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5.2 Frequency Tables, Histograms, and Frequency Polygons

- Frequency Distribution
 - A set of intervals (table or graph), usually of equal width, into which raw data is organized
 - Each interval is associated with a frequency that indicates the number of measurements in an interval.
 - o Histogram
 - The graph of a frequency distribution, in which equal intervals of values are marked on a horizontal axis and the frequencies associated with these intervals are indicated by the areas of the rectangles drawn for these intervals
 - The rectangles are touching each other (and potentially the vertical axis)
 - o Frequency Polygon
 - The graph of a frequency distribution, produced by joining the midpoints of the intervals using straight lines

5.2 Example

Melody is comparing education levels of her generation with the education levels of her parents' generation. She obtained the data in the table below. Draw a frequency polygon for both to compare. Comment on the results.

Level of Education	People 25-34 Years Old (%)	People 55 to 64 Years Old (%)
Less than high school	11	23
High School Diploma	23	24
Trades Certificate	10	13
College Diploma	23	16
University certificate or diploma	5	6
University Degree	29	18

