

Table 266. Public High School Graduates by State: 1980 to 2008

[In thousands (2,747.7 represents 2,747,700). For school year ending in year shown]

State	1980	1990	2000	2008, proj.	State	1980	1990	2000	2008, proj.
United States	2,747.7	2,320.3	2,553.8	3,010.9					
Alabama	45.2	40.5	37.8	39.4	Missouri	62.3	49.0	52.8	60.5
Alaska	5.2	5.4	6.6	8.0	Montana	12.1	9.4	10.9	10.3
Arizona	28.6	32.1	38.3	52.1	Nebraska	22.4	17.7	20.1	20.7
Arkansas	29.1	26.5	27.3	29.5	Nevada	8.5	9.5	14.6	18.2
California	249.2	236.3	309.9	385.3	New Hampshire	11.7	10.8	11.8	14.6
Colorado	36.8	33.0	38.9	48.0	New Jersey	94.6	69.8	74.4	95.1
Connecticut	37.7	27.9	31.6	38.4	New Mexico	18.4	14.9	18.0	17.8
Delaware	7.6	5.6	6.1	7.5	New York	204.1	143.3	141.7	169.7
District of Columbia ¹	5.0	3.6	2.7	3.3	North Carolina	70.9	64.8	62.1	81.2
Florida	87.3	88.9	106.7	148.2	North Dakota	9.9	7.7	8.6	7.2
Georgia	61.6	56.6	62.6	79.7	Ohio	144.2	114.5	111.7	122.6
Hawaii	11.5	10.3	10.4	11.0	Oklahoma	39.3	35.6	37.6	37.3
Idaho	13.2	12.0	16.2	16.8	Oregon	29.9	25.5	30.2	36.4
Illinois	135.6	108.1	111.8	133.1	Pennsylvania	146.5	110.5	114.0	151.7
Indiana	73.1	60.0	57.0	63.0	Rhode Island	10.9	7.8	8.5	10.3
Iowa	43.4	31.8	33.9	35.3	South Carolina	38.7	32.5	31.6	35.1
Kansas	30.9	25.4	29.1	30.0	South Dakota	10.7	7.7	9.3	8.2
Kentucky	41.2	38.0	36.8	40.7	Tennessee	49.8	46.1	41.6	54.2
Louisiana	46.3	36.1	38.4	34.1	Texas	171.4	172.5	212.9	259.5
Maine	15.4	13.8	12.2	13.2	Utah	20.0	21.2	32.5	30.8
Maryland	54.3	41.6	47.8	58.3	Vermont	6.7	6.1	6.7	7.1
Massachusetts	73.8	55.9	53.0	63.9	Virginia	66.6	60.6	65.6	77.1
Michigan	124.3	93.8	97.7	109.4	Washington	50.4	45.9	57.6	62.6
Minnesota	64.9	49.1	57.4	60.9	West Virginia	23.4	21.9	19.4	17.5
Mississippi	27.6	25.2	24.2	24.9	Wisconsin	69.3	52.0	58.5	66.0
					Wyoming	6.1	5.8	6.5	5.4

¹ Beginning in 1990, graduates from adult programs are excluded.Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, annual. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.**Table 267. High School Dropouts by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2008**

[In percent. As of October]

Item	1980	1985	1990 ¹	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
EVENT DROPOUTS ²												
Total ³	6.0	5.2	4.5	5.4	4.5	3.3	3.8	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3
White ⁴	5.6	4.8	3.9	5.1	4.3	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.5	2.8	2.8
Male	6.4	4.9	4.1	5.4	4.7	3.0	3.9	4.9	3.4	3.9	2.8	2.7
Female	4.9	4.7	3.8	4.8	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.8
Black ⁴	8.3	7.7	7.7	6.1	5.6	4.4	4.5	5.2	6.9	3.7	4.3	6.0
Male	8.0	8.3	6.9	7.9	7.6	5.1	4.1	4.8	7.5	3.2	4.9	4.6
Female	8.5	7.2	8.6	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.9	5.7	6.2	4.3	3.6	7.6
Hispanic ⁵	11.5	9.7	7.7	11.6	6.8	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.7	6.4	5.5	4.9
Male	16.9	9.3	7.6	10.9	7.1	6.2	7.7	11.5	5.6	6.3	5.5	4.2
Female	6.9	9.8	7.7	12.5	6.5	4.4	5.4	4.6	3.9	6.6	5.6	5.6
STATUS DROPOUTS ⁶												
Total ³	15.6	13.9	14.4	13.9	12.4	12.3	11.8	12.1	11.3	11.0	10.2	9.3
White ⁴	14.4	13.5	14.1	13.6	12.2	12.2	11.6	11.9	11.3	10.8	10.0	8.8
Male	15.7	14.7	15.4	14.3	13.5	13.7	13.3	13.7	13.2	12.4	11.7	9.8
Female	13.2	12.3	12.8	13.0	10.9	10.6	9.8	10.0	9.4	9.2	8.3	7.8
Black ⁴	23.5	17.6	16.4	14.4	15.3	14.6	14.2	15.1	12.9	13.0	10.2	12.0
Male	26.0	18.8	18.6	14.2	17.4	16.9	16.7	17.9	14.8	11.2	10.0	10.2
Female	21.5	16.6	14.5	14.6	13.5	12.5	12.0	12.7	11.2	14.7	10.3	13.7
Hispanic ⁵	40.3	31.5	37.7	34.7	32.3	30.1	28.4	28.0	27.3	26.2	25.3	22.3
Male	42.6	35.8	40.3	34.2	36.8	33.8	31.7	33.5	32.1	31.0	29.2	24.3
Female	38.1	27.0	35.0	35.4	27.3	25.6	24.7	21.7	21.8	21.0	21.1	20.2

¹ Beginning 1990, reflects new editing procedures for cases with missing data on school enrollment. ² Percent of students who drop out in a single year without completing high school. For grades 10 to 12. ³ Includes other races, not shown separately.⁴ Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. ⁶ Percent of the population who have not completed high school and are not enrolled, regardless of when they dropped out. For persons 18 to 24 years old.Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148, P-20 and earlier reports, and "School Enrollment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.