

Table 229. Educational Attainment by State: 1990 to 2008

[In percent. 1990 and 2000 as of April. 2008 represents annual averages for calendar year. For persons 25 years old and over. Based on the 1990 and 2000 Census of Population and the American Community Survey, which includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. See text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

State	1990			2000			2008		
	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more	High school graduate or more	Bachelor's degree or more	Advanced degree or more
United States	75.2	20.3	7.2	80.4	24.4	8.9	85.0	27.7	10.2
Alabama	66.9	15.7	5.5	75.3	19.0	6.9	81.9	22.0	7.7
Alaska	86.6	23.0	8.0	88.3	24.7	8.6	91.6	27.3	9.7
Arizona	78.7	20.3	7.0	81.0	23.5	8.4	83.8	25.1	9.2
Arkansas	66.3	13.3	4.5	75.3	16.7	5.7	82.0	18.8	6.3
California	76.2	23.4	8.1	76.8	26.6	9.5	80.2	29.6	10.8
Colorado	84.4	27.0	9.0	86.9	32.7	11.1	88.9	35.6	12.7
Connecticut	79.2	27.2	11.0	84.0	31.4	13.3	88.6	35.6	15.2
Delaware	77.5	21.4	7.7	82.6	25.0	9.4	87.2	27.5	10.8
District of Columbia	73.1	33.3	17.2	77.8	39.1	21.0	85.8	48.2	26.7
Florida	74.4	18.3	6.3	79.9	22.3	8.1	85.2	25.8	9.0
Georgia	70.9	19.3	6.4	78.6	24.3	8.3	83.9	27.5	9.7
Hawaii	80.1	22.9	7.1	84.6	26.2	8.4	90.3	29.1	9.9
Idaho	79.7	17.7	5.3	84.7	21.7	6.8	87.9	24.0	7.4
Illinois	76.2	21.0	7.5	81.4	26.1	9.5	85.9	29.9	11.2
Indiana	75.6	15.6	6.4	82.1	19.4	7.2	86.2	22.9	8.1
Iowa	80.1	16.9	5.2	86.1	21.2	6.5	90.3	24.3	7.3
Kansas	81.3	21.1	7.0	86.0	25.8	8.7	89.5	29.6	10.1
Kentucky	64.6	13.6	5.5	74.1	17.1	6.9	81.3	19.7	7.9
Louisiana	68.3	16.1	5.6	74.8	18.7	6.5	81.2	20.3	6.5
Maine	78.8	18.8	6.1	85.4	22.9	7.9	89.7	25.4	8.9
Maryland	78.4	26.5	10.9	83.8	31.4	13.4	88.0	35.2	15.4
Massachusetts	80.0	27.2	10.6	84.8	33.2	13.7	88.7	38.1	16.4
Michigan	76.8	17.4	6.4	83.4	21.8	8.1	88.1	24.7	9.4
Minnesota	82.4	21.8	6.3	87.9	27.4	8.3	91.6	31.5	10.0
Mississippi	64.3	14.7	5.1	72.9	16.9	5.8	79.9	19.4	6.8
Missouri	73.9	17.8	6.1	81.3	21.6	7.6	86.5	25.0	9.1
Montana	81.0	19.8	5.7	87.2	24.4	7.2	90.9	27.1	8.4
Nebraska	81.8	18.9	5.9	86.6	23.7	7.3	90.1	27.1	8.6
Nevada	78.8	15.3	5.2	80.7	18.2	6.1	83.5	21.9	7.0
New Hampshire	82.2	24.4	7.9	87.4	28.7	10.0	90.9	33.3	12.0
New Jersey	76.7	24.9	8.8	82.1	29.8	11.0	87.4	34.4	12.8
New Mexico	75.1	20.4	8.3	78.9	23.5	9.8	82.4	24.7	10.7
New York	74.8	23.1	9.9	79.1	27.4	11.8	84.1	31.9	13.8
North Carolina	70.0	17.4	5.4	78.1	22.5	7.2	83.6	26.1	8.6
North Dakota	76.7	18.1	4.5	83.9	22.0	5.5	89.6	26.9	6.6
Ohio	75.7	17.0	5.9	83.0	21.1	7.4	87.6	24.1	8.7
Oklahoma	74.6	17.8	6.0	80.6	20.3	6.8	85.5	22.2	7.2
Oregon	81.5	20.6	7.0	85.1	25.1	8.7	88.6	28.1	10.1
Pennsylvania	74.7	17.9	6.6	81.9	22.4	8.4	87.5	26.3	10.0
Rhode Island	72.0	21.3	7.8	78.0	25.6	9.7	83.7	30.0	11.3
South Carolina	68.3	16.6	5.4	76.3	20.4	6.9	83.2	23.7	8.5
South Dakota	77.1	17.2	4.9	84.6	21.5	6.0	90.3	25.1	7.3
Tennessee	67.1	16.0	5.4	75.9	19.6	6.8	83.0	22.9	8.0
Texas	72.1	20.3	6.5	75.7	23.2	7.6	79.6	25.3	8.3
Utah	85.1	22.3	6.8	87.7	26.1	8.3	90.4	29.1	9.4
Vermont	80.8	24.3	8.9	86.4	29.4	11.1	90.6	32.1	12.2
Virginia	75.2	24.5	9.1	81.5	29.5	11.6	85.9	33.7	13.8
Washington	83.8	22.9	7.0	87.1	27.7	9.3	89.6	30.7	10.9
West Virginia	66.0	12.3	4.8	75.2	14.8	5.9	82.2	17.1	6.7
Wisconsin	78.6	17.7	5.6	85.1	22.4	7.2	89.6	25.7	8.6
Wyoming	83.0	18.8	5.7	87.9	21.9	7.0	91.7	23.6	7.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population, CPH-L-96; 2000 Census of Population, P37, "Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over"; 2008 American Community Survey, R1501, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed High School"; R1502, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree"; and R1503, "Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over Who Have Completed an Advanced Degree," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed February 2010.