

Table 383. Labor force status of 1980 to 2002 high school dropouts, by sex and race/ethnicity: Selected years, October 1980 to October 2002

Year, sex, and race or ethnicity	Dropouts		Dropouts in civilian labor force ¹				Dropouts not in labor force	
	Number (in thousands)	Percent of total	Number, (in thousands)	Labor force participation rate	Unemployed		Number, (in thousands)	Percent of population
					Number, (in thousands)	Unemployment rate		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All dropouts ²								
1980	739	100.0	471	63.7 (2.4)	149	31.6 (3.0)	268	36.3 (2.4)
1985	612	100.0	413	67.5 (2.8)	147	35.6 (3.4)	199	32.5 (2.8)
1990	405	100.0	280	69.0 (3.5)	90	32.3 (4.3)	125	31.0 (3.5)
1995	604	100.0	409	67.7 (2.9)	121	29.6 (3.5)	195	32.3 (2.9)
1996	496	100.0	289	58.4 (3.5)	80	27.6 (4.2)	206	41.6 (3.5)
1997	502	100.0	302	60.2 (3.5)	77	25.4 (4.0)	200	39.8 (3.5)
1998	505	100.0	308	60.9 (3.5)	87	28.2 (4.1)	197	39.1 (3.5)
1999	524	100.0	300	57.3 (3.4)	78	26.1 (4.0)	224	42.7 (3.4)
2000	515	100.0	350	68.0 (3.3)	99	28.1 (3.8)	165	32.0 (3.3)
2001	506	100.0	324	64.0 (3.4)	116	35.9 (4.3)	182	36.0 (3.4)
2002	401	100.0	271	67.7 (3.7)	81	29.8 (4.4)	129	32.3 (3.7)
Men								
1980	422	57.1	305	72.3 (3.0)	93	30.5 (3.6)	117	27.7 (3.0)
1985	321	52.5	261	81.3 (3.2)	98	37.5 (4.4)	60	18.7 (3.2)
1990	215	53.1	173	80.2 (4.2)	63	36.2 (5.6)	42	19.8 (4.2)
1995	339	56.1	251	74.0 (3.7)	72	28.7 (4.4)	88	26.0 (3.7)
1997	289	57.6	207	71.8 (4.2)	42	20.3 (4.5)	81	28.2 (4.2)
1998	257	50.9	164	63.9 (4.8)	31	19.0 (4.9)	93	36.1 (4.8)
1999	243	46.4	162	66.8 (4.8)	42	25.8 (5.5)	81	33.2 (4.8)
2000	295	57.3	220	74.4 (4.1)	54	24.5 (4.6)	76	25.6 (4.1)
2001	298	58.9	198	66.5 (4.4)	68	34.2 (5.4)	100	33.5 (4.4)
2002	214	53.4	149	69.5 (5.0)	35	23.4 (5.5)	65	30.5 (5.0)
Women								
1980	317	42.9	166	52.4 (3.9)	56	33.7 (5.1)	151	47.6 (3.9)
1985	291	47.5	152	52.2 (4.3)	49	32.2 (5.5)	139	47.8 (4.3)
1990	190	46.9	107	56.3 (5.5)	28	26.1 (6.5)	83	43.7 (5.5)
1995	265	43.9	157	59.5 (4.6)	49	30.9 (5.7)	107	40.5 (4.6)
1997	213	42.4	95	44.4 (5.4)	35	36.6 (7.9)	119	55.6 (5.4)
1998	248	49.1	143	57.8 (5.0)	56	38.7 (6.5)	105	42.2 (5.0)
1999	282	53.8	139	49.2 (4.7)	37	26.4 (6.0)	143	50.8 (4.7)
2000	220	42.7	131	59.4 (5.3)	45	34.2 (6.6)	90	40.6 (5.3)
2001	207	40.9	126	60.6 (5.4)	48	38.6 (6.9)	82	39.4 (5.4)
2002	187	46.6	122	65.6 (5.5)	46	37.6 (7.0)	64	34.4 (5.5)
White ³								
1980	580	78.5	392	67.6 (2.7)	106	27.0 (3.1)	188	32.4 (2.7)
1985	458	74.8	330	72.1 (3.0)	116	35.2 (3.8)	128	27.9 (3.0)
1990	303	74.8	211	69.8 (4.0)	56	26.3 (4.6)	92	30.2 (4.0)
1995	448	74.2	312	69.8 (3.3)	85	27.2 (3.9)	135	30.2 (3.3)
1997	386	76.9	250	64.8 (3.9)	51	20.5 (4.1)	136	35.2 (3.9)
1998	384	76.0	257	67.0 (3.8)	63	24.5 (4.3)	127	33.0 (3.8)
1999	377	71.9	227	60.3 (4.0)	54	23.6 (4.5)	150	39.7 (4.0)
2000	384	74.6	280	73.0 (3.6)	70	24.9 (4.1)	104	27.0 (3.6)
2001	401	79.2	273	68.1 (3.7)	89	32.4 (4.5)	128	31.9 (3.7)
2002	281	70.1	188	67.0 (4.5)	48	25.6 (5.1)	93	33.0 (4.5)
Black ³								
1980	146	19.8	73	50.0 (6.2)	40	(4) (4)	73	50.0 (6.2)
1985	132	21.6	69	52.3 (6.8)	30	(4) (4)	63	47.7 (6.8)
1990	86	21.2	56	65.3 (8.5)	30	(4) (4)	30	34.7 (8.5)
1995	109	18.0	66	61.0 (7.7)	27	(4) (4)	42	39.0 (7.7)
1997	90	17.9	41	45.1 (9.0)	22	(4) (4)	49	54.9 (9.0)
1998	98	19.4	46	47.2 (8.7)	23	(4) (4)	52	52.8 (8.7)
1999	118	22.5	59	50.0 (7.9)	20	(4) (4)	59	50.0 (7.9)
2000	111	21.5	58	51.9 (8.1)	27	(4) (4)	53	48.1 (8.1)
2001	85	16.8	42	49.9 (9.3)	21	(4) (4)	43	50.1 (9.3)
2002	79	19.7	55	69.8 (8.9)	27	(4) (4)	24	30.2 (8.9)
Hispanic ⁵								
1980	91	12.3	60	65.9 (7.4)	17	(4) (4)	31	34.1 (7.4)
1985	106	17.3	73	68.9 (7.9)	33	(4) (4)	33	31.1 (7.9)
1990	67	16.5	32	(4) (4)	10	(4) (4)	35	(4) (4)
1995	174	28.8	119	68.6 (6.7)	35	29.3 (8.0)	55	31.4 (6.7)
1997	121	24.1	88	73.1 (8.0)	15	17.4 (8.1)	32	26.9 (8.0)
1998	120	23.8	82	68.5 (8.5)	22	27.1 (9.8)	38	31.5 (8.5)
1999	119	22.7	85	71.4 (8.3)	10	12.0 (7.0)	34	28.6 (8.3)
2000	101	19.6	62	61.1 (9.7)	22	(4) (4)	39	38.9 (9.7)
2001	119	23.5	84	70.6 (8.3)	27	32.6 (10.2)	35	29.4 (8.3)
2002	94	23.4	62	66.5 (9.7)	23	(4) (4)	31	33.5 (9.7)

¹ The labor force includes all employed persons plus those seeking employment. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of persons either employed or seeking employment. The unemployment rate is the percent of persons in the labor force who are seeking employment.

² Persons 16 to 24 years old who dropped out of school in the 12-month period ending in October of years shown.

³ Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

⁴ Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

⁵ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NOTE: Data are based upon sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population. Includes dropouts from any grade, including a small number from elementary and middle

schools. Even though the standard errors are large, smaller estimates are shown to permit users to combine categories in various ways. Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the White and Black population groups. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Standard errors appear in parentheses. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *College Enrollment of High School Graduates*, selected years 1980 to 2002. (This table was prepared March 2004.)