

**Table 4. Percent of the Population 25 Years and Over with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin, for the United States: 1940 to 2000**

[1950 to 2000 data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>]

<b>Sex, race and Hispanic origin</b>	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
<b>Both Sexes</b>							
White	4.9	6.6	8.1	11.3	17.1	21.5	26.1
Black	1.3	2.2	3.5	4.4	8.4	11.4	14.3
Asian and Pacific Islander	4.0	7.5	11.3	20.4	32.9	36.6	44.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8	1.3	1.9	3.8	7.7	9.3	11.5
Hispanic (of any race)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7.6	9.2	10.4
White non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	17.4	22.0	27.0
<b>Male</b>							
White	5.9	7.9	10.3	14.4	21.3	25.0	28.2
Black	1.4	2.1	3.5	4.2	8.4	11.0	13.1
Asian and Pacific Islander	4.2	7.8	13.1	23.5	39.8	41.9	48.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.9	1.4	2.2	4.5	9.2	10.1	11.4
Hispanic (of any race)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9.4	10.0	10.2
White non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	21.7	25.6	29.3
<b>Female</b>							
White	4.0	5.4	6.0	8.4	13.3	18.4	24.1
Black	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.6	8.3	11.7	15.2
Asian and Pacific Islander	3.1	7.0	9.0	17.3	27.0	31.8	40.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7	1.3	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.6	11.6
Hispanic (of any race)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	8.3	10.7
White non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13.6	18.8	24.8

Footnotes:

(NA) indicates that Hispanic origin data were not available for that year. See text for further explanation.

Race data for 2000 are for race alone. See text for further explanation.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census of Population, 1940 to 2000.

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