

Data Brief 332. Educational Attainment of Mothers Aged 25 and Over: United States, 2017

Data table for Figure 1. Percentage of births to mothers aged 25 and over, by educational attainment: United States, 2017

Educational attainment	Percent
Advanced degree ¹	15.9
Bachelor's degree ²	25.8
Associate's degree ³	9.5
Some college, but no degree	19.2
High school graduate ⁴	19.6
12th grade or less, no diploma	10.0

¹Includes Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Education, Master of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Laws, and Juris Doctorate.

²Includes Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

³Includes Associate of Arts and Associate of Science.

⁴Includes GED.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

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Data table for Figure 2. Percentage of births to mothers aged 25 and over, by educational attainment and race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2017

Educational attainment	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					
	White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic ²
	Percent					
Bachelor's or advanced degree ³	51.3	24.6	12.7	67.9	13.2	18.9
Some college or Associate's degree ⁴	29.0	36.3	38.6	15.9	33.9	27.2
High school graduate or less ⁵	19.7	39.1	48.6	16.2	52.9	53.9

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

³Includes Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Education, Master of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Laws, and Juris Doctorate.

⁴Includes Associate of Arts and Associate of Science.

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NOTE: Figures may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

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Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of births to mothers aged 25 and over with a Bachelor's or advanced degree, by state: United States, 2017

Area	Percent
United States	41.7
Alabama	34.3
Alaska	33.2
Arizona	32.7
Arkansas	30.8
California	41.1
Colorado	48.7
Connecticut	52.0
Delaware	39.8
District of Columbia	58.5
Florida	35.1
Georgia	40.4
Hawaii	40.1
Idaho	35.8
Illinois	48.4
Indiana	37.6
Iowa	43.4
Kansas	44.3
Kentucky	36.6
Louisiana	33.9
Maine	44.3
Maryland	49.6
Massachusetts	56.6
Michigan	40.2
Minnesota	48.7
Mississippi	31.6
Missouri	42.1
Montana	40.6
Nebraska	45.4
Nevada	26.6
New Hampshire	52.0
New Jersey	52.9
New Mexico	28.8
New York	45.8
North Carolina	41.0
North Dakota	45.5
Ohio	41.0
Oklahoma	33.2
Oregon	40.7
Pennsylvania	45.8
Rhode Island	45.2
South Carolina	38.4
South Dakota	40.8
Tennessee	38.3
Texas	36.9
Utah	41.8
Vermont	51.7
Virginia	48.3
Washington	42.5
West Virginia	34.0
Wisconsin	43.9
Wyoming	37.0

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Data table for Figure 4. Mean number of live births to mothers aged 25 and over, by educational attainment: United States, 2017

Educational attainment	Mean number
Advanced degree ¹	1.80
Bachelor's degree ²	1.87
Associate's degree ³	2.13
Some college, but no degree	2.15
High school graduate ⁴	2.25
12th grade or less, no diploma	2.70

¹Includes Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Education, Master of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Laws, and Juris Doctorate.

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