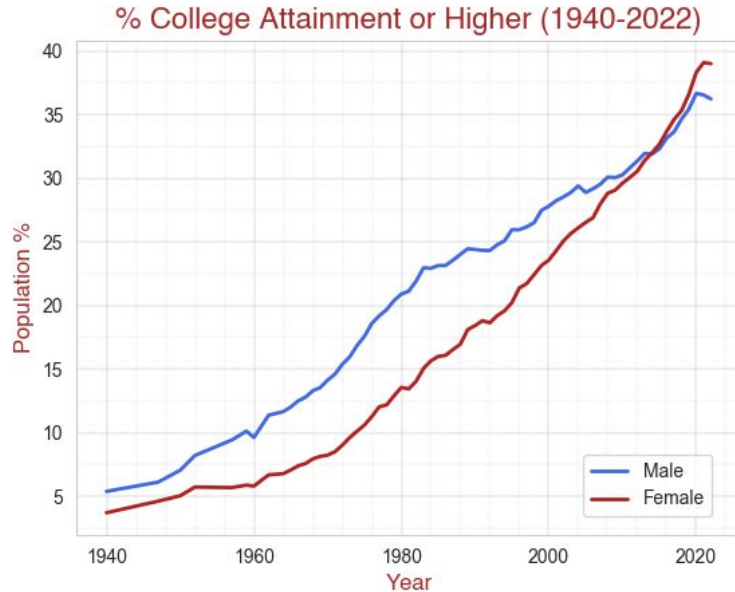


# The Growth of College Education Attainment in the United States

- Since 1940, there has been a significant increase in education attainment in the United States, while high school dropout rates have decreased. College completion rates increased from 4.6% in 1940 to 37.7% in 2022. High school dropout rates decreased from 74.5% to 8.8%.
- Women are now better represented among the educated population over 25. This indicates a large shift from the previous gender gap where men had almost double the college attainment rates. Women complete higher education at a rate of 39.0%, greater



Total Population Aged Over 25 - Education Attainment (1940-2022)

