

Table 2-2 • Educational attainment of women and men age 25 and over by age, race, and Hispanic origin, 2003 (in percentages)

The overall “25 and over” numbers conceal significant differences by age and gender. Generally speaking, in the older age groups, education levels are lower among women than among men. When it comes to four-year degrees, quite the reverse is true in the youngest cohorts. In every group shown here, the women age 25–34 are more likely than the men in their age group to have at least a bachelor’s degree. Asians excepted, this is also the case among 35 to 44-year-olds.

	<i>High school graduate or more</i>		<i>Bachelor’s degree or more</i>	
	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
All races¹				
Total 25 and over	85.0	84.1	25.7	28.9
25–34	88.5	85.6	32.1	27.9
35–44	89.4	86.6	29.8	29.1
45–54	89.6	88.4	28.9	32.2
55–64	85.4	84.9	22.6	31.8
65 and over	71.1	71.9	13.3	22.8
Non-Hispanic white²				
Total 25 and over	89.6	89.0	27.9	32.2
25–34	94.7	92.8	38.1	33.3
35–44	94.4	92.1	33.1	32.5
45–54	94.7	93.0	31.8	35.4
55–64	90.5	89.3	24.2	34.5
65 and over	76.0	76.2	14.0	24.6
Non-Hispanic black²				
Total 25 and over	80.3	79.5	18.0	16.8
25–34	88.9	88.9	19.1	16.8
35–44	88.2	85.7	20.7	18.8
45–54	83.8	81.9	20.4	17.4
55–64	74.8	72.9	16.5	17.5
65 and over	53.0	49.0	9.7	10.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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	<i>High school graduate or more</i>		<i>Bachelor's degree or more</i>	
	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
Asian ²				
Total 25 and over	86.1	89.7	46.0	52.7
25-34	96.1	95.2	59.6	57.8
35-44	89.9	90.6	50.8	53.1
45-54	86.7	87.5	42.9	53.9
55-64	81.0	87.4	35.9	52.7
65 and over	62.0	79.3	22.3	36.7
Hispanic ³				
Total 25 and over	57.8	56.3	11.6	11.2
25-34	63.2	59.0	12.6	10.5
35-44	63.6	58.6	14.5	12.6
45-54	58.6	57.1	10.6	14.0
55-64	50.0	51.8	9.5	11.9
65 and over	33.2	40.0	5.0	7.4

¹Includes Pacific Islanders and Native Americans, not shown separately (data not available).

²Alone or in combination with other race(s).

³People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: Census Bureau, *Educational Attainment in the United States: 2003*, detailed tables 1 and 1a.

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