

Table 107.—Distribution of 18- to 29-year-olds, by high school completion status and selected characteristics: 1998 to 2000

Characteristics	1998			1999			2000 ¹		
	Drop-out	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	5,636	3,321	33,706	5,576 (122)	3,314 (92)	33,819 (379)	5,473 (121)	2,165 (73)	35,213 (390)
Percent distribution	13.2	7.8	79.0	13.1 (0.3)	7.8 (0.2)	79.2 (0.3)	12.8 (0.2)	5.1 (0.2)	82.2 (0.3)
Sex	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Male	57.0	47.3	48.4	53.5 (1.0)	49.6 (1.3)	48.0 (0.4)	54.2 (1.0)	52.4 (1.7)	48.0 (0.4)
Female	43.0	52.7	51.6	46.5 (1.0)	50.4 (1.3)	52.0 (0.4)	45.8 (1.0)	47.6 (1.7)	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	19.6	13.4	15.2	18.8 (0.8)	13.2 (0.9)	15.3 (0.3)	18.5 (0.8)	11.3 (1.0)	15.5 (0.3)
20 and 21	18.5	20.1	16.2	18.0 (0.8)	14.0 (0.9)	16.5 (0.3)	18.2 (0.8)	12.8 (1.1)	17.3 (0.3)
22 to 24	24.8	25.6	24.3	24.5 (0.9)	25.6 (1.2)	25.4 (0.4)	23.9 (0.9)	29.9 (1.5)	25.8 (0.4)
25 to 29	37.1	44.8	44.4	38.8 (1.0)	47.2 (1.3)	42.7 (0.4)	39.4 (1.0)	45.9 (1.6)	41.4 (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	40.0	67.5	70.6	39.1 (1.0)	67.7 (1.3)	70.2 (0.4)	38.7 (1.0)	67.5 (1.5)	69.5 (0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic	15.7	13.9	13.1	14.8 (0.8)	14.8 (1.0)	13.4 (0.3)	14.8 (0.8)	15.5 (1.3)	13.6 (0.3)
Hispanic	41.6	13.2	10.7	42.5 (1.2)	12.7 (1.0)	10.5 (0.3)	43.0 (1.2)	12.3 (1.2)	10.9 (0.3)
Other	2.7	5.5	5.6	3.5 (0.4)	4.8 (0.7)	5.9 (0.2)	3.5 (0.4)	4.7 (0.8)	6.0 (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	47.1	38.3	0.0 —	45.8 (1.3)	37.2 (0.4)	0.0 —	68.9 (1.5)	36.1 (0.4)
Some college	0.0	36.1	33.8	0.0 —	36.3 (1.3)	33.8 (0.4)	0.0 —	20.2 (1.3)	35.0 (0.4)
Associate degree	0.0	6.9	7.2	0.0 —	6.7 (0.7)	7.5 (0.2)	0.0 —	5.5 (0.8)	7.6 (0.2)
Bachelor's degree	0.0	8.0	17.1	0.0 —	9.0 (0.8)	18.1 (0.3)	0.0 —	4.5 (0.7)	17.7 (0.3)
Master's or higher degree	0.0	1.9	3.5	0.0 —	2.1 (0.4)	3.4 (0.2)	0.0 —	0.8 (0.3)	3.5 (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	46.3	27.8	18.5	42.4 (1.0)	24.6 (1.2)	18.7 (0.3)	44.8 (1.0)	29.7 (1.5)	18.7 (0.3)
Low-middle quartile	30.6	29.7	24.6	33.0 (1.0)	29.0 (1.2)	24.4 (0.4)	29.5 (0.9)	29.7 (1.5)	24.8 (0.4)
High-middle quartile	16.6	23.1	28.4	17.0 (0.8)	28.0 (1.2)	27.9 (0.4)	18.2 (0.8)	26.4 (1.5)	28.2 (0.4)
Highest quartile	6.5	19.3	28.5	7.7 (0.5)	18.3 (1.0)	29.0 (0.4)	7.5 (0.5)	14.2 (1.2)	28.3 (0.4)
Employment status	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —	100.0 —
Employed	61.6	71.8	76.0	60.6 (1.0)	72.2 (1.2)	75.6 (0.4)	61.1 (1.0)	71.0 (1.5)	76.5 (0.3)
Unemployed	8.4	7.6	4.3	9.1 (0.6)	7.2 (0.7)	4.2 (0.2)	9.8 (0.6)	7.7 (0.9)	3.6 (0.2)
Not in labor force	30.0	20.6	19.7	30.3 (0.9)	20.6 (1.1)	20.2 (0.3)	29.1 (0.9)	21.3 (1.4)	19.8 (0.3)

—Not available.

¹Due to questionnaire rewording, data are not comparable to figures for previous years.

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 July 2001.)