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

Hispanic may be any race. Asian, black, and white refer to individuals who are not of Hispanic origin.

Note(s)
The table includes students ages 16–24 completing high school in the survey 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.

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