

**Table 385.—Unemployment rate of persons 16 years old and over, by age, sex, race/ethnicity, and highest degree attained: 1996, 1997, and 1998**

Sex, race/ethnicity, and highest degree attained	Percent unemployed, 1996 <sup>1</sup>				Percent unemployed, 1997 <sup>1</sup>				Percent unemployed, 1998 <sup>1</sup>			
	16- to 24-year-olds <sup>2</sup>			25 years old and over	16- to 24-year-olds <sup>2</sup>			25 years old and over	16- to 24-year-olds <sup>2</sup>			25 years old and over
	Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years		Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years		Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>All persons</b>												
All education levels .....	12.0	16.7	9.3	4.2	11.3	16.0	8.5	3.8	10.4	14.6	7.9	3.4
Less than a high school graduate ..	19.7	19.7	19.4	8.7	18.4	18.9	17.1	8.1	14.0	13.2	16.1	7.1
High school graduate, no college ...	12.0	14.9	10.8	4.7	11.0	14.0	9.6	4.3	10.1	12.5	9.1	4.0
Some college, no degree .....	7.0	8.1	6.7	4.0	7.1	8.5	6.7	3.5	6.3	7.7	5.9	3.2
Associate degree .....	4.8	—	4.5	3.3	4.5	—	4.3	2.7	4.3	—	4.1	2.5
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	5.3	—	5.3	2.2	3.7	—	3.7	2.0	4.0	—	4.1	1.8
<b>Men</b>												
All education levels .....	12.6	18.1	9.5	4.1	11.8	16.9	8.9	3.6	11.1	16.2	8.1	3.2
Less than a high school graduate ..	19.8	21.2	16.4	7.8	18.3	19.7	15.1	7.2	17.4	18.7	14.2	6.1
High school graduate, no college ...	11.9	15.1	10.6	4.7	10.8	13.9	9.6	4.2	10.0	13.6	8.5	3.9
Some college, no degree .....	7.5	9.4	7.1	3.9	7.5	9.2	7.1	3.3	6.7	8.7	6.2	3.0
Associate degree .....	4.1	—	4.2	3.2	—	—	—	2.6	4.2	—	—	2.3
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	6.1	—	6.1	2.1	4.2	—	4.3	1.9	4.3	—	4.3	1.6
<b>Women</b>												
All education levels .....	11.3	15.2	9.0	4.3	10.7	15.0	8.1	3.9	9.8	12.9	7.8	3.6
Less than a high school graduate ..	19.5	18.1	25.3	10.1	18.6	17.9	21.2	9.6	16.6	15.8	20.0	8.6
High school graduate, no college ...	12.2	14.7	10.9	4.6	11.2	14.2	9.7	4.3	10.3	11.4	9.8	4.1
Some college, no degree .....	6.6	7.2	6.4	4.1	6.7	8.0	6.3	3.7	5.9	7.0	5.6	3.4
Associate degree .....	5.2	—	4.8	3.3	4.8	—	4.5	2.8	4.5	—	4.2	2.7
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	4.8	—	4.8	2.4	3.2	—	3.3	2.2	3.8	—	3.9	2.0
<b>White<sup>3</sup></b>												
All education levels .....	10.2	14.2	7.8	3.7	9.4	13.6	6.9	3.3	8.8	12.6	6.5	3.0
Less than a high school graduate ..	16.7	17.0	16.0	8.0	15.5	16.2	13.5	7.2	14.3	14.9	12.6	6.3
High school graduate, no college ...	9.9	12.2	8.9	4.0	9.1	11.6	7.9	3.6	8.4	10.8	7.2	3.4
Some college, no degree .....	6.0	7.0	5.8	3.5	5.9	7.1	5.6	3.0	5.5	6.9	5.1	2.8
Associate degree .....	4.2	—	3.9	3.0	3.6	—	3.4	2.5	3.9	—	3.7	2.2
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	5.1	—	5.1	2.1	3.1	—	3.2	1.8	3.9	—	3.9	1.7
<b>Black<sup>3</sup></b>												
All education levels .....	23.9	33.6	18.8	7.7	23.2	32.4	18.3	7.3	20.7	27.6	16.8	6.4
Less than a high school graduate ..	37.8	37.6	38.2	12.6	36.3	36.4	35.8	13.1	33.1	33.1	33.2	11.6
High school graduate, no college ...	23.0	31.5	20.0	9.1	20.9	28.1	18.4	8.1	19.5	22.8	18.2	7.4
Some college, no degree .....	13.7	17.1	13.1	6.7	15.1	21.0	14.0	6.1	11.2	14.0	10.6	5.5
Associate degree .....	9.7	—	10.0	5.5	—	—	—	—	8.1	—	—	4.0
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	6.1	—	6.0	3.1	6.5	—	6.4	3.6	4.6	—	4.6	2.9
<b>Hispanic origin<sup>4</sup></b>												
All education levels .....	15.5	23.6	11.8	7.1	13.8	21.6	10.3	6.1	13.2	21.3	9.3	5.5
Less than a high school graduate ..	20.1	26.1	14.6	9.7	18.8	25.7	13.0	8.5	17.9	24.3	11.9	7.2
High school graduate, no college ...	13.6	20.7	11.5	6.6	11.4	15.7	9.9	5.7	11.6	17.3	9.6	5.5
Some college, no degree .....	10.5	13.2	9.8	4.9	8.9	11.3	8.4	4.1	7.9	12.4	7.0	4.0
Associate degree .....	—	—	—	4.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.4
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	—	—	—	3.8	—	—	—	3.5	—	—	—	3.2

<sup>1</sup> The unemployment rate is the percent of individuals in the labor force who are not working and who made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. The labor force includes both employed and unemployed persons.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes persons enrolled in school.

<sup>3</sup> Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>4</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, unpublished tabulations of annual averages from the Current Population Survey. (This table was prepared August 1999.)