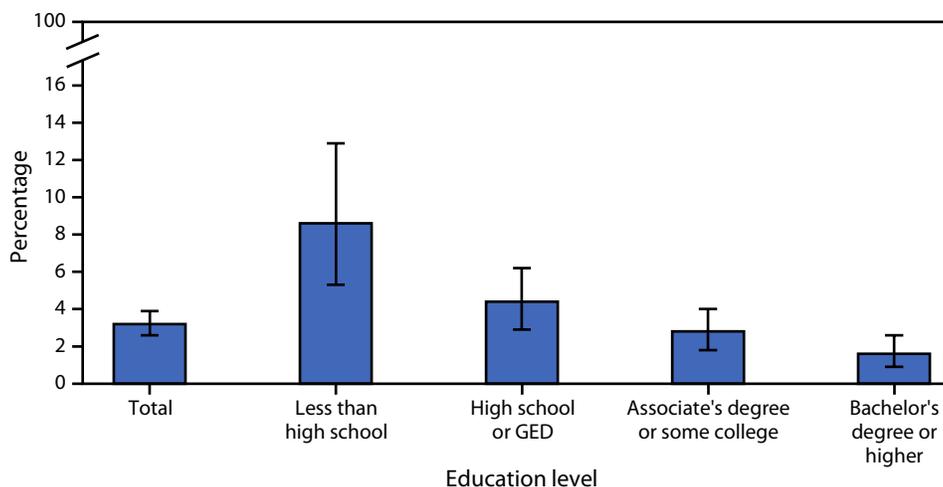


## QuickStats

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## Percentage\* of Adults Aged $\geq 45$ Years Who Have Ever Had Lung Cancer,<sup>†</sup> by Education Level — National Health Interview Survey,<sup>§</sup> United States, 2021



**Abbreviation:** GED = general educational development certificate.

\* With 95% CIs indicated by error bars.

<sup>†</sup> Based on an affirmative response to the survey question, "Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had cancer or a malignancy of any kind?" followed by mention of "lung cancer" when asked "What kind of cancer was it?"

<sup>§</sup> Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population.

In 2021, 3.2% of adults aged  $\geq 45$  years had ever been told they had lung cancer. The prevalence of lung cancer among adults aged  $\geq 45$  years was highest for those with less than a high school education (8.6%). The percentage of adults who had ever had lung cancer decreased with increasing education level, with the lowest prevalence occurring among those with a bachelor's degree or higher (1.6%).

**Source:** National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 2021. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>

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