

Table 268. High School Dropouts by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2008

[As of October (5,212 represents 5,212,000). For persons 14 to 24 years old. See Table 270 for definition of dropouts. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Age and race	Number of dropouts (1,000)					Percent of population				
	1980	1990	2000	2005	2008	1980	1990	2000	2005	2008
Total dropouts ^{1, 2}	5,212	3,854	3,883	3,597	3,118	12.0	10.1	9.1	7.9	6.8
16 to 17 years	709	418	460	303	416	8.8	6.3	5.8	3.4	2.5
18 to 21 years	2,578	1,921	2,005	1,669	1,452	15.8	13.4	12.9	10.5	8.8
22 to 24 years	1,798	1,458	1,310	1,485	1,249	15.2	13.8	11.8	12.4	10.1
White ^{2, 3}	4,169	3,127	3,065	2,785	2,290	11.3	10.1	9.1	7.9	6.5
16 to 17 years	619	334	366	223	298	9.2	6.4	5.8	3.3	2.3
18 to 21 years	2,032	1,516	1,558	1,299	1,071	14.7	13.1	12.6	10.4	8.4
22 to 24 years	1,416	1,235	1,040	1,167	920	14.0	14.0	11.7	12.6	9.5
Black ^{2, 3}	934	611	705	616	596	16.0	10.9	10.9	9.2	8.6
16 to 17 years	80	73	84	64	82	6.9	6.9	7.0	4.7	3.1
18 to 21 years	486	345	383	281	290	23.0	16.0	16.0	12.4	11.2
22 to 24 years	346	185	232	231	224	24.0	13.5	14.3	13.6	13.4
Hispanic ^{2, 4}	919	1,122	1,499	1,467	1,252	29.5	26.8	23.5	18.6	15.0
16 to 17 years	92	89	121	93	96	16.6	12.9	11.0	6.3	3.1
18 to 21 years	470	502	733	672	588	40.3	32.9	30.0	24.5	20.0
22 to 24 years	323	523	602	663	567	40.6	42.8	35.5	30.8	25.4

¹ Includes other groups not shown separately. ² Includes persons 14 to 15 years not shown separately. ³ Beginning 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. ⁴ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148, P-20 and earlier reports, and "School Enrollment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.

Table 269. Enrollment Status by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 2000 and 2008

[As of October (15,553 represents 15,553,000). For persons 18 to 21 years old. For the civilian noninstitutional population. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Characteristic	Total persons 18 to 21 years old (1,000)		Percent distribution							
			Enrolled in high school		High school graduates				Not high school graduates and not enrolled in high school	
	Total				In college					
	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008
Total ¹	15,553	16,575	9.4	9.6	77.6	81.6	43.5	48.3	12.9	8.8
White ²	12,383	12,828	8.9	8.8	78.5	82.8	44.4	50.2	12.6	8.4
Black ²	2,389	2,593	12.6	13.7	71.3	75.4	34.7	36.2	16.0	10.9
Hispanic ³	2,439	2,941	12.5	12.3	57.2	68.1	25.3	31.4	30.0	19.6
Male ¹	7,814	8,434	11.0	10.4	74.7	80.8	38.9	45.1	14.3	8.8
White ²	6,313	6,581	10.6	9.3	75.7	81.7	39.8	46.8	13.7	9.0
Black ²	1,096	1,262	14.9	14.8	66.0	77.2	27.4	33.4	19.1	8.0
Hispanic ³	1,269	1,509	14.4	13.6	51.8	67.1	21.9	29.2	33.7	19.3
Female ¹	7,739	8,141	7.9	8.9	80.6	82.4	48.1	51.6	11.5	8.8
White ²	6,070	6,247	7.1	8.3	81.3	83.9	49.3	53.8	11.4	7.8
Black ²	1,293	1,432	10.7	12.7	75.9	73.6	40.9	38.9	13.5	13.7
Hispanic ³	1,169	1,332	10.6	11.0	63.1	69.1	28.9	33.7	26.1	20.0

¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² For 2008, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148, P-20 and earlier reports, and "School Enrollment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.

Table 270. Employment Status of High School Graduates and Dropouts Not Enrolled in School by Sex and Race: 1980 to 2009

[In thousands (11,622 represents 11,622,000), except percent. As of October. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 to 24 years old. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Employment status, sex, and race	Graduates ¹				Dropouts ³			
	1980	1990	2000 ²	2009 ²	1980	1990	2000 ²	2009 ²
Civilian population	11,622	8,370	7,351	6,994	5,254	3,800	3,776	3,030
In labor force	9,795	7,107	6,195	5,340	3,549	2,506	2,612	1,911
Percent of population	84.3	84.9	84.3	76.3	67.5	66.0	69.2	63.1
Employed	8,567	6,279	5,632	4,071	2,651	1,993	2,150	1,308
Percent of labor force	87.5	88.3	90.9	76.2	74.7	79.5	82.3	68.4
Unemployed	1,228	828	563	1,269	898	513	463	603
Unemployment rate, total ⁴	12.5	11.7	9.1	23.8	25.3	20.5	17.7	31.5
Male	13.5	11.1	9.3	24.8	23.5	18.8	16.3	31.8
Female	11.5	12.3	8.8	22.2	28.7	23.5	20.3	31.0
White ⁵	10.8	9.0	7.2	21.3	21.6	17.0	15.0	29.2
Black ⁵	26.1	26.0	18.1	34.9	43.9	43.3	33.2	45.0
Not in labor force	1,827	1,262	1,156	1,655	1,705	1,294	1,163	1,119
Percent of population	15.7	15.1	15.7	23.7	32.5	34.1	30.8	36.9

¹ For persons not enrolled in college who have completed 4 years of high school only. ² Data not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. See text, this section, and February 2000 and 2009 issues of Employment and Earnings. ³ For persons not in regular school and who have not completed the 12th grade nor received a general equivalency degree. ⁴ Includes other races not shown separately. ⁵ 2009 data are for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, News Release, USDL 10-0533, April 2010, and unpublished data. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/hsgc.toc.htm>>.