

## Percent distribution of educational attainment of immigrants, 1940-2007

	Decennial Census						CPS		
	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2000	2007
<b>Male workers</b>									
<i>Mexican immigrants</i>									
<i>High school dropouts</i>	94.6%	91.2%	88.3%	82.6%	77.2%	70.4%	63.0%	64.6%	59.7%
<i>High school graduates</i>	3.0	6.7	6.7	11.7	14.3	19.0	25.1	22.2	26.8
<i>Some college</i>	1.0	1.5	2.7	3.6	5.7	7.8	8.5	9.3	8.7
<i>College graduates</i>	1.4	0.6	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.8	4.8
<i>Non-Mexican immigrants</i>									
<i>High school dropouts</i>	84.4%	76.4%	64.5%	45.5%	30.2%	21.0%	17.0%	18.5%	16.6%
<i>High school graduates</i>	9.2	14.5	16.8	23.9	26.7	26.0	25.8	24.6	24.4
<i>Some college</i>	2.8	4.0	8.3	11.7	15.2	21.3	20.9	19.7	18.7
<i>College graduates</i>	3.7	5.1	10.4	18.9	27.9	31.7	36.3	37.3	40.3
<b>Female workers</b>									
<i>Mexican immigrants</i>									
<i>High school dropouts</i>	84.5%	82.4%	83.9%	77.3%	72.9%	64.7%	57.0%	57.3%	51.6%
<i>High school graduates</i>	12.5	10.3	11.4	16.9	17.7	21.9	26.6	24.0	27.2
<i>Some college</i>	2.1	4.4	2.7	4.5	7.0	10.5	11.8	13.4	13.9
<i>College graduates</i>	0.9	2.9	2.0	1.4	2.4	3.0	4.5	5.2	7.3
<i>Non-Mexican immigrants</i>									
<i>High school dropouts</i>	79.2%	68.5%	59.3%	43.9%	30.1%	20.0%	15.5%	16.6%	13.0%
<i>High school graduates</i>	15.8	22.3	25.5	33.7	35.2	31.1	27.6	27.1	25.7
<i>Some college</i>	2.8	5.0	9.6	12.6	16.8	24.0	24.4	22.6	22.6
<i>College graduates</i>	2.2	4.2	5.7	9.9	17.9	24.9	32.6	33.7	38.8

Source: Borjas and Katz (2005) and authors' analysis of BLS data.

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