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Table 10: Yellowstone County and Billings Educational
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City of Billings 2008 Growth Policy Update

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1970 - 2000

	Yellowstone County				Billings			
	1970	1980	1990	2000	1970	1980	1990	2000
Educational Attainment								
Less than 9th Grade	10,270	8,338	5,169	3,325	6,108	5,076	3,774	2,332
9th to 12th Grade (No Diploma)	6,029	6,061	6,735	6,398	3,970	3,480	4,535	4,310
High School Graduate (Including GED)	15,335	22,727	23,519	26,153	10,380	13,731	15,820	17,304
Some College (No Degree)	6,234	12,228	17,744	21,465	6,234	8,252	13,177	15,082
A.A.			4,014	4,670			2,952	3,028
B.A.	5,098	12,228	11,591	16,053	5,032	8,579	9,144	11,982
Graduate or Professional Degree			4,084	6,169			3,230	4,796
Total Population 25 Years and Older	42,966	61,582	72,856	84,233	31,724	39,118	52,632	58,834
Percent High School Graduates	62.1%	76.6%	83.7%	88.5%	68.2%	78.1%	84.2%	88.7%
Percent Four or More Years of College/ Bachelor's degree or higher for 2000 data	11.7%	19.9%	21.5%	26.4%	15.9%	21.9%	23.5%	28.5%

Education

The population in Yellowstone County and Billings is becoming more educated. Since 1960, the median years of education completed among persons 25 years old and older has increased. The percentage of the population in that age group that has completed a four-year college degree and/or graduate or a professional degree has continued to increase as well.

By 1990, the percentage of people in Yellowstone County who had completed high school was 83.66 percent and the percentage of people who had completed four or more years of college was 21.51 percent. These numbers for Billings were 84.21 percent for high school graduates and 23.51 percent for those with four or more years of college.

The 25 and older population of Billings and Yellowstone County are slightly more educated than both the overall numbers for the State of Montana and the nation as a whole. For instance, the percentage of Billings' 25 and older population that

graduated from high school is 88.7 and the percentage in the entire County is 88.5. This compares with Montana's percentage of 87.2, and the national percentage of 80.4. The percentage of people 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in Billings is 28.5 and in the County is 26.4. For Montana and the nation the percentage is 24.4. Table 10 illustrates the changes in educational attainment for Billings and Yellowstone County residents between 1970 and 2000.