

Table 3.03-- EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER: 1940 TO 2023

Year	Percent high school graduate or higher 1/	Percent bachelor's degree or higher 2/
1940	20.5	5.3
1950	31.6	6.1
1960	46.1	9.0
1970	61.9	14.0
1980	73.8	20.3
1990	80.1	22.9
2000	84.6	26.2
2005	88.1	27.9
2006	89.0	29.7
2007	89.4	29.2
2008	90.3	29.1
2009	90.4	29.6
2010	89.9	29.5
2011	90.6	29.1
2012	90.4	30.1
2013	91.0	31.2
2014	91.7	31.0
2015	90.9	31.4
2016	92.0	31.9
2017	92.3	32.9
2018	92.0	33.5
2019	92.4	33.6
2020	(3/)	(3/)
2021	92.9	35.3
2022	92.9	35.4
2023	93.0	37.0

1/ Before 1990, percent 4 years of high school or more.

2/ Before 1990, percent 4 years of college or more.

3/ Due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a limited set of experimental data were released for 2020. These experimental estimates should not be compared to other estimates in the series.

Source: For 1940 through 2000, U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census Final Reports; from 2005, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table DP02 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed January 29, 2025.