	2.1
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	6.1	12.3	19.4	26.4	12.5	12.8	5.5	3.3	1.7
75 years and over.....	100.0	7.9	14.1	19.7	27.4	10.4	11.6	4.7	2.9	1.3
Male, 25 years and over.....	100.0	1.9	5.8	11.1	15.9	17.4	27.0	8.9	6.9	5.2
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	40.3	13.5	9.7	6.7
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.7	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.3	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.7	8.0	11.1	19.0	33.2	9.7	8.0	6.7
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.9	4.3	9.2	14.4	20.0	31.1	9.3	6.3	4.5
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.1	5.5	12.1	18.7	19.8	25.0	8.4	5.3	4.1
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.7	14.4	22.5	18.6	20.0	7.0	5.0	4.4
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	2.5	8.8	17.2	26.4	15.9	15.1	6.1	4.5	3.6
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	3.8	10.8	19.3	27.2	13.0	13.8	5.4	3.8	2.9
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	6.5	14.1	20.5	26.6	10.7	11.3	4.7	3.4	2.3
75 years and over.....	100.0	9.2	16.8	20.7	26.8	8.3	9.5	4.0	3.0	1.9
Female, 25 years and over.....	100.0	1.7	4.3	10.4	15.1	18.7	33.9	8.9	5.2	1.9
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.7	5.2	19.3	48.9	11.3	7.9	2.1
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.4	1.6	4.9	6.9	20.9	45.7	10.7	7.0	2.0
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.2	8.1	21.5	43.9	9.9	6.1	1.9
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	7.1	9.5	20.7	43.9	9.1	5.0	1.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	9.1	13.2	20.1	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.2
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	12.0	17.0	20.1	31.1	8.7	4.6	2.5
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.6	13.3	20.7	18.8	25.8	8.6	4.8	2.4
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.8	6.6	15.9	24.3	16.8	20.7	7.8	4.1	2.1
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	3.6	8.8	17.5	25.6	15.6	16.7	6.8	3.8	1.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	5.8	10.9	18.5	26.2	14.0	13.9	6.1	3.3	1.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	7.0	12.4	18.9	27.9	11.9	13.1	5.2	2.9	0.8

¹Average of 1957 and 1959.

²Average of 1964, 1965, and 1966.

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959, 1964-1966, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Continued

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed								
		None	Elementary school			High school		College		
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more
1970										
Total, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.3	4.1	9.2	13.3	18.2	33.6	9.6	6.7	3.9
Series 2.....	100.0	1.3	4.1	9.3	13.3	18.2	33.7	9.6	6.7	3.9
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.0	2.7	4.0	16.8	46.5	13.4	9.9	5.3
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.1	2.8	4.1	16.9	46.8	13.2	9.4	4.9
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.4	4.0	5.5	18.1	44.1	11.1	9.4	5.4
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.5	2.1	5.4	7.1	19.1	41.3	11.1	8.7	4.7
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.5	6.8	9.2	20.9	37.8	10.1	7.7	4.5
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.0	7.5	10.3	19.5	38.7	9.7	6.4	4.2
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.4	9.2	13.8	20.0	35.0	9.0	5.5	3.3
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.4	12.0	17.8	19.9	28.2	8.6	4.9	3.2
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.6	13.8	21.5	18.6	23.1	7.8	4.9	3.3
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	2.1	7.6	16.5	25.3	16.4	18.2	7.0	4.4	2.7
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	3.7	9.7	18.3	26.3	14.5	15.5	6.2	3.8	2.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	6.9	13.1	19.5	26.9	11.6	12.3	5.2	3.1	1.4
Male, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.4	4.7	9.4	13.6	17.7	30.1	9.7	7.6	5.9
Series 2.....	100.0	1.4	4.7	9.5	13.6	17.6	30.2	9.6	7.6	5.8
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	2.9	4.1	15.9	43.2	14.2	10.3	7.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	3.0	4.2	16.3	43.8	14.0	10.0	7.1
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	39.8	11.7	10.1	8.5
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.3	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.3	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.7	8.0	11.1	19.0	33.2	9.7	8.0	6.7
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.9	4.3	9.2	14.4	20.0	31.1	9.3	6.3	4.5
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.1	5.5	12.1	18.7	19.8	25.0	8.4	5.3	4.1
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.7	14.4	22.5	18.6	20.0	7.0	5.0	4.4
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	2.5	8.8	17.2	26.4	15.9	15.1	6.1	4.5	3.6
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	3.8	10.8	19.3	27.2	13.0	13.8	5.4	3.8	2.9
75 years and over.....	100.0	7.7	15.3	20.6	26.7	9.6	10.4	4.4	3.2	2.1
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.3	3.5	9.1	13.1	18.7	36.8	9.5	5.9	2.1
Series 2.....	100.0	1.3	3.5	9.1	13.1	18.7	36.8	9.5	5.9	2.1
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.6	3.9	17.6	49.7	12.7	9.5	2.9
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.7	4.0	17.4	49.8	12.5	9.6	2.7
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.7	5.2	18.7	48.2	11.7	8.6	2.4
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.4	1.6	4.9	6.9	21.0	45.7	10.7	7.0	2.0
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.2	8.1	21.5	43.9	9.9	6.1	1.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	7.1	9.5	20.0	43.9	9.7	5.0	1.9
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	9.1	13.2	20.1	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.2
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	12.0	17.0	20.1	31.1	8.7	4.6	2.5
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.6	13.3	20.7	18.7	25.8	8.6	4.8	2.4
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.8	6.6	15.9	24.3	16.8	20.7	7.8	4.1	2.1
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	3.6	8.8	17.5	25.7	15.6	16.7	6.8	3.8	1.5
75 years and over.....	100.0	6.4	11.6	18.2	27.0	13.0	13.6	5.7	3.1	1.0
1975										
Total, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.0	3.2	7.6	11.1	17.9	36.7	10.4	7.6	4.5
Series 2.....	100.0	1.0	3.2	7.7	11.1	18.1	37.1	10.3	7.4	4.3
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	1.9	2.9	15.1	47.6	14.3	10.9	6.3
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.8	2.0	3.1	15.9	49.3	13.6	10.0	5.1
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.6	1.0	2.7	4.0	16.4	45.9	12.7	10.5	6.4
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.1	2.8	4.2	16.9	46.6	12.4	10.0	5.8
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.4	4.0	5.5	18.1	44.1	11.7	9.4	5.4
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.5	2.1	5.4	7.1	19.1	41.3	11.0	8.7	4.7
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.5	6.8	9.2	20.9	37.8	10.1	7.7	4.5
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.0	7.5	10.3	19.5	38.8	9.7	6.4	4.2
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.4	9.2	13.8	20.0	35.1	9.0	5.5	3.3
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.4	12.0	17.8	19.9	28.3	8.4	4.9	3.2
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.6	13.8	21.5	18.6	23.2	7.8	4.9	3.3
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	2.9	7.5	16.5	25.2	16.4	18.3	7.1	4.3	2.7
75 years and over.....	100.0	5.3	11.3	18.8	26.4	13.8	13.9	5.7	3.4	1.7

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959, 1964-1966, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Continued

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed								
		None	Elementary school			High school		College		
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more
1975--Continued										
Male, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.0	3.7	7.7	11.1	17.3	33.4	10.5	8.4	6.8
Series 2.....	100.0	1.0	3.7	7.7	11.2	17.4	33.8	10.4	8.3	6.5
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.9	1.9	2.9	14.2	45.4	14.8	10.8	8.9
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	1.0	2.0	3.1	14.9	46.9	14.3	10.1	7.4
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	2.9	4.1	15.9	42.7	12.4	10.7	9.1
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	3.0	4.2	16.3	43.3	12.2	10.4	9.0
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	39.8	11.7	10.1	8.5
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.3	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.3	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.7	8.0	11.1	19.0	33.2	9.7	8.0	6.7
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.9	4.3	9.2	14.4	20.0	31.1	9.3	6.3	4.5
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.1	5.5	12.1	18.7	19.8	25.0	8.4	5.3	4.1
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.7	14.4	22.5	18.6	20.0	7.0	5.0	4.4
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	2.5	8.8	17.2	26.4	15.8	15.1	6.1	4.5	3.8
75 years and over.....	100.0	5.7	13.0	19.9	27.0	11.3	12.2	4.9	3.5	2.5
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	1.0	2.8	7.6	11.0	18.5	39.7	10.3	6.8	2.4
Series 2.....	100.0	1.0	2.8	7.6	11.0	18.6	40.0	10.2	6.6	2.2
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.8	2.9	16.0	49.8	13.8	11.0	3.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.9	3.1	16.8	51.6	13.0	9.9	2.8
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.6	3.9	17.0	49.0	13.0	10.2	3.2
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.7	4.0	17.4	49.8	12.5	9.6	2.7
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.7	5.2	18.7	48.2	11.7	8.6	2.4
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.4	1.6	4.9	6.9	20.9	45.7	10.7	7.0	2.0
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.2	8.1	21.5	43.9	9.9	6.1	1.9
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	7.1	9.5	20.0	43.9	9.7	5.0	1.9
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	9.1	13.2	20.1	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.2
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	12.0	17.0	20.1	31.0	8.7	4.6	2.5
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.6	13.3	20.7	18.7	25.8	8.6	4.8	2.4
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.8	6.6	15.9	24.3	16.8	20.7	7.8	4.1	2.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	5.1	10.2	18.1	26.4	14.3	15.1	6.2	3.4	1.2
1980										
Total, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.8	2.7	6.3	9.1	17.1	37.7	11.2	8.9	6.3
Series 2.....	100.0	0.8	2.7	6.4	9.2	17.4	38.4	11.0	8.5	5.8
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.3	2.1	13.5	48.3	14.9	11.8	7.4
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	2.3	14.6	51.0	14.0	10.4	5.4
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	1.9	2.9	14.8	47.0	13.5	11.5	7.4
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.8	2.0	3.1	15.6	48.7	12.9	10.5	6.2
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	2.9	4.1	15.9	42.7	12.4	10.7	9.7
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	3.0	4.2	16.3	43.3	12.2	10.4	9.0
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	39.8	11.7	10.1	8.5
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.3	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.3	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.0	7.5	10.3	19.5	38.9	9.7	6.4	4.1
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.4	9.2	13.7	20.0	35.2	9.0	5.5	3.3
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.3	12.0	17.8	19.9	28.4	8.6	4.9	3.2
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.5	13.7	21.4	18.6	23.4	7.9	4.9	3.2
75 years and over.....	100.0	3.7	9.3	17.6	25.8	14.8	16.3	6.5	3.9	2.2
Male, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.8	2.9	6.2	8.9	16.8	36.3	11.2	9.1	7.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.8	2.9	6.2	9.0	17.1	37.0	11.0	8.8	7.2
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	1.2	2.1	12.6	47.1	15.1	11.1	10.0
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.8	1.4	2.3	13.6	49.7	14.4	10.0	7.7
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.9	1.9	2.9	14.2	44.9	13.0	11.1	10.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	1.0	2.0	3.1	14.9	46.4	12.5	10.4	9.3
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	2.9	4.1	15.9	42.7	12.4	10.7	9.7
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	3.0	4.2	16.3	43.3	12.2	10.3	9.0
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	39.8	11.7	10.1	8.5
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.3	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.3	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.7	8.0	11.1	19.0	33.2	9.7	8.0	6.7
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.9	4.3	1.2	14.4	20.0	31.1	9.3	6.3	4.5
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.1	5.5	12.1	18.7	19.8	25.0	8.4	5.3	4.1
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.7	14.4	22.5	18.6	20.0	7.0	5.0	4.4
75 years and over.....	100.0	4.0	10.8	18.5	26.7	13.8	13.7	5.5	4.0	3.1

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FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959, 1964-1966, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Continued

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed								
		None	Elementary school			High school		College		
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more
1980--Continued										
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.7	2.2	6.2	9.0	18.0	42.1	11.2	7.9	2.9
Series 2.....	100.0	0.7	2.2	6.2	9.1	18.3	42.8	10.9	7.4	2.4
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.3	2.2	14.4	49.4	14.7	12.5	4.9
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.4	2.4	15.5	52.3	13.7	10.8	3.2
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.8	2.9	15.4	49.1	14.1	11.7	4.1
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.9	3.1	16.2	50.9	13.3	10.6	3.1
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.6	3.9	17.0	49.0	13.0	10.2	3.2
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.7	4.0	17.4	49.8	12.5	9.6	2.7
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.7	5.2	18.7	48.2	11.7	8.6	2.4
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.4	1.6	4.9	6.9	20.9	45.7	10.7	7.0	2.0
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.2	8.1	21.5	43.9	9.9	6.1	1.9
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	7.1	9.5	20.0	43.9	9.7	5.0	1.9
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	9.1	13.2	20.1	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.2
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	12.0	17.0	20.1	31.1	8.7	4.6	2.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.6	13.3	20.7	18.7	25.8	8.6	4.8	2.4
75 years and over.....	100.0	3.5	8.4	17.0	25.3	15.5	17.9	7.0	3.7	1.6
1985										
Total, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	4.8	7.1	16.5	41.8	12.0	9.4	6.0
Series 2.....	100.0	0.6	2.0	4.9	7.2	16.9	43.0	11.6	8.8	5.1
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	12.0	48.5	15.3	12.6	8.5
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.6	1.7	13.3	52.4	14.3	10.8	5.7
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.3	2.1	13.2	47.7	14.1	12.3	8.5
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	2.3	14.3	50.4	13.3	11.0	6.5
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	1.9	2.9	14.8	47.0	13.5	11.5	7.5
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.8	2.0	3.1	15.6	48.6	12.9	10.5	6.2
40 to 44 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.0	2.7	4.0	16.5	45.9	12.7	10.5	6.4
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.1	2.8	4.1	16.9	46.6	12.4	10.0	5.8
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.4	4.0	5.5	18.1	44.2	11.7	9.3	5.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.5	2.1	5.4	7.1	19.1	41.4	11.1	8.7	4.7
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.4	6.8	9.1	20.9	38.0	10.1	7.6	4.4
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.9	7.5	10.3	19.5	39.0	9.7	6.4	4.1
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.4	9.1	13.7	20.0	35.4	9.0	5.4	3.2
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.3	12.0	17.7	19.9	28.5	8.6	4.9	3.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	2.5	7.3	15.6	23.6	16.8	20.0	7.2	4.4	2.7
Male, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.6	2.2	4.7	6.9	15.7	39.4	11.9	9.8	8.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	4.8	7.0	16.1	40.6	11.6	9.3	7.7
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	11.0	48.4	15.3	11.3	11.1
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.7	12.3	52.2	14.4	9.9	7.9
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	1.2	2.1	12.6	46.6	13.3	11.5	11.9
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.8	1.3	2.3	13.6	49.2	12.6	10.4	9.6
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.9	1.9	2.9	14.2	44.9	13.0	11.2	10.8
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	1.0	2.0	3.1	14.9	46.4	12.5	10.5	9.3
40 to 44 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	2.9	4.1	15.9	42.7	12.4	10.7	9.7
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	1.3	3.0	4.2	16.3	43.3	12.2	10.4	9.0
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.7	4.4	5.7	17.6	39.8	11.7	10.1	8.5
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	5.9	7.3	17.3	36.8	11.4	10.5	7.6
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	3.1	7.5	10.3	20.9	31.3	10.3	9.4	7.2
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.7	3.7	8.0	11.1	19.0	33.2	9.7	8.0	6.7
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.9	4.3	9.2	14.4	20.0	31.1	9.3	6.3	4.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.1	5.5	12.1	18.7	19.8	25.0	8.4	5.3	4.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	2.7	8.6	16.3	24.4	16.3	17.1	6.3	4.6	3.8

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1957-1959, 1964-1966, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Continued

Year, age, sex, and series	Total	Years of school completed								
		None	Elementary school			High school		College		
			1 to 4	5 to 7	8	1 to 3	4	1 to 3	4	5 or more¹
1985--Continued										
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	4.9	7.2	17.2	44.0	12.0	9.1	3.4
Series 2.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	5.0	7.3	17.7	45.2	11.6	8.4	2.7
25 to 29 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.6	12.9	48.6	15.4	13.8	6.0
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.8	14.3	52.6	14.2	11.8	3.6
30 to 34 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.2	2.2	13.8	48.7	15.0	13.2	5.2
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	1.4	2.4	14.9	51.6	14.0	11.5	3.5
35 to 39 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.8	2.9	15.4	49.1	14.1	11.7	4.1
Series 2.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	1.9	3.1	16.2	50.9	13.3	10.6	3.1
40 to 44 years:										
Series 1.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.6	3.9	17.0	49.0	13.0	10.2	3.2
Series 2.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.7	4.0	17.4	49.8	12.5	9.6	2.7
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.7	5.2	18.7	48.2	11.7	8.6	2.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.4	1.6	4.9	6.9	20.9	45.7	10.7	7.0	2.0
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.2	8.1	21.5	44.0	9.9	6.1	1.9
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.3	7.1	9.5	20.0	43.9	9.7	5.0	1.9
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.6	9.1	13.2	20.1	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.2
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.4	12.0	17.0	20.1	31.1	8.7	4.6	2.5
75 years and over.....	100.0	2.3	6.6	15.2	23.0	17.1	21.8	7.8	4.3	2.0