

Table 1  
Educational Attainment of the Work Force, 1915 to 2000

Education	United States					Iowa					
	1940 Census	1960 Census	1980		2000 CPS	1915 Census	1940 Census	1960 Census	1980		2000 CPS
			Census	CPS	CPS				Census	CPS	CPS
Mean years	9.01	10.53	12.46	12.54	13.40	8.45	9.83	10.87	12.49	12.51	13.40
Fraction, by years											
0-8	0.522	0.303	0.087	0.079	0.034	0.726	0.476	0.289	0.077	0.062	0.021
9-11	0.174	0.218	0.154	0.142	0.080	0.129	0.165	0.184	0.126	0.132	0.074
12	0.185	0.262	0.346	0.368	0.322	0.083	0.229	0.316	0.424	0.461	0.340
13-15	0.061	0.121	0.228	0.219	0.288	0.037	0.076	0.128	0.210	0.188	0.326
16+	0.058	0.096	0.185	0.192	0.275	0.026	0.055	0.083	0.164	0.157	0.240

Sources: 1915 Iowa State Census; 1940, 1960 and 1980 Census IPUMS; and 1980 and 2000 CPS MORG samples.

Notes: Samples are restricted to those aged 16 years or older and exclude those in the military and the institutionalized. The work force in each year from 1940 to 2000 consists of those who are employed at the survey reference week. The work force for Iowa in 1915 consists of those reporting occupational earnings for 1914; each individual is weighted by their months worked in 1915. Years of schooling for 1940 to 2000 are measured using the same approach as Figure 1. The construction of measures of years of schooling and months worked for Iowa in 1915 use the methods of Goldin and Katz (2000). For 1960 to 1980 we follow Autor, Katz, and Krueger (1998) in including all those who attended 13 years of schooling (whether or not they completed the final year) in the 13-15 schooling category. Sampling weights are used for all samples.

Table 2  
Educational Attainment of the U.S. Work Force Weighted by Hours, 1940 to 2000

Education	United States					Iowa				
	1940 Census	1960 Census	1980		2000 CPS	1940 Census	1960 Census	1980		2000 CPS
			Census	CPS	CPS			Census	CPS	CPS
Mean years	9.10	10.61	12.58	12.65	13.51	9.81	10.88	12.58	12.62	13.50
Fraction by years										
0-8	0.514	0.299	0.084	0.076	0.033	0.484	0.296	0.078	0.059	0.021
9-11	0.173	0.210	0.138	0.126	0.066	0.161	0.168	0.103	0.104	0.052
12	0.191	0.269	0.354	0.375	0.323	0.229	0.332	0.443	0.480	0.352
13-15	0.063	0.119	0.224	0.219	0.285	0.073	0.117	0.201	0.188	0.328
16+	0.060	0.102	0.199	0.204	0.292	0.053	0.086	0.175	0.169	0.247

Sources: 1940, 1960 and 1980 Census IPUMS; and 1980 and 2000 CPS MORG samples.

Notes: Methods are the same as for Table 1, except the summary statistics weight all individuals by their hours worked during the reference week times their sampling weight.