

Table 592. Average Number of Jobs Held from Ages 18 to 40: 1978 to 2004

[For persons 39 to 48 in 2004–05. A job is an uninterrupted period of work with a particular employer. Educational attainment as of 2004–05. Based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979; see source for details]

Sex and educational attainment	Total ¹	Number of jobs held by age				
		18 to 21 years old	22 to 25 years old	26 to 30 years old	31 to 35 years old	36 to 40 years old
Total ²	10.5	3.8	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	10.6	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.4	1.9
High school graduate, no college	10.2	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.1
Some college or associate's degree	10.9	3.9	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.2
Bachelor's degree or more	10.7	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.2	2.0
Male	10.7	3.9	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.1
Less than a high school diploma	12.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.1
High school graduate, no college	10.5	3.8	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0
Some college or associate's degree	11.1	4.0	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.2
Bachelor's degree or more	10.4	3.8	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.1
Female	10.3	3.6	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	8.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.8
High school graduate, no college	9.8	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.1
Some college or associate's degree	10.7	3.8	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.1
Bachelor's degree or more	11.2	4.3	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.9
White, non-Hispanic	10.6	3.9	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	11.3	3.5	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.0
High school graduate, no college	10.1	3.8	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.0
Some college or associate's degree	11.1	4.1	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.1
Bachelor's degree or more	10.7	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.2	1.9
Black, non-Hispanic	10.1	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.1
Less than a high school diploma	9.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.2	1.9
High school graduate, no college	10.3	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.1
Some college or associate's degree	10.0	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.2
Bachelor's degree or more	10.5	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	2.2
Hispanic or Latino ³	10.0	3.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	9.8	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.1	1.8
High school graduate, no college	10.0	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.1
Some college or associate's degree	10.1	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.1	2.2
Bachelor's degree or more	10.4	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.1

¹ Jobs held in more than one age category were counted in each category, but only once in the total. ² Includes other races, not shown separately. ³ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Number of Jobs Held, Labor Market Activity, and Earnings Growth Among Youngest Baby Boomers: Results from a Longitudinal Survey, News*, USDL 06-1496, August 25, 2006. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/nls/home.htm>>.