

**Table 265. High School Dropouts by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2005**

[As of October (5,212 represents 5,212,000). For persons 14 to 24 years old. See Table 267 for definition of dropouts]

Age and race	Number of dropouts (1,000)					Percent of population				
	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005
<b>Total dropouts</b> <sup>1, 2</sup> . . .	<b>5,212</b>	<b>3,854</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>3,883</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>
16 to 17 years. . . . .	709	418	406	460	303	8.8	6.3	5.4	5.8	3.4
18 to 21 years. . . . .	2,578	1,921	1,980	2,005	1,669	15.8	13.4	14.2	12.9	10.5
22 to 24 years. . . . .	1,798	1,458	1,491	1,310	1,485	15.2	13.8	13.6	11.8	12.4
<b>White</b> <sup>2, 3</sup> . . . . .	<b>4,169</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>
16 to 17 years. . . . .	619	334	314	366	223	9.2	6.4	5.4	5.8	3.3
18 to 21 years. . . . .	2,032	1,516	1,530	1,558	1,299	14.7	13.1	13.8	12.6	10.4
22 to 24 years. . . . .	1,416	1,235	1,181	1,040	1,167	14.0	14.0	13.4	11.7	12.6
<b>Black</b> <sup>2, 3</sup> . . . . .	<b>934</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>
16 to 17 years. . . . .	80	73	70	84	64	6.9	6.9	5.8	7.0	4.7
18 to 21 years. . . . .	486	345	328	383	281	23.0	16.0	15.8	16.0	12.4
22 to 24 years. . . . .	346	185	194	232	231	24.0	13.5	12.5	14.3	13.6
<b>Hispanic</b> <sup>2, 4</sup> . . . . .	<b>919</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>
16 to 17 years. . . . .	92	89	94	121	93	16.6	12.9	10.7	11.0	6.3
18 to 21 years. . . . .	470	502	652	733	672	40.3	32.9	29.9	30.0	24.5
22 to 24 years. . . . .	323	523	598	602	663	40.6	42.8	37.4	35.5	30.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes other groups not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Includes persons 14 to 15 years, not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> For 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 217. <sup>4</sup> 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>>.