

Table 1. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2002

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics in September 2002	Total, both sexes			Men			Women		
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers		Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers		Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers	
		Number	Percent of population		Number	Percent of population		Number	Percent of population
Age									
Total, 16 years and over	218,107	59,783	27.4	104,863	24,706	23.6	113,243	35,076	31.0
16 to 24 years	35,349	7,742	21.9	17,830	3,260	18.3	17,519	4,483	25.6
16 to 19 years	15,921	4,276	26.9	8,099	1,857	22.9	7,821	2,419	30.9
20 to 24 years	19,428	3,467	17.8	9,731	1,403	14.4	9,698	2,064	21.3
25 years and over	182,758	52,040	28.5	87,033	21,446	24.6	95,724	30,594	32.0
25 to 34 years	38,560	9,574	24.8	19,029	3,688	19.4	19,531	5,886	30.1
35 to 44 years	43,850	14,971	34.1	21,535	6,111	28.4	22,315	8,860	39.7
45 to 54 years	39,878	12,477	31.3	19,433	5,411	27.8	20,446	7,066	34.6
55 to 64 years	26,677	7,331	27.5	12,808	3,189	24.9	13,869	4,141	29.9
65 years and over	33,793	7,687	22.7	14,229	3,047	21.4	19,564	4,640	23.7
Race and Hispanic origin									
White	180,146	52,591	29.2	87,554	21,828	24.9	92,591	30,763	33.2
Black	25,675	4,896	19.1	11,439	1,900	16.6	14,236	2,997	21.0
Hispanic origin	26,185	4,059	15.5	13,334	1,696	12.7	12,850	2,363	18.4
Educational attainment¹									
Less than a high school diploma	27,878	2,806	10.1	13,438	1,180	8.8	14,440	1,626	11.3
High school graduate, no college ²	59,023	12,542	21.2	27,327	4,691	17.2	31,696	7,850	24.8
Less than a bachelor's degree ³	45,950	15,066	32.8	20,926	5,773	27.6	25,024	9,293	37.1
College graduates	49,906	21,627	43.3	25,342	9,802	38.7	24,564	11,825	48.1
Marital status									
Single, never married	57,719	12,146	21.0	30,935	5,287	17.1	26,784	6,860	25.6
Married, spouse present	118,122	38,318	32.4	59,645	16,948	28.4	58,477	21,371	36.5
Other marital status ⁴	42,266	9,318	22.0	14,284	2,472	17.3	27,982	6,846	24.5
Presence of own children under 18 years⁵									
Without own children under 18	151,663	35,807	23.6	75,268	15,287	20.3	76,394	20,520	26.9
With own children under 18	66,444	23,976	36.1	29,595	9,419	31.8	36,849	14,556	39.5
Employment status									
Civilian labor force	146,187	42,773	29.3	78,186	19,699	25.2	68,001	23,074	33.9
Employed	138,102	40,742	29.5	73,942	18,844	25.5	64,160	21,898	34.1
Full time ⁶	113,974	32,210	28.3	66,103	16,832	25.5	47,871	15,378	32.1
Part time ⁷	24,129	8,532	35.4	7,839	2,012	25.7	16,290	6,520	40.0
Unemployed	8,085	2,031	25.1	4,244	855	20.2	3,840	1,176	30.6
Not in the labor force	71,920	17,010	23.7	26,677	5,007	18.8	45,242	12,002	26.5

¹ Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
² Includes high school diploma or equivalent.
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Table 2. Volunteers by annual hours of volunteer activities and selected characteristics, September 2002

Characteristics in September 2002	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of total annual hours spent volunteering at all organizations							Median annual hours ¹
		Total	1 to 14 hour(s)	15 to 49 hours	50 to 99 hours	100 to 499 hours	500 hours and over	Not reporting annual hours	
Sex									
Total, both sexes	59,783	100.0	21.5	24.1	14.8	28.2	5.9	5.5	52
Men	24,706	100.0	21.2	23.5	14.4	28.9	6.6	5.4	52
Women	35,076	100.0	21.8	24.6	15.0	27.6	5.4	5.6	50
Age									
Total, 16 years and over	59,783	100.0	21.5	24.1	14.8	28.2	5.9	5.5	52
16 to 24 years	7,742	100.0	25.2	27.9	14.2	22.0	4.0	6.7	40
16 to 19 years	4,276	100.0	23.6	29.5	15.2	22.0	2.8	6.9	40
20 to 24 years	3,467	100.0	27.2	26.0	12.9	22.0	5.5	6.4	36
25 years and over	52,040	100.0	21.0	23.5	14.9	29.1	6.2	5.4	52
25 to 34 years	9,574	100.0	29.3	26.6	13.5	23.1	3.5	4.0	33
35 to 44 years	14,971	100.0	21.0	24.9	16.3	27.7	5.7	4.3	52
45 to 54 years	12,477	100.0	20.5	23.0	15.9	29.6	5.6	5.3	52
55 to 64 years	7,331	100.0	18.1	21.8	14.2	32.2	7.4	6.2	60
65 years and over	7,687	100.0	14.2	19.5	12.8	35.3	10.0	8.2	96
Race and Hispanic origin									
White	52,591	100.0	21.5	24.4	15.1	28.1	5.8	5.2	52
Black	4,896	100.0	21.0	22.2	12.6	29.7	6.9	7.5	52
Hispanic origin	4,059	100.0	23.2	26.9	14.7	24.2	5.0	6.0	40
Educational attainment²									
Less than a high school diploma	2,806	100.0	26.1	21.8	13.8	25.2	6.0	7.2	48
High school graduate, no college ³	12,542	100.0	24.1	22.8	14.0	26.8	6.1	6.3	49
Less than a bachelor's degree ⁴	15,066	100.0	21.1	23.3	14.5	29.7	6.3	5.2	52
College graduates	21,627	100.0	18.5	24.4	15.8	30.5	6.1	4.7	60
Marital status									
Single, never married	12,146	100.0	24.3	27.3	14.4	23.1	4.7	6.1	40
Married, spouse present	38,318	100.0	20.9	23.2	15.1	29.7	6.0	5.2	52
Other marital status ⁵	9,318	100.0	20.8	23.6	14.1	28.5	7.1	6.0	52
Presence of own children under 18 years⁶									
Men:									
No own children under 18 years old	15,287	100.0	20.7	23.6	13.9	28.5	7.2	6.2	52
With own children under 18 years old	9,419	100.0	22.0	23.2	15.4	29.7	5.7	4.1	52
Women:									
No own children under 18 years old	20,520	100.0	20.8	24.6	14.4	28.2	5.6	6.5	52
With own children under 18 years old	14,556	100.0	23.3	24.5	15.9	26.8	5.2	4.4	50
Employment status									
Civilian labor force	42,773	100.0	23.3	25.0	15.2	26.7	4.8	4.9	48
Employed	40,742	100.0	23.4	25.0	15.2	26.7	4.8	4.9	48
Full time ⁷	32,210	100.0	24.0	25.3	14.8	26.2	4.7	4.9	46
Part time ⁸	8,532	100.0	20.9	23.8	16.5	28.7	5.0	5.1	52
Unemployed	2,031	100.0	21.8	25.8	15.3	27.0	5.7	4.3	50
Not in the labor force	17,010	100.0	17.2	21.7	13.8	31.7	8.5	7.1	72

¹ For those reporting annual hours.

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Table 3. Volunteers by number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2002

Characteristics in September 2002	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of the number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed						
		Total	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more	Not reporting number of organizations
Sex								
Total, both sexes	59,783	100.0	69.2	19.2	7.3	2.4	1.7	0.2
Men	24,706	100.0	70.7	18.5	6.7	2.2	1.7	.2
Women	35,076	100.0	68.1	19.7	7.8	2.5	1.7	.1
Age								
Total, 16 years and over	59,783	100.0	69.2	19.2	7.3	2.4	1.7	.2
16 to 24 years	7,742	100.0	77.0	15.5	4.9	1.2	1.0	.4
16 to 19 years	4,276	100.0	74.5	16.9	5.9	1.4	.8	.5
20 to 24 years	3,467	100.0	80.1	13.8	3.7	1.0	1.1	.4
25 years and over	52,040	100.0	68.0	19.8	7.7	2.5	1.8	.1
25 to 34 years	9,574	100.0	74.9	17.3	5.2	1.4	1.0	.2
35 to 44 years	14,971	100.0	65.1	22.1	8.3	2.7	1.8	—
45 to 54 years	12,477	100.0	65.7	20.1	8.8	3.1	2.2	.2
55 to 64 years	7,331	100.0	66.6	19.2	8.5	3.2	2.4	—
65 years and over	7,687	100.0	70.5	18.2	7.1	2.2	1.7	.2
Race and Hispanic origin								
White	52,591	100.0	68.0	19.9	7.6	2.5	1.8	.2
Black	4,896	100.0	77.3	14.1	5.5	1.6	1.4	.1
Hispanic origin	4,059	100.0	81.1	13.6	3.4	1.0	.8	.1
Educational attainment¹								
Less than a high school diploma	2,806	100.0	85.9	11.1	2.3	.2	.4	.1
High school graduate, no college ²	12,542	100.0	77.2	16.5	4.5	1.2	.4	.1
Less than a bachelor's degree ³	15,066	100.0	70.6	18.5	6.9	2.3	1.6	.1
College graduates	21,627	100.0	58.6	23.6	10.8	3.8	3.0	.2
Marital status								
Single, never married	12,146	100.0	74.6	16.2	6.0	1.4	1.4	.4
Married, spouse present	38,318	100.0	67.5	20.2	7.7	2.7	1.8	.1
Other marital status ⁴	9,318	100.0	69.3	18.9	7.6	2.4	1.8	—
Presence of own children under 18 years⁵								
Men:								
No own children under 18 years old	15,287	100.0	71.7	17.5	6.5	2.2	1.9	.2
With own children under 18 years old	9,419	100.0	69.2	20.0	7.0	2.3	1.4	.2
Women:								
No own children under 18 years old	20,520	100.0	70.4	18.4	7.2	2.2	1.5	.2
With own children under 18 years old	14,556	100.0	64.9	21.6	8.7	2.8	1.9	.1
Employment status								
Civilian labor force	42,773	100.0	68.8	19.4	7.6	2.3	1.7	.2
Employed	40,742	100.0	68.5	19.5	7.7	2.4	1.8	.2
Full time ⁶	32,210	100.0	68.9	19.4	7.5	2.4	1.7	.1
Part time ⁷	8,532	100.0	66.8	20.0	8.6	2.3	2.0	.3
Unemployed	2,031	100.0	74.3	17.5	5.3	1.8	1.2	—
Not in the labor force	17,010	100.0	70.3	18.6	6.7	2.4	1.7	.2

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Table 4. Volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2002

Characteristics in September 2002	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization ¹										
		Total	Civic, political, professional, or international	Educational or youth service	Environmental or animal care	Hospital or other health	Public safety	Religious	Social or community service	Sport, hobby, cultural, or arts	Other	Not determined
Sex												
Total, both sexes	59,783	100.0	6.2	27.1	1.6	8.6	1.4	33.9	12.1	4.0	3.5	1.5
Men	24,706	100.0	7.7	25.3	1.7	6.7	2.3	33.0	12.8	5.0	3.9	1.7
Women	35,076	100.0	5.1	28.4	1.5	10.0	.8	34.5	11.7	3.3	3.3	1.4
Age												
Total, 16 years and over	59,783	100.0	6.2	27.1	1.6	8.6	1.4	33.9	12.1	4.0	3.5	1.5
16 to 24 years	7,742	100.0	4.8	31.1	1.8	9.0	1.7	30.4	13.0	3.1	3.6	1.6
16 to 19 years	4,276	100.0	4.6	34.2	1.6	7.7	1.0	30.5	13.2	3.2	2.8	1.2
20 to 24 years	3,467	100.0	5.0	27.3	2.0	10.6	2.5	30.4	12.6	2.9	4.5	2.1
25 years and over	52,040	100.0	6.4	26.5	1.6	8.6	1.4	34.4	12.0	4.1	3.5	1.5
25 to 34 years	9,574	100.0	5.5	34.3	1.7	8.5	1.9	28.6	11.6	3.3	3.4	1.1
35 to 44 years	14,971	100.0	4.6	39.4	1.4	6.6	1.2	29.3	9.5	3.9	3.1	1.0
45 to 54 years	12,477	100.0	6.5	25.4	1.6	8.7	1.4	34.6	11.0	5.0	3.8	2.0
55 to 64 years	7,331	100.0	9.3	13.0	2.3	10.5	1.1	41.0	13.4	4.0	3.8	1.7
65 years and over	7,687	100.0	7.9	6.5	1.0	10.6	1.2	45.2	17.6	4.2	4.0	2.0
Race and Hispanic origin												
White	52,591	100.0	6.4	27.1	1.8	8.9	1.5	32.9	12.2	4.1	3.6	1.5
Black	4,896	100.0	3.6	27.4	.3	6.7	.5	45.2	10.0	1.6	2.9	1.7
Hispanic origin	4,059	100.0	4.3	33.0	.7	6.3	1.1	36.2	10.8	2.7	3.4	1.4
Educational attainment²												
Less than a high school diploma	2,806	100.0	4.6	22.6	.3	6.3	1.2	45.7	13.5	1.6	2.8	1.3
High school graduate, no college ³	12,542	100.0	6.1	25.2	1.2	8.2	1.8	37.0	11.7	3.9	3.6	1.3
Less than a bachelor's degree ⁴	15,066	100.0	6.0	26.7	1.7	8.9	2.0	34.4	11.7	3.9	3.6	1.3
College graduates	21,627	100.0	7.1	27.7	1.9	8.9	.7	31.5	12.2	4.7	3.6	1.8
Marital status												
Single, never married	12,146	100.0	6.1	28.3	2.2	9.6	1.7	27.2	14.8	4.1	4.3	1.6
Married, spouse present	38,318	100.0	6.0	28.0	1.3	7.7	1.4	36.6	10.4	4.0	3.0	1.5
Other marital status ⁵	9,318	100.0	6.8	21.7	2.0	11.2	1.2	31.7	15.6	3.7	4.6	1.6
Presence of own children under 18 years⁶												
Men:												
No own children under 18 years old	15,287	100.0	9.0	17.6	2.2	8.0	2.4	33.4	15.6	4.9	4.9	1.9
With own children under 18 years old	9,419	100.0	5.4	37.7	.9	4.5	2.1	32.4	8.2	5.2	2.3	1.3
Women:												
No own children under 18 years old	20,520	100.0	6.6	15.9	2.2	12.8	.8	37.4	14.7	3.8	4.1	1.7
With own children under 18 years old	14,556	100.0	3.1	45.9	.6	6.0	.7	30.5	7.5	2.4	2.2	1.0
Employment status												
Civilian labor force	42,773	100.0	6.4	28.9	1.8	8.6	1.6	32.1	11.6	4.2	3.5	1.4
Employed	40,742	100.0	6.5	28.7	1.7	8.6	1.6	32.2	11.5	4.2	3.5	1.4
Full time ⁷	32,210	100.0	6.8	28.1	1.7	8.7	1.9	31.5	11.8	4.4	3.7	1.4
Part time ⁸	8,532	100.0	5.3	31.1	1.8	8.1	.8	34.8	10.3	3.5	2.9	1.4
Unemployed	2,031	100.0	5.4	31.9	2.2	8.2	.8	30.0	12.7	4.4	3.6	.8
Not in the labor force	17,010	100.0	5.6	22.7	1.2	8.8	.9	38.4	13.5	3.4	3.6	1.8

¹ Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. See the Technical Note for more details.

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³ Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

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Table 5. Volunteer activities for main organization for which activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2002

Characteristics in September 2002	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of volunteer activities for main organization ¹												
		Activities to protect the environment or animals	Activities to support emergency preparedness or relief	Activities to support public health or safety	Board, committee, or neighborhood association member	Canvass, campaign, or fund-raise	Collect, make, serve, or deliver goods	Construction or maintenance	Consulting or administrative work	Organize, supervise, or help with events or activities ²	Provide care or transportation	Teach or coach	Other	Not reporting type of activity
Sex														
Total, both sexes	59,783	4.6	4.7	8.2	16.3	22.9	22.3	9.6	14.0	43.1	12.3	24.2	16.8	1.5
Men	24,706	5.4	5.8	9.0	18.0	21.0	17.6	16.0	14.3	40.4	12.0	26.9	16.2	1.4
Women	35,076	4.1	4.0	7.7	15.1	24.2	25.5	5.2	13.7	45.0	12.5	22.3	17.3	1.5
Age														
Total, 16 years and over	59,783	4.6	4.7	8.2	16.3	22.9	22.3	9.6	14.0	43.1	12.3	24.2	16.8	1.5
16 to 24 years	7,742	6.3	5.3	8.9	6.3	19.4	20.5	13.2	8.3	38.0	10.3	26.6	18.8	2.3
16 to 19 years	4,276	7.2	4.7	8.8	5.5	19.7	21.8	13.5	6.3	38.3	8.9	25.7	19.5	2.2
20 to 24 years	3,467	5.2	5.9	9.0	7.3	19.1	18.8	12.8	10.9	37.6	12.0	27.7	17.9	2.5
25 years and over	52,040	4.4	4.6	8.2	17.8	23.4	22.5	9.1	14.8	43.9	12.6	23.9	16.5	1.3
25 to 34 years	9,574	4.5	4.9	9.1	11.8	22.3	19.4	8.5	11.2	45.6	12.5	28.0	15.2	1.5
35 to 44 years	14,971	4.8	4.5	7.9	16.6	25.3	21.3	9.4	13.9	47.7	14.6	30.6	14.4	1.2
45 to 54 years	12,477	4.2	5.0	9.0	20.3	25.0	21.7	9.4	16.3	45.3	12.8	24.6	15.4	1.5
55 to 64 years	7,331	5.1	5.4	8.8	21.9	25.5	23.5	10.0	18.8	40.9	10.8	17.6	17.3	1.0
65 years and over	7,687	2.7	3.2	5.5	19.5	16.3	29.1	8.0	14.8	34.9	10.3	10.4	23.6	1.4
Race and Hispanic origin														
White	52,591	4.9	4.8	8.3	16.6	23.2	22.0	9.8	14.0	43.2	12.0	24.2	16.8	1.3
Black	4,896	2.9	4.3	8.2	15.3	21.7	26.2	8.8	13.8	42.9	14.9	25.1	17.1	2.2
Hispanic origin	4,059	2.9	3.3	7.3	9.0	18.9	23.0	9.0	9.4	36.4	10.6	24.5	20.1	1.8
Educational attainment³														
Less than a high school diploma	2,806	1.9	3.2	5.3	7.9	14.5	29.9	12.2	7.1	32.8	9.5	12.8	21.9	0.9
High school graduate, no college ⁴	12,542	3.9	4.2	6.9	14.2	23.2	25.3	9.7	10.0	42.1	12.2	19.1	17.0	1.2
Less than a bachelor's degree ⁵	15,066	4.7	5.5	8.4	16.3	24.1	23.8	9.1	14.0	45.3	14.5	24.0	16.7	1.1
College graduates	21,627	4.8	4.5	9.1	22.2	24.1	19.1	8.4	19.2	45.4	11.9	28.0	15.4	1.6
Marital status														
Single, never married	12,146	6.1	5.0	9.4	9.1	20.9	20.0	11.6	10.7	39.0	10.3	23.8	18.6	2.1
Married, spouse present	38,318	4.3	4.7	7.7	18.9	23.8	22.3	9.8	14.7	45.0	13.1	25.9	15.5	1.4
Other marital status ⁶	9,318	4.1	4.4	8.8	15.2	21.6	25.0	6.5	15.0	40.9	11.7	18.1	20.1	1.0
Presence of own children under 18 years⁷														
Men:														
No own children under 18 years old	15,287	5.5	5.9	9.4	18.0	20.7	18.4	16.5	15.2	38.3	10.9	20.5	18.1	1.6
With own children under 18 years old	9,419	5.1	5.6	8.4	17.8	21.5	16.4	15.1	12.8	43.9	13.9	37.3	13.1	1.0
Women:														
No own children under 18 years old	20,520	4.6	4.0	8.1	15.0	22.3	26.3	5.8	14.2	40.2	10.4	18.4	19.1	1.7
With own children under 18 years old	14,556	3.4	4.0	7.1	15.4	26.9	24.5	4.3	13.0	51.8	15.6	27.8	14.8	1.2
Employment status														
Civilian labor force	42,773	4.9	5.1	8.8	16.6	24.5	20.7	10.2	14.4	44.7	12.8	26.2	15.6	1.3
Employed	40,742	4.9	5.1	8.8	16.9	24.6	20.7	10.1	14.3	44.6	12.8	26.2	15.5	1.3
Full time ⁸	32,210	4.8	5.2	9.0	17.3	25.0	20.0	10.6	14.1	44.1	12.3	26.1	15.0	1.4
Part time ⁹	8,532	5.0	4.7	8.2	15.6	23.0	23.3	8.2	15.2	46.6	14.4	26.6	17.3	1.2
Unemployed	2,031	6.7	5.1	8.8	10.9	22.9	22.5	11.5	15.3	45.0	14.3	26.2	17.6	1.3
Not in the labor force	17,010	3.8	3.7	6.8	15.5	18.7	26.1	8.4	12.9	39.2	11.0	19.2	20.0	1.7

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² This category may have been chosen by such a large proportion of respondents because of the word "help." Since all volunteers "help" in some way, it may have become a "catch-all" response.

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Table 6. Volunteers by how they became involved with main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2002

Characteristics in September 2002	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of how volunteers became involved with main organization ¹								Not reporting how became involved
		Total	Approached the organization	Was asked by:					Other	
				Total ²	Boss or employer	Relative, friend, or co-worker	Someone in the organization/school	Someone else		
Sex										
Total, both sexes	59,783	100.0	40.0	43.0	1.5	14.1	25.8	1.4	14.9	2.1
Men	24,706	100.0	39.2	43.9	1.6	15.2	25.5	1.3	14.9	2.0
Women	35,076	100.0	40.6	42.3	1.4	13.3	26.0	1.4	14.9	2.2
Age										
Total, 16 years and over	59,783	100.0	40.0	43.0	1.5	14.1	25.8	1.4	14.9	2.1
16 to 24 years	7,742	100.0	40.7	40.1	0.9	16.0	20.9	2.1	16.3	2.9
16 to 19 years	4,276	100.0	40.5	39.6	0.2	14.8	22.0	2.5	16.8	3.2
20 to 24 years	3,467	100.0	40.9	40.7	1.8	17.5	19.6	1.6	15.8	2.7
25 years and over	52,040	100.0	39.9	43.4	1.6	13.8	26.6	1.3	14.7	2.0
25 to 34 years	9,574	100.0	38.1	44.2	3.0	14.7	24.9	1.4	15.5	2.2
35 to 44 years	14,971	100.0	39.7	44.0	1.6	13.1	27.9	1.2	14.5	1.8
45 to 54 years	12,477	100.0	39.7	43.6	1.4	13.7	27.0	1.2	14.8	2.0
55 to 64 years	7,331	100.0	40.5	43.3	1.2	14.7	26.1	1.1	14.2	1.9
65 years and over	7,687	100.0	42.5	40.9	0.3	13.5	25.6	1.5	14.4	2.1
Race and Hispanic origin										
White	52,591	100.0	39.9	43.3	1.5	14.2	26.1	1.3	14.8	2.0
Black	4,896	100.0	40.5	42.0	1.3	13.5	25.1	2.0	14.8	2.8
Hispanic origin	4,059	100.0	40.2	41.1	1.8	13.1	24.5	1.5	16.4	2.4
Educational attainment³										
Less than a high school diploma	2,806	100.0	39.0	45.4	0.6	15.2	27.8	1.8	13.7	1.9
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