

Table 263. High School Dropouts by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2007

[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	2007	1980	1990	1995	2000	2007
Total dropouts ^{1, 2} . . .	5,212	3,854	3,963	3,883	3,384	12.0	10.1	9.9	9.1	7.4
16 to 17 years.	709	418	406	460	448	8.8	6.3	5.4	5.8	2.6
18 to 21 years.	2,578	1,921	1,980	2,005	1,499	15.8	13.4	14.2	12.9	9.1
22 to 24 years.	1,798	1,458	1,491	1,310	1,438	15.2	13.8	13.6	11.8	11.6
White ^{2, 3}	4,169	3,127	3,098	3,065	2,578	11.3	10.1	9.7	9.1	7.3
16 to 17 years.	619	334	314	366	330	9.2	6.4	5.4	5.8	2.5
18 to 21 years.	2,032	1,516	1,530	1,558	1,103	14.7	13.1	13.8	12.6	8.7
22 to 24 years.	1,416	1,235	1,181	1,040	1,145	14.0	14.0	13.4	11.7	11.8
Black ^{2, 3}	934	611	605	705	495	16.0	10.9	10.0	10.9	7.2
16 to 17 years.	80	73	70	84	70	6.9	6.9	5.8	7.0	2.6
18 to 21 years.	486	345	328	383	257	23.0	16.0	15.8	16.0	10.4
22 to 24 years.	346	185	194	232	168	24.0	13.5	12.5	14.3	9.8
Hispanic ^{2, 4}	919	1,122	1,355	1,499	1,446	29.5	26.8	24.7	23.5	17.6
16 to 17 years.	92	89	94	121	136	16.6	12.9	10.7	11.0	4.5
18 to 21 years.	470	502	652	733	613	40.3	32.9	29.9	30.0	20.6
22 to 24 years.	323	523	598	602	697	40.6	42.8	37.4	35.5	31.6

¹ Includes other groups not shown separately. ² Includes persons 14 to 15 years not shown separately. ³ For 2007, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 224. 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; <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.