

**Table 590. Average Number of Jobs Held From Ages 18 to 42: 1978 to 2006**

[For persons aged 41 to 50 in 2006–07. A job is an uninterrupted period of work with a particular employer. Educational attainment as of 2006–07. Based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979; see source for details]

Sex and educational attainment	Total <sup>1</sup>	Number of jobs held by age				
		18 to 22 years old	23 to 27 years old	28 to 32 years old	33 to 37 years old	38 to 42 years old
<b>Total</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Less than a high school diploma	10.9	3.9	3.2	2.6	2.2	1.9
High school graduate, no college	10.5	4.2	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9
Some college or associate's degree	11.1	4.5	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.0
Bachelor's degree or more	11.1	5.0	3.6	2.6	2.1	1.9
Male	11.0	4.6	3.5	2.8	2.3	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	12.5	4.6	3.8	3.0	2.4	2.0
High school graduate, no college	10.7	4.5	3.4	2.8	2.2	1.9
Some college or associate's degree	11.1	4.5	3.5	2.8	2.4	2.0
Bachelor's degree or more	10.7	4.6	3.4	2.6	2.2	1.9
Female	10.6	4.3	3.1	2.4	2.1	1.9
Less than a high school diploma	8.7	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.6
High school graduate, no college	10.2	3.9	2.7	2.3	2.2	1.9
Some college or associate's degree	11.0	4.5	3.3	2.5	2.2	1.9
Bachelor's degree or more	11.5	5.3	3.7	2.6	2.0	1.8
White, non-Hispanic	10.9	4.6	3.3	2.6	2.2	1.9
Less than a high school diploma	11.5	4.2	3.3	2.7	2.3	1.9
High school graduate, no college	10.4	4.4	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9
Some college or associate's degree	11.3	4.7	3.4	2.7	2.3	1.9
Bachelor's degree or more	11.1	5.1	3.6	2.6	2.1	1.8
Black, non-Hispanic	10.4	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.0
Less than a high school diploma	9.8	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.0	1.8
High school graduate, no college	10.6	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.0
Some college or associate's degree	10.4	3.8	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.1
Bachelor's degree or more	10.9	4.2	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.2
Hispanic or Latino <sup>3</sup>	10.5	4.1	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.9
Less than a high school diploma	10.4	4.0	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.7
High school graduate, no college	10.6	4.0	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.9
Some college or associate's degree	10.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.1
Bachelor's degree or more	10.7	4.4	3.3	2.7	2.3	1.9

<sup>1</sup> Jobs held in more than one age category were counted in each category, but only once in the total. <sup>2</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be 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 08-0860, June 27, 2008. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/nls/home.htm>>.