

**Table 109.—Percent of high school dropouts (status dropouts) among persons 16 to 34 years old, by age, sex, and race/ethnicity: October 1970 to October 1998**

Year, race/ethnicity, and sex	16 and 17 years	18 and 19 years	20 and 21 years	22 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>October 1970</b>						
All races .....	8.0	16.2	16.6	18.7	22.5	26.5
Male .....	7.1	16.0	16.1	17.9	21.4	26.2
Female .....	8.9	16.3	16.9	19.4	23.6	26.8
White <sup>1</sup> .....	7.3	14.1	14.6	16.3	19.9	24.6
Male .....	6.3	13.3	14.1	15.3	19.0	24.2
Female .....	8.4	14.8	15.1	17.2	20.7	24.9
Black <sup>1</sup> .....	12.8	31.2	29.6	37.8	44.4	43.5
Male .....	13.3	36.4	29.6	39.5	43.1	45.9
Female .....	12.4	26.6	29.6	36.4	45.6	41.5
<b>October 1980</b>						
All races .....	8.9	15.7	16.0	15.2	13.9	14.6
Male .....	8.9	16.9	17.8	16.4	13.8	14.0
Female .....	8.8	14.7	14.3	14.0	14.0	15.2
White, non-Hispanic .....	8.6	12.7	12.1	11.8	10.4	11.0
Male .....	8.5	13.6	13.5	13.2	10.6	10.7
Female .....	8.6	11.9	10.9	10.4	10.3	11.3
Black, non-Hispanic .....	7.0	21.0	24.6	23.6	22.4	23.1
Male .....	7.2	22.2	30.8	24.6	22.2	21.9
Female .....	6.8	19.8	19.6	22.8	22.6	24.0
Hispanic origin .....	16.5	39.0	41.6	40.6	40.9	45.4
Male .....	18.1	43.1	41.4	42.9	40.1	43.9
Female .....	15.0	34.6	41.9	38.6	41.7	47.0
<b>October 1990</b>						
All races .....	6.3	14.2	12.8	13.8	13.9	12.9
Male .....	6.6	14.6	13.2	14.0	14.5	13.3
Female .....	6.1	13.8	12.4	13.6	13.4	12.5
White, non-Hispanic .....	5.4	11.1	9.4	9.5	9.2	8.7
Male .....	5.9	11.4	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.4
Female .....	5.0	10.8	9.1	9.1	8.5	8.0
Black, non-Hispanic .....	6.9	16.6	15.6	13.6	19.3	16.7
Male .....	6.3	15.5	12.4	13.2	18.9	16.4
Female .....	7.5	17.6	18.6	13.9	19.6	16.9
Hispanic origin .....	12.9	34.2	31.6	42.8	41.7	42.4
Male .....	13.1	39.4	37.9	41.4	42.6	41.4
Female .....	12.5	29.4	25.0	44.4	40.7	43.5
<b>October 1995<sup>2</sup></b>						
All races .....	5.4	14.6	13.8	13.6	12.4	11.7
Male .....	4.8	14.7	13.6	14.9	13.9	12.0
Female .....	6.1	14.5	13.9	12.3	10.9	11.4
White, non-Hispanic .....	4.7	11.4	9.4	8.9	7.8	7.7
Male .....	4.2	11.7	9.3	10.4	9.0	7.9
Female .....	5.2	11.0	9.5	7.4	6.7	7.5
Black, non-Hispanic .....	5.6	15.7	15.1	12.6	11.6	11.6
Male .....	4.1	18.1	16.2	9.4	11.3	12.1
Female .....	7.3	13.7	14.2	15.4	11.8	11.1
Hispanic origin .....	10.7	30.8	34.4	37.4	39.0	36.6
Male .....	11.2	27.0	33.4	39.0	42.1	35.5
Female .....	10.2	35.0	35.4	35.3	35.6	37.8
<b>October 1998<sup>2</sup></b>						
All races .....	5.0	14.0	14.6	13.3	11.2	12.1
Male .....	5.5	15.3	17.4	15.0	13.0	13.3
Female .....	4.6	12.6	11.6	11.8	9.5	10.9
White, non-Hispanic .....	3.9	9.3	9.0	8.6	6.1	6.5
Male .....	4.6	9.8	10.8	9.2	7.0	7.7
Female .....	3.2	8.8	7.1	8.1	5.3	5.4
Black, non-Hispanic .....	5.5	16.8	19.6	14.4	11.2	11.4
Male .....	4.6	19.0	23.0	17.7	12.0	11.1
Female .....	6.4	14.7	16.4	12.1	10.6	11.7
Hispanic origin .....	10.2	33.3	36.0	34.2	36.7	40.4
Male .....	10.8	39.1	41.3	39.1	41.8	41.2
Female .....	9.5	27.6	29.2	29.0	31.0	39.5

<sup>1</sup> Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>2</sup> Data may not be comparable with figures for earlier years because of changes in data collection procedures.

NOTE.—"Status" dropouts are 16- to 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and who have not completed a high school program, regardless of when they left school.

People who have received GED credentials are counted as high school completers. Data are based on sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared September 1999.)