

Table 263. High School Dropouts by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2006

[As of October (5,212 represents 5,212,000). For persons 14 to 24 years old. See Table 265 for definition of dropouts]

Age and race	Number of dropouts (1,000)					Percent of population				
	1980	1990	1995	2000	2006	1980	1990	1995	2000	2006
Total dropouts ^{1, 2} . . .	5,212	3,854	3,963	3,883	3,592	12.0	10.1	9.9	9.1	7.9
16 to 17 years.	709	418	406	460	464	8.8	6.3	5.4	5.8	2.7
18 to 21 years.	2,578	1,921	1,980	2,005	1,695	15.8	13.4	14.2	12.9	10.5
22 to 24 years.	1,798	1,458	1,491	1,310	1,433	15.2	13.8	13.6	11.8	11.8
White ^{2, 3}	4,169	3,127	3,098	3,065	2,735	11.3	10.1	9.7	9.1	7.8
16 to 17 years.	619	334	314	366	336	9.2	6.4	5.4	5.8	2.6
18 to 21 years.	2,032	1,516	1,530	1,558	1,305	14.7	13.1	13.8	12.6	10.3
22 to 24 years.	1,416	1,235	1,181	1,040	1,094	14.0	14.0	13.4	11.7	11.5
Black ^{2, 3}	934	611	605	705	622	16.0	10.9	10.0	10.9	9.1
16 to 17 years.	80	73	70	84	89	6.9	6.9	5.8	7.0	3.3
18 to 21 years.	486	345	328	383	290	23.0	16.0	15.8	16.0	11.9
22 to 24 years.	346	185	194	232	242	24.0	13.5	12.5	14.3	14.7
Hispanic ^{2, 4}	919	1,122	1,355	1,499	1,444	29.5	26.8	24.7	23.5	18.2
16 to 17 years.	92	89	94	121	131	16.6	12.9	10.7	11.0	4.5
18 to 21 years.	470	502	652	733	640	40.3	32.9	29.9	30.0	22.8
22 to 24 years.	323	523	598	602	672	40.6	42.8	37.4	35.5	30.6

¹ Includes other groups not shown separately. ² Includes persons 14 to 15 years not shown separately. ³ For 2006, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 221. ⁴ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, PPL-148; and earlier PPL and P-20 reports; and data published on the Internet. See Internet site <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.