

**Table 105.—Distribution of 18- to 29-year-olds, by high school completion status and selected characteristics:
1997 to 1999**

Characteristics	1997			1998			1999		
	Dropout	Completed by GED	Completed by diploma	Dropout	Completed by GED	Completed by diploma	Dropout	Completed by GED	Completed by diploma
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number, in thousands	5,496	3,057	33,787	5,636	3,321	33,706	5,576 (122)	3,314 (92)	33,819 (379)
Percent distribution	13.0	7.2	79.8	13.2	7.8	79.0	13.1 (0.3)	7.8 (0.2)	79.2 (0.3)
Sex	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Male	54.4	49.3	48.6	57.0	47.3	48.4	53.5 (1.0)	49.6 (1.3)	48.0 (0.4)
Female	45.6	50.7	51.4	43.0	52.7	51.6	46.5 (1.0)	50.4 (1.3)	52.0 (0.4)
Age	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
18 and 19	18.9	9.5	14.6	19.6	13.4	15.2	18.8 (0.8)	13.2 (0.9)	15.3 (0.3)
20 and 21	16.2	15.4	16.5	18.5	16.2	16.2	18.0 (0.8)	14.0 (0.9)	16.5 (0.3)
22 to 24	23.8	22.7	24.8	24.8	25.6	24.3	24.5 (0.9)	25.6 (1.2)	25.4 (0.4)
25 to 29	41.1	52.4	44.1	37.1	44.8	44.4	38.8 (1.0)	47.2 (1.3)	42.7 (0.4)
Race/ethnicity	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
White, non-Hispanic	41.2	65.8	71.3	40.0	67.5	70.6	39.1 (1.0)	67.7 (1.3)	70.2 (0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic	15.9	16.6	13.0	15.7	13.9	13.1	14.8 (0.8)	14.8 (1.0)	13.4 (0.3)
Hispanic	39.0	13.8	10.4	41.6	13.2	10.7	42.5 (1.2)	12.7 (1.0)	10.5 (0.3)
Other	3.9	3.8	5.3	2.7	5.5	5.6	3.5 (0.4)	4.8 (0.7)	5.9 (0.2)
Educational attainment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Less than high school	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0 —	0.0 —	0.0 —
Completed high school	0.0	68.0	36.6	0.0	47.1	38.3	0.0 —	45.8 (1.3)	37.2 (0.4)
Some college	0.0	17.8	35.6	0.0	36.1	33.8	0.0 —	36.3 (1.3)	33.8 (0.4)
Associate degree	0.0	5.3	7.2	0.0	6.9	7.2	0.0 —	6.7 (0.7)	7.5 (0.2)
Bachelor's degree	0.0	7.7	17.5	0.0	8.0	17.1	0.0 —	9.0 (0.8)	18.1 (0.3)
Masters or higher degree ...	0.0	1.3	3.2	0.0	1.9	3.5	0.0 —	2.1 (0.4)	3.4 (0.2)
Family income quartile	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Lowest quartile	47.7	27.4	19.3	46.3	27.8	18.5	42.4 (1.0)	24.6 (1.2)	18.7 (0.3)
Low-middle quartile	30.2	29.5	25.1	30.6	24.6	24.6	33.0 (1.0)	29.0 (1.2)	24.4 (0.4)
High-middle quartile	14.5	24.4	27.4	16.6	23.1	28.4	17.0 (0.8)	28.0 (1.2)	27.9 (0.4)
Highest quartile	7.6	18.7	28.3	6.5	19.3	28.5	7.7 (0.5)	18.3 (1.0)	29.0 (0.4)
Employment status	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Employed	58.2	76.7	74.8	61.6	71.8	76.0	60.6 (1.0)	72.2 (1.2)	75.6 (0.4)
Unemployed	11.7	9.1	4.4	8.4	7.6	4.3	9.1 (0.6)	7.2 (0.7)	4.2 (0.2)
Not in labor force	30.1	14.1	20.9	30.0	20.6	19.7	30.3 (0.9)	20.6 (1.1)	20.2 (0.3)

—Not available.

NOTE: Excludes persons still enrolled in high school. Data are based on sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared December 2000.)