

**Table 19. Percent of Persons 25 Years Old and Over Who Have Completed High School or College, by Race and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1985**

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year and age	All races			White			Black <sup>1</sup>		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>25 YEARS OLD AND OVER</b>									
<b>Completed 4 Years of High School or more</b>									
1985.....	73.9	74.4	73.5	75.5	76.0	75.1	59.8	58.4	60.8
1984.....	73.3	73.7	73.0	75.0	75.4	74.6	58.5	57.1	59.7
1983.....	72.1	72.7	71.5	73.8	74.4	73.3	56.8	56.5	57.1
1982.....	71.0	71.7	70.3	72.8	73.4	72.3	54.9	55.7	54.3
1981.....	69.7	70.3	69.1	71.6	72.1	71.2	52.9	53.2	52.6
1980 <sup>2</sup> .....	68.6	69.1	68.1	70.5	71.0	70.2	51.2	51.0	51.4
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	68.6	69.2	68.1	70.5	71.0	70.1	51.2	51.1	51.3
1979.....	67.7	68.4	67.1	69.7	70.3	69.2	49.4	49.2	49.5
1978.....	65.9	66.8	65.2	67.9	68.6	67.2	47.6	47.9	47.3
1977.....	64.9	65.6	64.4	67.0	67.5	66.5	45.5	45.6	45.4
1976.....	64.1	64.7	63.5	66.1	66.7	65.5	43.8	42.3	45.0
1975.....	62.5	63.1	62.1	64.5	65.0	64.1	42.5	41.6	43.3
1974.....	61.2	61.6	60.9	63.3	63.6	63.0	40.8	39.9	41.5
1973.....	59.8	60.0	59.6	61.9	62.1	61.7	39.2	38.2	40.1
1972.....	58.2	58.2	58.2	60.4	60.3	60.5	36.6	35.7	37.2
1971.....	56.4	56.3	56.6	58.6	58.4	58.8	34.7	33.8	35.4
1970.....	55.2	55.0	55.4	57.4	57.2	57.6	33.7	32.4	34.8
1969.....	54.0	53.6	54.4	56.3	55.7	56.7	32.3	31.9	32.6
1968.....	52.6	52.0	53.2	54.9	54.3	55.5	30.1	28.9	31.0
1967.....	51.1	50.5	51.7	53.4	52.8	53.8	29.5	27.1	31.5
1966.....	49.9	49.0	50.8	52.2	51.3	53.0	27.8	25.8	29.5
1965.....	49.0	48.0	49.9	51.3	50.2	52.2	27.2	25.8	28.4
1964.....	48.0	47.0	48.9	50.3	49.3	51.2	25.7	23.7	27.4
1962.....	46.3	45.0	47.5	48.7	47.4	49.9	24.8	23.2	26.2
1959.....	43.7	42.2	45.2	46.1	44.5	47.7	20.7	19.6	21.6
1957.....	41.6	39.7	43.3	40.8	41.1	45.1	18.4	16.9	19.7
1952.....	38.8	36.9	40.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	14.0	15.7
1950.....	34.3	32.6	36.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13.7	12.5	14.7
1947.....	33.1	31.4	34.7	35.0	33.2	36.7	13.6	12.7	14.5
1940.....	24.5	22.7	26.3	26.1	24.2	28.1	7.7	6.9	8.4
1940 <sup>4</sup> .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	7.3	6.4	8.3
<b>Completed 4 Years of College or more</b>									
1985.....	19.4	23.1	16.0	20.0	24.0	16.3	11.1	11.2	11.0
1984.....	19.1	22.9	15.7	19.8	23.9	16.0	10.4	10.4	10.4
1983.....	18.8	23.0	15.1	19.5	24.0	15.4	9.5	10.0	9.2
1982.....	17.7	21.9	14.0	18.5	23.0	14.4	8.8	9.1	8.5
1981.....	17.1	21.1	13.4	17.8	22.2	13.8	8.2	8.2	8.2
1980 <sup>2</sup> .....	17.0	20.8	13.5	17.8	22.0	14.0	7.9	7.6	8.1
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	17.0	20.9	13.6	17.8	22.1	14.0	7.9	7.7	8.1
1979.....	16.4	20.4	12.9	17.2	21.4	13.3	7.9	8.3	7.5
1978.....	15.7	19.7	12.2	16.4	20.7	12.6	7.2	7.3	7.1
1977.....	15.4	19.2	12.0	16.1	20.2	12.4	7.2	7.0	7.4
1976.....	14.7	18.6	11.3	15.4	19.6	11.6	6.6	6.3	6.8
1975.....	13.9	17.6	10.6	14.5	18.4	11.0	6.4	6.7	6.2
1974.....	13.3	16.9	10.1	14.0	17.7	10.6	5.5	5.7	5.3
1973.....	12.6	16.0	9.6	13.1	16.8	9.9	6.0	5.9	6.0
1972.....	12.0	15.4	9.0	12.6	16.2	9.4	5.1	5.5	4.8
1971.....	11.4	14.6	8.5	12.0	15.5	8.9	4.5	4.7	4.3
1970.....	11.0	14.1	8.2	11.6	15.0	8.6	4.5	4.6	4.4
1969.....	10.7	13.6	8.1	11.2	14.3	8.5	4.6	4.8	4.5
1968.....	10.5	13.3	8.0	11.0	14.1	8.3	4.3	3.7	4.8
1967.....	10.1	12.8	7.6	10.6	13.6	7.9	4.0	3.4	4.4
1966.....	9.8	12.5	7.4	10.4	13.3	7.7	3.8	3.9	3.7
1965.....	9.4	12.0	7.1	9.9	12.7	7.3	4.7	4.9	4.5
1964.....	9.1	11.7	6.8	9.6	12.3	7.1	3.9	4.5	3.4
1962.....	8.9	11.4	6.7	9.5	12.2	7.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
1959.....	8.1	10.3	6.0	8.6	11.0	13.2	3.3	3.8	2.9
1957.....	7.6	9.6	5.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	2.7	3.0
1952.....	7.0	8.3	5.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.4	2.0	2.7
1950.....	6.2	7.3	5.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.3	2.1	2.4
1947.....	5.4	6.2	4.7	5.7	6.6	4.9	2.5	2.4	2.6
1940.....	4.6	5.5	3.8	4.9	5.9	4.0	1.3	1.4	1.2
1940 <sup>4</sup> .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1.3	1.3	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 19. Percent of Persons 25 Years Old and Over Who Have Completed High School or College, by Race and Sex:  
Selected Years 1940 to 1985—Continued**

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year and age	All races			White			Black <sup>1</sup>		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>25 TO 29 YEARS OLD</b>									
<b>Completed 4 Years of High School or more</b>									
1985.....	86.1	85.9	86.4	86.8	86.4	87.3	80.6	80.8	80.4
1984.....	85.9	85.6	86.3	86.9	86.8	87.0	78.9	75.9	81.5
1983.....	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.9	86.9	86.9	79.4	78.9	79.8
1982.....	86.2	86.3	86.1	86.9	87.0	86.8	80.9	80.5	81.3
1981.....	86.3	86.5	86.1	87.6	87.6	87.6	77.3	78.4	76.4
1980 <sup>2</sup> .....	85.6	85.6	85.6	87.0	86.9	87.1	76.9	75.7	77.9
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	85.4	85.4	85.5	86.9	86.8	87.0	76.6	74.8	78.1
1979.....	85.6	86.3	84.9	87.0	87.7	86.4	74.8	73.9	75.4
1978.....	85.3	86.0	84.6	86.3	86.8	85.8	77.3	78.5	76.3
1977.....	85.4	86.6	84.2	86.8	87.6	86.0	74.4	77.5	72.0
1976.....	84.7	86.0	83.5	85.9	87.3	84.6	73.8	72.5	74.9
1975.....	83.1	84.5	81.8	84.4	85.7	83.2	71.0	72.2	70.1
1974.....	81.9	83.1	80.8	83.4	84.1	82.7	68.2	71.1	66.0
1973.....	80.2	80.6	79.8	82.0	82.4	81.6	64.2	63.1	64.9
1972.....	79.8	80.5	79.2	81.5	82.3	80.8	64.1	61.8	66.2
1971.....	77.2	78.1	76.4	79.5	80.8	78.3	57.5	54.1	60.7
1970.....	75.4	76.6	74.2	77.8	79.2	76.4	56.2	54.5	57.9
1969.....	74.7	75.6	73.8	77.0	77.5	76.6	55.8	59.8	52.3
1968.....	73.2	73.7	72.7	75.3	75.5	75.0	55.8	58.1	53.6
1967.....	72.5	72.1	72.9	74.8	74.3	75.3	53.4	51.7	55.0
1966.....	71.0	70.9	71.2	73.8	73.2	74.4	47.9	48.9	47.0
1965.....	70.3	70.5	70.1	72.8	72.7	72.8	50.3	50.3	50.4
1964.....	69.2	68.8	69.5	72.1	71.8	72.4	45.0	41.6	47.9
1962.....	65.9	65.8	66.1	69.2	69.2	69.3	41.6	38.9	43.8
1959.....	63.9	63.9	64.0	67.2	66.9	67.4	39.5	40.6	38.6
1957.....	60.2	57.9	62.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	31.6	27.4	35.2
1952.....	57.1	55.3	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	28.1	27.9	28.3
1950.....	52.8	50.6	55.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	23.6	21.3	25.5
1947.....	51.4	49.4	53.3	54.9	52.9	56.8	22.3	19.6	24.7
1940.....	38.1	36.0	40.1	41.2	38.9	43.4	12.3	10.6	13.6
1940 <sup>4</sup> .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	11.6	9.8	13.2
<b>Completed 4 Years of College or more</b>									
1985.....	22.2	23.1	21.3	23.2	24.2	22.2	11.5	10.3	12.6
1984.....	21.9	23.2	20.7	23.1	24.3	21.9	11.6	12.9	10.5
1983.....	22.5	23.9	21.1	23.4	25.0	21.8	12.9	13.1	12.8
1982.....	21.7	23.3	20.2	22.7	24.5	20.9	12.6	11.8	13.2
1981.....	21.3	23.1	19.6	22.4	24.3	20.5	11.6	12.1	11.1
1980 <sup>2</sup> .....	22.5	24.1	20.9	23.7	25.5	21.9	11.7	10.7	12.5
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	22.5	24.0	21.0	23.7	25.5	22.0	11.6	10.5	12.5
1979.....	23.1	25.6	20.5	24.3	27.1	21.5	12.4	13.3	11.7
1978.....	23.3	26.0	20.6	24.5	27.6	21.4	11.8	10.7	12.6
1977.....	24.0	27.0	21.1	25.3	28.5	22.1	12.6	12.8	12.4
1976.....	23.7	27.5	20.1	24.6	28.7	20.6	13.0	12.0	13.6
1975.....	21.9	25.1	18.7	22.8	26.3	19.4	10.7	11.4	10.1
1974.....	20.7	23.9	17.6	22.0	25.3	18.8	7.9	8.8	7.2
1973.....	19.0	21.6	16.4	19.9	22.8	17.0	8.1	7.1	8.8
1972.....	19.0	22.0	16.0	19.9	23.1	16.7	8.3	7.1	9.4
1971.....	16.9	20.1	13.8	17.9	21.3	14.6	6.4	6.4	6.5
1970.....	16.4	20.0	12.9	17.3	21.3	13.3	7.3	6.7	8.0
1969.....	16.0	19.4	12.8	17.0	20.6	13.4	6.7	8.1	5.5
1968.....	14.7	18.0	11.6	15.6	19.1	12.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
1967.....	14.6	17.2	12.1	15.5	18.3	12.7	5.4	4.2	6.3
1966.....	14.0	16.8	11.3	14.7	17.9	11.8	5.9	5.4	6.4
1965.....	12.4	15.6	9.5	13.0	16.4	9.8	6.8	7.3	6.8
1964.....	12.8	16.6	9.2	13.6	17.5	9.9	5.5	7.5	3.9
1962.....	13.1	17.2	9.2	14.3	18.7	10.0	4.2	5.7	3.0
1959.....	11.1	14.8	7.6	11.9	15.9	8.1	4.6	5.6	3.7
1957.....	10.4	13.5	7.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.1	3.3	5.0
1952.....	10.1	13.8	6.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.6	3.2	5.8
1950.....	7.7	9.6	5.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	2.4	3.2
1947.....	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.9	6.2	5.7	2.8	2.6	2.9
1940.....	5.9	6.9	4.9	6.4	7.5	5.3	1.6	1.5	1.7
1940 <sup>4</sup> .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1.6	1.5	1.7

<sup>1</sup>Data are for Black and other races for 1940 to 1962; for 1963 to 1981, data are for Black persons only.

<sup>2</sup>Controlled to 1980 Census base.

<sup>3</sup>Controlled to 1970 Census base.

<sup>4</sup>Black only.

Source: 1947, and 1975 to 1985 March Current Population Survey, (noninstitutional population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in barracks; 1950 Census of Population and 1940 Census of Population (resident population)).