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Characteristic	Percent distribution by number of jobs held							Mean number of jobs held
	Total	0 or 1 jobs	2 to 4 jobs	5 to 7 jobs	8 to 10 jobs	11 to 14 jobs	15 jobs or more	
Total	100.0	2.0	16.0	22.4	23.0	19.5	17.2	9.6
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	4.4	17.8	21.2	20.2	17.2	19.3	9.7
High school graduates, no college	100.0	2.2	20.2	22.8	20.7	18.4	15.7	9.2
Less than a bachelor's degree	100.0	1.4	14.4	23.2	23.4	18.8	18.9	10.0
Bachelor's degree or more	100.0	0.9	9.4	21.5	28.0	23.3	17.1	10.0
Men	100.0	1.5	15.8	22.1	21.4	20.7	18.5	9.9
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	0.8	14.5	19.7	20.2	18.3	26.4	11.1
High school graduates, no college	100.0	2.3	18.1	23.4	18.2	20.8	17.3	9.6
Less than a bachelor's degree	100.0	1.0	16.4	21.5	19.5	17.8	23.7	10.5
Bachelor's degree or more	100.0	1.1	12.1	21.5	29.3	24.5	11.6	9.5
Women	100.0	2.4	16.1	22.7	24.6	18.3	15.9	9.3
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	9.3	22.4	23.2	20.2	15.6	9.4	7.8
High school graduates, no college	100.0	2.2	22.4	22.1	23.3	16.0	14.0	8.7
Less than a bachelor's degree	100.0	1.7	12.8	24.5	26.5	19.6	14.8	9.5
Bachelor's degree or more	100.0	0.6	6.7	21.4	26.6	22.0	22.7	10.6
White non-Hispanic.....	100.0	1.6	15.7	22.0	23.2	19.5	18.0	9.8
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	3.6	15.1	22.2	21.3	15.4	22.3	10.3
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White non-Hispanic women.....	100.0	1.7	15.1	21.6	25.4	18.4	17.7	9.7
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NOTE: This table excludes individuals who turned age 18 before Jan. 1, 1978 or who had not yet turned age 37 when interviewed in 2000.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79).

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 consists of men and women who were born in the years 1957-64 and were ages 14 to 22 when first interviewed in 1979. These individuals were ages 35 to 43 in 2000. Educational attainment is defined as of the 2000 survey. Race and Hispanic ethnicity groups are mutually exclusive but not exhaustive. Other race groups, which are included in the overall totals, are not shown separately because their representation in the survey sample is not sufficiently large to provide statistically reliable estimates.