

Table 6.45

**Educational attainment for those in State and Federal prisons, in local jails, on probation, and in the general population**

United States, selected years<sup>a</sup>

Educational attainment	Prisoners						Probationers, 1995	General population, 1997 <sup>b</sup>
	State		Federal		Local jail inmates			
	1991	1997	1991	1997	1989	1996		
8th grade or less	14.3%	14.2%	11.0%	12.0%	15.6%	13.1%	8.4%	7.2%
Some high school	26.9	25.5	12.3	14.5	38.2	33.4	22.2	11.2
GED <sup>c</sup>	24.6	28.5	22.6	22.7	9.2	14.1	11.0	NA
High school diploma	21.8	20.5	25.9	27.0	24.0	25.9	34.8	33.2
Postsecondary/some college	10.1	9.0	18.8	15.8	10.3	10.3	18.8	26.4
College graduate or more	2.3	2.4	9.3	8.1	2.8	3.2	4.8	22.0
Total population	706,173	1,055,495	53,677	88,705	393,111	503,599	2,029,866	192,352,084

Note: These data are from several U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics surveys. The data for prisoners are from the Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities conducted in 1991 and 1997. The data for local jail inmates are from the Survey of Inmates in Local Jails conducted in 1989 and 1996. The data for probationers are from the Survey of Adults on Probation conducted in 1995.

Data for the general population are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, March 1997 supplement.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes the noninstitutionalized population age 18 and older; probationers have been excluded.

<sup>c</sup>General Educational Development certificate.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Educational and Correctional Populations*, Special Report NCJ 195670 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, January 2003), p. 2.