

Table SK12-25

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(Percent)

Year	All graduates	Sex		Family income ^a			Race or ethnicity ^b				Parents' highest education ^c				Institution type	
		Male	Female	Low	Middle	High	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Less than high school	High school diploma or equivalent	Some college	Bachelor's or higher degree	2-year	4-year
1975	51	53	49	31	46	65	49	45	53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	33
1976	49	47	50	39	41	63	50	45	54	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16	33
1977	51	52	49	28	44	66	50	47	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	33
1978	50	51	49	31	44	64	50	48	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	33
1979	49	50	48	31	43	63	50	45	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	32
1980	49	47	52	33	43	65	52	44	50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	30
1981	54	55	53	34	49	68	52	40	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	33
1982	51	49	52	33	42	71	54	39	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	32
1983	53	52	53	35	45	70	56	38	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	34
1984	55	56	54	35	48	74	58	40	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	36
1985	58	59	57	40	51	75	59	40	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	38
1986	54	56	52	34	49	71	58	43	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	35
1987	57	58	55	37	50	74	59	44	45	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	38
1988	59	57	61	43	55	73	60	50	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	22	37
1989	60	58	62	48	55	71	62	48	53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	21	39
1990	60	58	62	47	54	77	63	49	52	81	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	40
1991	63	58	67	40	58	78	64	47	53	81	NA	NA	NA	NA	25	38
1992	62	60	64	41	57	79	64	50	58	81	33	56	68	81	23	39
1993	63	60	65	50	57	79	64	51	56	83	47	52	63	88	23	40
1994	62	61	63	43	58	78	64	52	55	82	43	50	65	83	21	41
1995	62	63	61	34	56	84	65	53	52	83	27	47	70	88	22	40
1996	65	60	70	49	63	78	67	55	58	83	45	56	67	85	23	42
1997	67	64	70	57	61	82	68	59	55	83	51	62	63	86	23	44
1998	66	62	69	46	65	78	68	60	52	84	50	57	68	82	24	41
1999	63	61	64	48	60	75	67	59	47	81	36	54	60	82	21	42
2000	63	60	66	50	60	77	65	56	49	81	44	52	64	81	21	42
2001	62	60	63	44	56	80	66	56	53	78	39	52	62	81	20	42
2002	65	62	68	56	61	78	67	57	55	72	43	52	66	83	22	44
2003	64	61	67	53	58	80	68	60	58	74	43	54	63	82	21	42
2004	67	61	72	48	63	80	69	59	58	82	40	55	67	86	22	44
2005	69	66	70	54	65	81		58	58	81	43	62	66	89	24	45
2006	66	66	66	51	61	81	70	56	58	85	43	56	67	78	25	41
2007	67	66	68	58	63	78	70	56	62	86	45	52	65	86	24	43
2008	69	66	72	56	65	82	71	60	62	90	44	57	72	82	28	41

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2009	70	66	74	54	67	84	71	62	61	88	40	58	74	82	28	42
2010	68	63	74	51	67	82	70	66	62	87	51	58	71	84	27	41
2011	68	65	72	54	66	82	68	62	66	84	s	54	67	83	26	42
2012	66	61	71	51	65	81	68	60	66	82	61	57	66	77	29	37
2013	66	64	68	46	64	79	67	61	65	84	43	52	64	83	24	42
2014	68	64	73	58	64	84	69	61	65	84	54	56	67	81	25	44
2015	69	66	73	69	62	83	70	61	69	88	56	57	65	82	25	44
2016	70	67	72	65	65	83	70	57	68	86	50	57	67	84	24	46
2017	67	61	72	NA	NA	NA	70	61	67	82	47	62	62	77	23	44
2018	69	67	71	NA	NA	NA	70	62	63	78	58	54	69	79	26	44

NA = not available; s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

^a Family income is categorized as follows: low income includes families in the lowest 20% of income distribution, middle income includes families in the middle 60%, and high income includes families in the highest 20%.

^b Because of the small sample size for racial and ethnic categories, data are subject to relatively large sampling errors. Therefore, 3-year moving averages are used to produce more stable estimates. The 3-year moving average is an arithmetic average of the rates in the year indicated, the year immediately preceding, and the year immediately following. For 1975 and 2019, a 2-year moving average is used. Data for 1975 reflect an average of 1975 and 1976, and data for 2018 reflect an average of 2017 and 2018. Starting from 2003, data for White, Black, and Asian students exclude individuals identifying themselves as two or more races. Hispanic may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

^c This refers to the highest level of education achieved by either parent.

Note(s):

The table includes students ages 16–24 completing high school in the survey year. Immediate college enrollment rates are defined as rates of high school graduates enrolled in college in October after completing high school earlier in the same calendar year. Before 1992, high school graduates referred to those who had completed 12 years of schooling. As of 1992, high school graduates refer to those who have received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.

Source(s):

For parents' highest education: National Center for Education Statistics special tabulations (2020) of the Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics. All other data: De Brey C, Snyder TD, Zhang A, Dillow SA, *Digest of Education Statistics 2019*, NCES 2021-009, Tables 302.10 and 302.20, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (2021). https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/current_tables.asp.

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