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## PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN THE UNITED STATES: 1965 TO 1985\*

By 1985 about one-fifth of the men and one-tenth 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. This report shows projections by age and sex, from 1965 through 1985 by 5-year intervals in comparison with 1960 Census statistics. 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 from 1970 on because these persons had not finished their education by 1960. Projections of the number of high school and college graduates 25 years old and over at the dates specified above are also included.

### PROJECTED TRENDS

Between 1960 and 1985, according to the projections, the number of college graduates in the population 25 years old and over is expected to rise from less than 8 million to about 20 or 21 million (table 1). Although more and more young persons of both sexes are likely to complete college, the total increase will be considerably greater for men than for women. In 1960, approximately 6 percent of the adult female population and 10 percent of the male population had completed 4 years or more

of college. By 1985, according to the projections, about 10 percent of the former and 19 or 20 percent of the latter will have attained this level. These changes would represent a gain of approximately 4 percentage points for women compared with about 9 or 10 percentage points for men. The smaller projected gain for women compared with the more substantial gain for men is due in part to the marked attrition of female students during the first 2 years of college.

The projections indicate that between 1965 and 1985 the total number of high school graduates is expected to rise from about 47 million to 87 or 88 million among persons 25 years old and over. Whereas differences between the number of men and women at the higher educational levels are expected to increase between 1965 and 1985, the small disparity which now exists between the sexes for persons who completed 4 years of high school or more is expected to diminish.

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 1960 about 8 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.

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Table A.--HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES, BY SEX, IN THE POPULATION 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1950 AND 1960, AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985

(Projections for 1970 to 1985 based on Series B)

Year and sex	Both sexes				Male				Female			
	High school graduates <sup>1</sup>		College graduates <sup>2</sup>		High school graduates <sup>1</sup>		College graduates <sup>2</sup>		High school graduates <sup>1</sup>		College graduates <sup>2</sup>	
	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over	Number (thousands)	Percent of persons 25 years and over
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	46.0	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

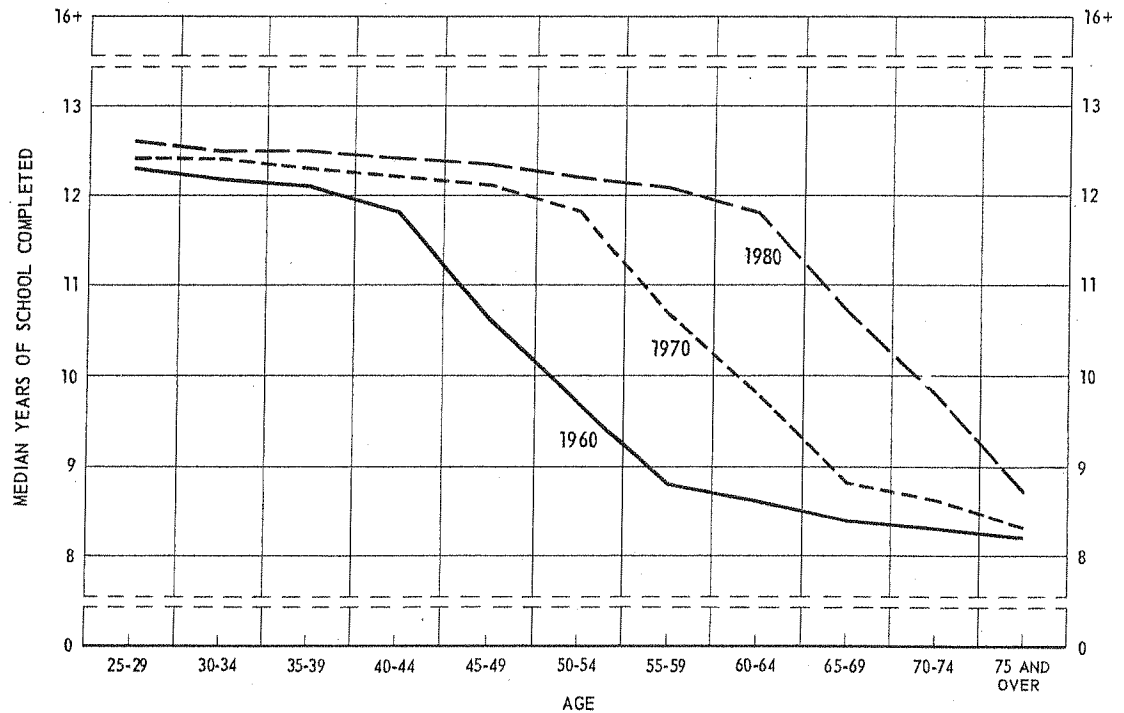
<sup>1</sup> Persons who completed 4 years of high school or beyond.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who completed 4 or more years of college.

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 1960 was 10.5 years; it is expected to be 11.2 in 1965 and rise gradually to 12.3 or 12.4 in 1985. Under present assumptions of trends to 1985, the median level of education for the adult population will probably be stabilized at some

point in the 12th year of school, 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. This process is graphically illustrated in figure 1 by the curves for 1960, 1970, and 1980, which show increasing median years of educational attainment.

Figure 1.--MEDIAN YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES: 1960 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1970 AND 1980



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 A assumes that the rate of improvement in attainment over the past two decades will increase, and Series B assumes that the improvement will continue at the same rate as between 1940 and 1960. Only one series is presented for persons 25 years old and over in 1965; also, only one series is presented for persons 30 years old and over in 1970 because nearly all of these persons will have completed their formal schooling by 1965.

In addition, a third projection, shown only in table B and designated Series X, was based on the assumption of a continuation of the projected 1965 levels of attainment through 1985.<sup>1</sup> In that series changes in numbers at any educational level

The method of deriving the 1965 figures is described in the "Assumptions and methods" section.

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 A and B. Between 1970 and 1985, for example, the number of college graduates 25 to 29 years old would increase from about 2 million to about 3 million without any change in enrollment rate. Thus, Series X implies an increase between 1970 and 1985 of about 1 million college graduates 25 to 29 years old due to population growth alone. The increased attainment rates assumed for Series A and Series B result in projected increases of about 1.7 million college graduates 25 to 29 years old in each series from 1970 to 1985, suggesting that more than half the increase in the expected number of college graduates at those ages will 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 educational practices in this country that might seriously affect patterns of educational attainment. Moreover, these projections should be regarded not as predictions but rather as indicators of the results of specified assumptions about future

Table B.--PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 1970 TO 1985, FOR PERSONS 25 TO 29 YEARS OLD IN THE UNITED STATES, BASED ON DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FUTURE EDUCATIONAL TRENDS  
(In thousands. See text for further explanation of alternative series)

Year and assumption	Persons 25 to 29 years old	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										
Series A--Increase in rate of change in past trends..	13,795	62	124	497	579	3,076	5,347	1,849	1,503	758
Series B--Continuation of rate of change in past trends.....	13,795	76	172	586	669	3,076	5,264	1,800	1,441	710
Series X--No change in educational attainment after 1965.....	13,795	83	217	718	886	3,085	5,058	1,749	1,349	650
1975										
Series A--Increase in rate of change in past trends..	17,254	60	130	526	578	3,460	7,097	2,433	1,976	993
Series B--Continuation of rate of change in past trends.....	17,254	78	181	621	673	3,477	7,003	2,390	1,899	933
Series X--No change in educational attainment after 1965.....	17,254	104	271	898	1,109	3,858	6,322	2,188	1,688	816
1980										
Series A--Increase in rate of change in past trends..	19,195	58	115	470	509	3,590	8,125	2,831	2,304	1,192
Series B--Continuation of rate of change in past trends.....	19,195	77	173	586	624	3,618	8,000	2,774	2,218	1,125
Series X--No change in educational attainment after 1965.....	19,195	116	302	999	1,234	4,292	7,032	2,434	1,878	908
1985										
Series A--Increase in rate of change in past trends..	20,753	62	93	384	405	3,518	9,117	3,175	2,616	1,382
Series B--Continuation of rate of change in past trends.....	20,753	83	156	498	540	3,570	8,982	3,103	2,512	1,310
Series X--No change in educational attainment after 1965.....	20,753	125	326	1,080	1,334	4,641	7,604	2,632	2,030	981

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.

#### ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

The methodology used in these projections is similar to that employed in the 1959 publication Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 91, "Projections of Educational Attainment in the United States: 1960 to 1980." Whereas the earlier report gave figures for 10-year intervals, the present report includes projections at 5-year intervals of time. It also makes use of more recent population projections and additional figures on educational attainment from the 1960 Census and March 1962 Current Population Survey (CPS).

The 1960 Census of Population and the Current Population Surveys of March 1957, 1959, and 1962 were the sources for most of the data on education used in the projections. The educational attainment rates of 1960 for persons 30 years old and over were projected by assuming no change in educational distribution for a given cohort. For example, the distribution by educational levels of men 30 to 34 years old in 1960 was assumed to be the same for men 35 to 39 years old in 1965, 40 to 44 years old in 1970, and so on through 1985. The probable future attainment of persons under age 30, some of whom had not completed their schooling by 1960, was derived from different assumptions about the continuation of past trends to present levels, as described below.

These projected percentage distributions by attainment for men and women in each 5-year age group were applied to projections of the male and female populations by 5-year age groups at future dates. The population projections used were the most recent published projections, by age and sex, to 1985 (Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 286).

The specific methodological steps taken, for men and women separately, were as follows:

1. Percentage distributions by education for 5-year age groups 30 years old and over in the 1960 Census were held constant in each cohort to 1985. This step provided the educational distributions for age groups 35 years and over in 1965, 40 years and over in 1970, 45 years and over in 1975, 50 years and over in 1980, and 55 years and over in 1985. Thus, it was assumed that the 1960 distribution by education would remain constant for age cohorts from ages 30 to 34 on. This

assumption implies that (a) very few persons beyond age 30 continue their regular schooling to the point where they would be classified differently in a census education distribution, and (b) mortality rates are the same regardless of education. In regard to the latter assumption, some studies have suggested that, in fact, mortality is higher for the more poorly educated; but adequate data on these differentials are not available. The magnitude of the changes in the projections that would be required to reflect this factor would probably be considerably less than the other uncertainties involved.

2. Under the assumption that the age cohort 25 to 29 years old in 1960 will reach its peak educational level in 1965 when it reaches ages 30 to 34 years, the percent distribution by education for ages 25 to 29 in 1960 was adjusted to represent the distribution for that cohort in 1965 (when it would be 30 to 34 years of age), by applying the relative change in attainment between 1957 and 1962 from the Current Population Survey supplements for the cohort 25 to 29 years old in 1957. The resulting distribution was then held constant for this cohort to 1985, as was previously done for older cohorts; i.e., it was applied to those aged 35 to 39 years in 1970, 40 to 44 in 1975, 45 to 49 years in 1980, and 50 to 54 years in 1985.

3. Many, but not all, persons in the age groups 20 to 24 in 1960 will have completed their education by 1965. The percent distribution by education for persons 25 to 29 in 1965 was derived from 1960 Census figures for persons 20 to 24 years old adjusted to take account of 5-year changes in the education of that age cohort derived from Current Population Survey figures. The relative change in attainment between 1957 and 1962 from Current Population Survey supplements for the cohort 20 to 24 years old in 1957 and 25 to 29 years old in 1962 was applied to the distribution of those 20 to 24 years old in 1960. The resulting distribution was used for ages 25 to 29 years old in 1965. The college attainment for this cohort was further increased by the ratios used in step 2 above to produce distributions for ages 30 to 34 in 1970, 35 to 39 in 1975, 40 to 44 in 1980, and 45 to 49 in 1985.

4. Percent distributions by education for persons at the younger adult ages in future years (25 to 29 years old in 1970, 25 to 34 years old in 1975, 25 to 39 years old in 1980, and 25 to 44 years old in 1985) were derived using different assumptions about future trends in education. Cumulative percent distributions of attainment data for 1940 through 1960 for each 5-year age group (not cohort) 25 years old and over were plotted, and the trends shown were extrapolated to

obtain expected future attainment levels for the younger groups. Series A assumes that the rate of change in the trend will increase slightly. Series B assumes that the trend in the rate of improvement in the educational levels will continue at the same rate as in the past. Series X, shown for illustrative purposes only, assumes that no change would occur after 1965.

The projections in this report are regarded as referring to the spring of each year. Actually, the percentage distributions by education refer to the spring, whereas the population base refers to July 1 of the same year. The effect of the discrepancy is probably very small; the population 25 years old and over increases only about 250,000 in the course of 3 months.

Current data used in projecting educational trends cover only part of the Armed Forces. The population projections include all of the Armed Forces, however. An implicit assumption in these projections, therefore, is that those members of the Armed Forces not included in the 1960 Census and CPS have an educational distribution like that of other men at the same ages. Since members of the Armed Forces are known to have a higher level of education than the general population in corresponding age groups, the educational achievement of men may be slightly understated, therefore.

The projections in this report are based mainly on 1940, 1950, and 1960 decennial census data and are not completely consistent with figures collected through the CPS. The projected figures for 1965 based on the census will not be consistent with those from the March 1964 or 1965 survey for several reasons. Statistics from both the census and the CPS are subject to sampling and response errors. There are differences in coverage, enumeration techniques (self-enumeration versus direct enumeration), and the methods of allocating nonresponses.

The Content Evaluation Study of the 1960 Census is a major source of information about the accuracy of census data on educational attainment. A comparison by detailed categories of years of school reported for each level suggests a net overreporting on years of school completed for about 6 percent of the population 25 years old and over.<sup>2</sup> A comparison of 1962 CPS and 1960 Census figures shows that the CPS figures include more persons with 12 years or more of school completed and fewer with less than 12 years (table C).

<sup>2</sup> Evaluation and Research Program of the U.S. Censuses of Population and Housing, 1960: Accuracy of Data on Population Characteristics as Measured by Re-interviews, Series ER 60 No. 4, table 12.

If the Content Evaluation Study is taken as a standard, the 1960 Census figures on educational attainment show a slight upward bias. The CPS figures are still higher than the census figures and may, therefore, be more biased in the direction of high educational attainment. Accordingly, it was decided to make the projections consistent with the levels in the census rather than the CPS.

Table C.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960, 1962, 1964, AND 1965

Years of school completed	1960 (census)	1962 (CPS)	1964 (CPS)	1965 (projected)
Total, 25 years old and over.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
None.....	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.9
Elementary: 1 to 4 years..	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.2
5 to 7 years..	13.9	11.7	11.1	12.4
8 years.....	17.5	16.6	15.8	15.8
High school: 1 to 3 years..	19.3	17.6	18.0	20.0
4 years.....	24.6	28.3	30.0	26.7
College: 1 to 3 years..	8.8	9.1	8.9	9.3
4 years.....	4.6	5.9	5.7	5.4
5 or more.....	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4

The method used to project educational attainment was based on information for the United States as a whole and applies specifically to the country as a whole. Therefore, the national patterns are not directly applicable to each region, State, or local area. Educational attainment trends in specific areas in future years may differ from those for the country as a whole because of variations in the characteristics of the local population (age and sex composition, family income, attitudes toward education, etc.) and in educational opportunities for the local population.

#### RELATED REPORTS

The most recent projections of the total population of the United States by age and sex from 1965 to 1985 were published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 286, in July 1964. The first projections of educational attainment published by the Bureau of the Census were presented in 1959 in Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 91, "Projections of Educational Attainment in the United States 1960 to 1980."

Statistics on educational attainment for March 1962 were published in Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 121, "Educational Attainment: March 1962." A forthcoming Series P-20 report, "Educational Attainment: March 1964," will present the most recent statistics on years of school completed by persons 14 years old and over.

## 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 number of years of school completed is defined as the value which divides the

population group into two equal parts--one-half having completed more schooling and one-half having completed less schooling than the median. These medians are expressed in terms of a continuous series of numbers representing years of school completed. For example, a median of 9 indicates completion of the first year of high school and a median of 13 indicates completion of the first year of college. Also, allowance is made for the fact that many persons completed a part of the next higher grade; thus, in computing the median, persons reported as completing 9 years of school are regarded as actually having completed 9.5 years of school. As of the spring, persons enrolled in school had probably completed somewhat more than one-half grade beyond their last full year; whereas persons who had left school had probably completed less than one-half year beyond their last full year, on the average.

Rounding of estimates.--The individual figures in this report are rounded to the nearest thousand and adjusted to group totals.



Table 1.--YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Con.

(In thousands. See text for explanation of alternative series of projections for younger ages)

Year, age, sex, and series	Total population	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 A.....	109,648	1,595	4,630	11,813	14,955	22,633	31,837	10,961	7,008	4,195	11.9
Series B.....	109,648	1,609	4,679	11,903	15,045	22,633	31,755	10,913	6,946	4,147	11.9
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	13,795	62	124	497	579	3,076	5,347	1,849	1,503	758	12.5
Series B.....	13,795	76	172	586	669	3,076	5,264	1,800	1,441	710	12.4
30 to 34 years.....	11,425	69	179	593	734	2,556	4,067	1,777	1,230	620	12.4
35 to 39 years.....	11,079	75	236	726	891	2,415	4,044	1,264	899	519	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	11,917	87	315	963	1,173	2,737	4,083	1,260	805	454	12.2
45 to 49 years.....	12,239	98	391	1,084	1,351	2,619	4,287	1,242	690	476	12.1
50 to 54 years.....	11,121	100	421	1,191	1,592	2,427	3,466	1,031	521	373	11.8
55 to 59 years.....	10,046	117	479	1,391	1,831	2,144	2,476	872	417	319	10.7
60 to 64 years.....	8,454	133	502	1,363	1,782	1,715	1,612	732	354	261	9.8
65 to 69 years.....	6,892	167	547	1,311	1,684	1,212	1,020	530	248	173	8.8
70 to 74 years.....	5,239	192	500	1,069	1,373	811	673	365	157	100	8.6
75 years and over.....	7,440	495	938	1,615	1,965	941	762	438	184	101	8.3
Male, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	52,276	786	2,508	5,925	7,238	10,634	12,956	5,181	3,892	3,156	11.7
Series B.....	52,276	793	2,535	5,980	7,286	10,614	12,928	5,154	3,851	3,135	11.7
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	6,884	34	76	275	337	1,549	2,224	922	854	613	12.5
Series B.....	6,884	41	103	330	386	1,528	2,196	895	812	592	12.5
30 to 34 years.....	5,656	40	111	343	402	1,232	1,611	673	703	541	12.4
35 to 39 years.....	5,467	42	143	410	481	1,129	1,656	652	539	415	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	5,836	49	188	526	632	1,325	1,635	623	474	383	12.1
45 to 49 years.....	5,932	55	227	567	692	1,261	1,759	599	410	363	12.1
50 to 54 years.....	5,357	55	242	607	781	1,147	1,488	501	275	261	11.6
55 to 59 years.....	4,794	63	273	704	894	997	1,054	397	205	207	10.4
60 to 64 years.....	3,965	69	276	680	858	792	658	309	165	160	9.4
65 to 69 years.....	3,137	83	284	635	788	530	388	212	116	102	8.7
70 to 74 years.....	2,261	83	244	488	600	337	241	141	72	56	8.5
75 years and over.....	2,987	213	445	689	773	336	242	154	80	56	8.2
Female, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	57,372	809	2,123	5,888	7,718	12,019	18,882	5,780	3,116	1,039	12.0
Series B.....	57,372	816	2,143	5,923	7,759	12,040	18,826	5,759	3,095	1,012	12.0
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	6,911	28	48	221	242	1,527	3,124	926	650	145	12.4
Series B.....	6,911	35	69	256	283	1,548	3,068	905	629	117	12.4
30 to 34 years.....	5,769	29	68	250	331	1,324	2,457	704	526	79	12.4
35 to 39 years.....	5,612	33	93	326	410	1,285	2,388	612	360	104	12.3
40 to 44 years.....	6,082	39	127	437	540	1,413	2,448	637	331	111	12.2
45 to 49 years.....	6,307	43	164	517	659	1,358	2,528	644	280	114	12.2
50 to 54 years.....	5,764	44	179	584	811	1,280	1,977	531	246	112	12.0
55 to 59 years.....	5,252	54	206	687	937	1,147	1,423	476	212	112	10.9
60 to 64 years.....	4,489	63	226	683	925	924	953	424	189	102	10.1
65 to 69 years.....	3,755	85	263	676	896	682	632	319	132	71	9.0
70 to 74 years.....	2,979	109	256	581	773	474	432	224	85	44	8.7
75 years and over.....	4,452	281	493	926	1,192	606	520	284	104	46	8.4
1975											
Total, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	118,188	1,289	3,937	10,712	13,501	24,714	37,435	12,723	8,794	5,083	12.1
Series B.....	118,188	1,320	4,037	10,897	13,686	24,732	37,256	12,631	8,654	4,974	12.1
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	17,254	60	129	526	578	3,460	7,097	2,433	1,976	993	12.5
Series B.....	17,254	78	181	621	673	3,477	7,003	2,390	1,899	933	12.5
30 to 34 years:											
Series A.....	13,885	62	135	500	583	3,096	5,232	1,805	1,616	865	12.5
Series B.....	13,885	76	173	590	673	3,096	5,149	1,757	1,554	817	12.5
35 to 39 years.....	11,448	69	179	594	735	2,561	4,078	1,380	1,232	621	12.4
40 to 44 years.....	11,010	75	234	731	885	2,400	4,021	1,256	893	515	12.3
45 to 49 years.....	11,715	86	309	946	1,152	2,691	4,018	1,239	791	484	12.2
50 to 54 years.....	11,859	95	378	1,049	1,309	2,538	4,161	1,204	667	459	12.1
55 to 59 years.....	10,567	94	399	1,130	1,512	2,307	3,300	980	494	351	11.8
60 to 64 years.....	9,278	107	440	1,282	1,690	1,981	2,294	807	385	292	10.7
65 to 69 years.....	7,484	117	441	1,204	1,576	1,519	1,434	651	313	229	9.8
70 to 74 years.....	5,743	139	453	1,089	1,401	1,012	856	444	206	142	8.8
75 years and over.....	7,945	384	850	1,660	2,080	1,149	943	525	221	133	8.5





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1960--Con.											
Female, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	67,200	519	1,526	4,814	6,209	14,045	26,203	7,737	4,721	1,404	12.2
Series B.....	67,200	544	1,584	4,958	6,352	14,167	25,992	7,672	4,627	1,304	12.2
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	9,568	29	48	201	210	1,713	4,717	1,416	976	258	12.5
Series B.....	9,568	38	67	258	268	1,770	4,631	1,378	938	220	12.5
30 to 34 years:											
Series A.....	8,664	26	52	225	243	1,715	4,098	1,222	866	217	12.5
Series B.....	8,664	35	69	277	286	1,759	4,029	1,196	832	182	12.5
35 to 39 years:											
Series A.....	6,993	28	49	224	245	1,545	3,147	916	678	161	12.4
Series B.....	6,993	35	70	259	287	1,566	3,091	895	657	133	12.4
40 to 44 years.....											
45 to 49 years.....											
50 to 54 years.....											
55 to 59 years.....											
60 to 64 years.....											
65 to 69 years.....											
70 to 74 years.....											
75 years and over.....											
1985											
Total, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	139,084	884	2,755	8,468	10,473	28,354	50,558	17,091	13,136	7,365	12.4
Series B.....	139,084	955	2,975	8,873	10,908	28,452	50,129	16,869	12,806	7,116	12.3
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	20,753	62	93	384	405	3,518	9,117	3,175	2,616	1,382	12.6
Series B.....	20,753	83	156	498	540	3,570	8,982	3,103	2,512	1,310	12.6
30 to 34 years:											
Series A.....	19,251	58	116	481	510	3,600	7,940	2,782	2,416	1,348	12.6
Series B.....	19,251	77	173	537	626	3,629	7,825	2,724	2,330	1,281	12.6
35 to 39 years:											
Series A.....	17,299	61	130	527	579	3,468	6,940	2,396	2,084	1,114	12.6
Series B.....	17,299	79	182	623	674	3,486	6,845	2,353	2,006	1,053	12.5
40 to 44 years:											
Series A.....	13,790	62	124	496	578	3,075	5,202	1,793	1,604	856	12.5
Series B.....	13,790	76	172	585	668	3,075	5,119	1,745	1,542	808	12.5
45 to 49 years.....											
50 to 54 years.....											
55 to 59 years.....											
60 to 64 years.....											
65 to 69 years.....											
70 to 74 years.....											
75 years and over.....											
Male, 25 years and over:											
Series A.....	66,188	448	1,480	4,222	5,079	13,521	20,108	8,173	7,456	5,702	12.4
Series B.....	66,188	483	1,622	4,420	5,299	13,414	19,994	8,088	7,271	5,596	12.4
25 to 29 years:											
Series A.....	10,404	31	52	218	239	1,862	3,797	1,602	1,519	1,082	12.7
Series B.....	10,404	42	94	271	302	1,831	3,766	1,581	1,467	1,051	12.7
30 to 34 years:											
Series A.....	9,631	29	67	279	299	1,878	3,246	1,377	1,406	1,050	12.7
Series B.....	9,631	39	106	327	356	1,849	3,217	1,358	1,358	1,021	12.7
35 to 39 years:											
Series A.....	8,627	35	78	302	336	1,751	2,838	1,173	1,216	897	12.6
Series B.....	8,627	43	112	345	388	1,725	2,812	1,156	1,173	871	12.6
40 to 44 years:											
Series A.....	6,824	34	75	273	334	1,535	2,068	880	928	696	12.6
Series B.....	6,824	41	102	328	382	1,515	2,040	853	887	676	12.5
45 to 49 years.....											
50 to 54 years.....											
55 to 59 years.....											
60 to 64 years.....											
65 to 69 years.....											
70 to 74 years.....											
75 years and over.....											

Table 1.--YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Con.

(In thousands. See text for explanation of alternative series of projections for younger ages)

Year, age, sex, and series	Total population	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--Con.												
Female, 25 years and over:												
Series A.....	72,896	436	1,275	4,246	5,394	14,834	30,450	8,919	5,680	1,663	12.3	
Series B.....	72,896	471	1,353	4,453	5,609	15,038	30,135	8,781	5,534	1,521	12.3	
25 to 29 years:												
Series A.....	10,349	31	41	166	166	1,656	5,319	1,573	1,097	300	12.6	
Series B.....	10,349	41	62	228	238	1,739	5,216	1,521	1,045	259	12.5	
30 to 34 years:												
Series A.....	9,620	29	48	202	212	1,722	4,695	1,405	1,010	298	12.6	
Series B.....	9,620	38	67	260	269	1,780	4,608	1,366	972	260	12.5	
35 to 39 years:												
Series A.....	8,672	26	52	225	243	1,717	4,102	1,223	867	217	12.5	
Series B.....	8,672	35	69	278	286	1,760	4,032	1,197	833	182	12.5	
40 to 44 years:												
Series A.....	6,966	28	49	223	244	1,539	3,135	913	676	160	12.4	
Series B.....	6,966	35	70	258	286	1,560	3,079	892	655	132	12.4	
45 to 49 years.....	5,722	29	68	248	329	1,313	2,437	699	522	79	12.4	
50 to 54 years.....	5,437	32	90	316	397	1,245	2,314	593	349	101	12.3	
55 to 59 years.....	5,715	36	119	411	508	1,327	2,300	596	311	104	12.2	
60 to 64 years.....	5,688	39	148	466	594	1,225	2,280	580	253	102	12.2	
65 to 69 years.....	4,879	38	151	494	687	1,084	1,674	449	208	95	12.0	
70 to 74 years.....	4,009	41	157	524	715	875	1,086	363	162	85	10.9	
75 years and over.....	5,839	107	352	971	1,299	1,130	1,110	523	225	121	9.5	

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985

Year, age, sex, and series	Total population	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
1960										
Total, 25 years and over.....	100.0	2.3	6.1	13.8	17.5	19.2	24.6	8.8	4.6	3.0
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.1	6.6	8.0	21.8	37.6	12.0	7.2	3.8
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.1	9.8	23.0	34.3	10.6	6.8	4.1
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	8.9	11.0	24.4	35.0	10.1	5.6	3.9
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.8	10.7	14.3	21.8	31.1	9.3	4.7	3.4
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	1.2	4.8	13.9	18.2	21.3	24.6	8.7	4.2	3.2
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.0	16.2	21.1	20.3	19.0	8.6	4.2	3.1
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	2.4	8.0	19.1	24.5	17.5	14.7	7.6	3.6	2.5
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	3.7	9.6	20.5	26.2	15.4	12.7	6.9	3.0	2.0
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	6.0	12.2	21.7	26.1	13.3	10.5	6.1	2.6	1.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	7.4	13.5	22.1	26.6	11.7	9.5	5.5	2.4	1.3
75 years and over.....	100.0	8.2	14.6	21.8	27.8	10.0	9.5	4.9	2.2	1.0
Male, 25 years and over.....										
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	2.4	7.0	14.6	17.8	18.7	21.2	8.6	5.2	4.4
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.6	7.5	8.8	20.7	32.3	12.9	8.4	6.1
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	9.0	10.2	22.7	28.0	10.7	8.1	6.6
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.8	9.6	11.7	23.3	29.7	10.1	6.9	6.1
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.5	11.3	14.6	23.4	27.8	9.3	5.1	4.9
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.7	14.7	18.6	20.8	22.0	8.3	4.3	4.3
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.7	6.9	17.1	21.6	20.0	16.6	7.8	4.2	4.0
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	2.6	9.0	20.2	25.1	16.9	12.4	6.7	3.7	3.2
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	3.7	10.8	21.6	26.5	14.9	10.6	6.2	3.2	2.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	6.2	14.0	22.9	25.9	12.1	8.7	5.4	2.8	2.0
75 years and over.....	100.0	8.2	15.9	23.2	25.9	10.2	7.5	4.8	2.5	1.7
Female, 25 years and over.....										
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	2.2	5.2	13.1	17.3	19.7	27.8	9.0	4.1	1.7
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	5.8	7.3	22.9	42.8	11.2	6.1	1.7
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.1	7.2	8.9	23.2	40.3	10.5	5.4	1.8
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.2	10.5	21.5	40.1	10.2	4.4	1.8
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.1	10.1	14.1	22.2	34.3	9.2	4.3	1.9
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.0	3.9	13.1	17.8	21.8	27.1	9.1	4.0	2.1
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.4	5.0	15.2	20.6	20.6	21.2	9.4	4.2	2.3
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	2.2	7.0	18.0	23.9	18.2	16.8	8.5	3.5	1.9
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	2.2	8.6	19.5	25.9	15.9	14.5	7.5	2.8	1.5
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	5.8	10.7	20.6	26.3	14.2	12.1	6.7	2.5	1.2
75 years and over.....	100.0	6.8	11.5	21.1	27.2	13.0	11.2	6.1	2.2	0.9
1965										
Total, 25 years and over.....	100.0	1.9	5.2	12.4	15.8	20.0	26.7	9.3	5.4	3.4
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.6	5.2	6.4	22.4	36.7	12.7	9.8	4.7
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.1	6.6	8.0	21.8	36.5	11.4	8.1	4.7
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.1	9.8	23.0	34.2	10.6	6.8	4.2
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	8.9	11.0	21.4	35.0	10.1	5.6	3.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.8	10.7	14.3	21.8	31.1	9.3	4.7	3.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.2	4.8	13.9	18.2	21.3	24.6	8.7	4.2	3.2
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.6	6.0	16.1	21.1	20.3	19.0	8.6	4.2	3.1
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	2.4	8.0	19.1	24.5	17.6	14.7	7.7	3.6	2.5
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	3.7	9.6	20.5	26.2	15.4	12.7	6.9	3.0	1.9
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	6.0	12.1	21.6	26.2	13.3	10.6	6.1	2.6	1.5
75 years and over.....	100.0	7.7	13.9	21.9	27.2	11.0	9.6	5.3	2.3	1.2
Male, 25 years and over.....										
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	2.0	5.9	13.1	16.0	19.5	22.9	9.2	6.2	5.2
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.0	6.1	7.1	21.8	30.5	12.9	10.7	8.3
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.6	7.5	8.8	20.7	30.3	11.9	9.9	7.6
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	9.0	10.8	22.7	28.0	10.7	8.1	6.6
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.8	9.6	11.7	23.3	29.6	10.1	6.9	6.1
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.5	11.3	14.6	21.4	27.8	9.3	5.1	4.9
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.7	14.7	18.6	20.8	22.0	8.3	4.3	4.3
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.7	7.0	17.1	21.6	20.0	16.6	7.8	4.2	4.0
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	2.6	9.0	20.2	25.1	16.9	12.4	6.7	3.7	3.3
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	3.6	10.8	21.6	26.5	14.9	10.7	6.2	3.2	2.5
75 years and over.....	100.0	6.2	14.0	22.9	25.9	12.1	8.6	5.4	2.8	2.0
Female, 25 years and over.....										
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	1.8	4.5	11.8	15.6	20.4	30.1	9.4	4.7	1.7
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.2	4.3	5.7	22.9	42.8	12.5	8.8	1.2
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.6	5.8	7.3	22.9	42.6	10.9	6.4	1.9
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.1	7.2	8.9	23.2	40.2	10.5	5.4	1.8
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.2	10.5	21.5	40.1	10.2	4.5	1.8
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.1	10.1	14.1	22.2	34.3	9.2	4.3	2.0
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	1.0	3.9	13.1	17.8	21.8	27.1	9.1	4.0	2.1
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	1.4	5.0	15.2	20.6	20.6	21.2	9.4	4.2	2.3
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	2.2	7.0	18.0	23.9	18.2	16.8	8.5	3.5	1.9
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	3.7	8.6	19.5	26.0	15.9	14.5	7.5	2.9	1.5
75 years and over.....	100.0	5.8	10.7	20.6	26.4	14.2	12.1	6.7	2.4	1.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	7.0	11.9	21.0	28.1	12.1	11.3	5.7	2.2	0.8





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Year, age, sex, and series	Total population	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--Con.										
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.8	2.3	7.2	9.2	20.9	39.0	11.5	7.0	2.1
Series B.....	100.0	0.8	2.4	7.4	9.5	21.1	38.7	11.4	6.9	1.9
25 to 29 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	2.1	2.2	17.9	49.3	14.8	10.2	2.7
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.7	2.7	2.8	18.5	48.4	14.4	9.8	2.3
30 to 34 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	2.6	2.8	19.8	47.3	14.1	10.0	2.5
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	3.2	3.3	20.3	46.5	13.8	9.6	2.1
35 to 39 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.4	0.7	3.2	3.5	22.1	45.0	13.1	9.7	2.3
Series B.....	100.0	0.5	1.0	3.7	4.1	22.4	44.2	12.8	9.4	1.9
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.2	4.3	5.7	22.9	42.6	12.2	9.1	1.4
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	5.8	7.3	22.9	42.6	10.9	6.4	1.9
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.1	7.2	8.9	23.2	40.3	10.5	5.4	1.8
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.2	10.4	21.5	40.1	10.2	4.4	1.8
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.1	10.1	14.1	22.2	34.3	9.2	4.3	1.9
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.0	3.9	13.1	17.8	21.8	27.1	9.1	4.0	2.1
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.4	5.0	15.2	20.6	20.6	21.2	9.4	4.2	2.3
75 years and over.....	100.0	3.0	7.8	18.8	24.9	17.0	15.7	8.0	3.2	1.7
1985										
Total, 25 years and over:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.6	2.0	6.1	7.5	20.4	36.4	12.3	9.4	5.3
Series B.....	100.0	0.7	2.1	6.4	7.8	20.5	36.0	12.1	9.2	5.1
25 to 29 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.4	1.9	2.0	17.0	43.9	15.3	12.6	6.7
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	2.4	2.6	17.2	43.3	15.0	12.1	6.3
30 to 34 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	2.5	2.6	18.7	41.2	14.5	12.5	7.0
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.9	3.0	3.3	18.9	40.6	14.1	12.1	6.7
35 to 39 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	3.0	3.3	20.0	40.1	13.9	12.0	6.4
Series B.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	3.6	3.9	20.2	39.6	13.6	11.6	6.1
40 to 44 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.4	0.9	3.6	4.2	22.3	37.7	13.0	11.6	6.2
Series B.....	100.0	0.6	1.2	4.2	4.8	22.3	37.1	12.7	11.2	5.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.6	5.2	6.4	22.4	35.7	12.1	10.7	5.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.1	6.6	8.0	21.8	36.6	11.4	8.1	4.6
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.1	9.8	23.0	34.5	10.6	6.7	4.1
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	8.8	11.0	21.4	35.3	10.2	5.8	3.8
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.7	10.7	14.3	21.9	31.4	9.3	4.6	3.2
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.1	4.7	13.7	18.2	21.4	24.9	8.7	4.1	3.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	2.0	6.8	17.4	22.6	19.0	17.3	8.3	3.9	2.7
Male, 25 years and over:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.7	2.2	6.4	7.7	20.4	30.4	12.3	11.3	8.6
Series B.....	100.0	0.7	2.5	6.7	8.0	20.3	30.2	12.2	11.0	8.5
25 to 29 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	2.1	2.3	17.9	36.5	15.4	14.6	10.4
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.9	2.6	2.9	17.6	36.2	15.2	14.1	10.1
30 to 34 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.7	2.9	3.1	19.5	33.7	14.3	14.6	10.9
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	1.1	3.4	3.7	19.2	33.4	14.1	14.1	10.6
35 to 39 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.4	0.9	3.5	3.9	20.3	32.9	13.6	14.1	10.4
Series B.....	100.0	0.5	1.3	4.0	4.5	20.0	32.6	13.4	13.6	10.1
40 to 44 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.5	1.1	4.0	4.9	22.5	30.3	12.9	13.6	10.2
Series B.....	100.0	0.6	1.5	4.8	5.6	22.2	29.9	12.5	13.0	9.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.0	6.1	7.1	21.8	28.5	11.9	12.4	9.6
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.8	2.6	7.5	8.8	20.7	30.3	11.9	9.9	7.6
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.2	9.0	10.8	22.7	28.0	10.7	8.1	6.6
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.9	3.8	9.6	11.7	21.3	29.7	10.1	6.9	6.1
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	1.0	4.5	11.3	14.6	21.4	27.8	9.3	5.1	4.9
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.3	5.7	14.7	18.6	20.8	22.0	8.3	4.3	4.3
75 years and over.....	100.0	2.2	7.9	18.6	23.3	18.5	14.6	7.3	4.0	3.7

Table 2.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1985--Con.

Year, age, sex, and series	Total population	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
1985--Con.										
Female, 25 years and over:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	5.8	7.4	20.3	41.8	12.2	7.8	2.3
Series B.....	100.0	0.6	1.9	6.1	7.7	20.6	41.3	12.0	7.6	2.1
25 to 29 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.4	1.6	1.6	16.0	51.4	15.2	10.6	2.9
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.6	2.2	2.3	16.8	50.4	14.7	10.1	2.5
30 to 34 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.5	2.1	2.2	17.9	48.8	14.6	10.5	3.1
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.7	2.7	2.8	18.5	47.9	14.2	10.1	2.7
35 to 39 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.3	0.6	2.6	2.8	19.8	47.3	14.1	10.0	2.5
Series B.....	100.0	0.4	0.8	3.2	3.3	20.3	46.5	13.8	9.6	2.1
40 to 44 years:										
Series A.....	100.0	0.4	0.7	3.2	3.5	22.1	45.0	13.1	9.7	2.3
Series B.....	100.0	0.5	1.0	3.7	4.1	22.4	44.2	12.8	9.4	1.9
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	0.5	1.2	4.3	5.7	22.9	42.6	12.2	9.1	1.4
50 to 54 years.....	100.0	0.6	1.7	5.8	7.3	22.9	42.6	10.9	6.4	1.9
55 to 59 years.....	100.0	0.6	2.1	7.2	8.9	23.2	40.2	10.5	5.4	1.8
60 to 64 years.....	100.0	0.7	2.6	8.2	10.4	21.5	40.1	10.2	4.4	1.8
65 to 69 years.....	100.0	0.8	3.1	10.1	14.1	22.2	34.3	9.2	4.3	1.9
70 to 74 years.....	100.0	1.0	3.9	13.1	17.8	21.8	27.1	9.1	4.0	2.1
75 years and over.....	100.0	1.8	6.0	16.6	22.2	19.4	19.0	9.0	3.9	2.1

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