

Table 262. High School Dropouts by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2007

[In percent. As of October]

Item	1980	1985	1990 ¹	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
EVENT DROPOUTS ²												
Total ³	6.0	5.2	4.5	5.4	4.5	4.7	3.3	3.8	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.3
White ⁴	5.6	4.8	3.9	5.1	4.3	4.6	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.5	2.8
Male	6.4	4.9	4.1	5.4	4.7	5.3	3.0	3.9	4.9	3.4	3.9	2.8
Female	4.9	4.7	3.8	4.8	4.0	3.8	3.0	3.4	3.5	2.7	3.1	2.7
Black ⁴	8.3	7.7	7.7	6.1	5.6	5.7	4.4	4.5	5.2	6.9	3.7	4.3
Male	8.0	8.3	6.9	7.9	7.6	6.1	5.1	4.1	4.8	7.5	3.2	4.9
Female	8.5	7.2	8.6	4.4	3.8	5.4	3.8	4.9	5.7	6.2	4.3	3.6
Hispanic ⁵	11.5	9.7	7.7	11.6	6.8	8.1	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.7	6.4	5.5
Male	16.9	9.3	7.6	10.9	7.1	7.6	6.2	7.7	11.5	5.6	6.3	5.5
Female	6.9	9.8	7.7	12.5	6.5	8.7	4.4	5.4	4.6	3.9	6.6	5.6
STATUS DROPOUTS ⁶												
Total ³	15.6	13.9	14.4	13.9	12.4	13.0	12.3	11.8	12.1	11.3	11.0	10.2
White ⁴	14.4	13.5	14.1	13.6	12.2	13.4	12.2	11.6	11.9	11.3	10.8	10.0
Male	15.7	14.7	15.4	14.3	13.5	15.3	13.7	13.3	13.7	13.2	12.4	11.7
Female	13.2	12.3	12.8	13.0	10.9	11.4	10.6	9.8	10.0	9.4	9.2	8.3
Black ⁴	23.5	17.6	16.4	14.4	15.3	13.8	14.6	14.2	15.1	12.9	13.0	10.2
Male	26.0	18.8	18.6	14.2	17.4	16.9	16.9	16.7	17.9	14.8	11.2	10.0
Female	21.5	16.6	14.5	14.6	13.5	11.0	12.5	12.0	12.7	11.2	14.7	10.3
Hispanic ⁵	40.3	31.5	37.7	34.7	32.3	31.7	30.1	28.4	28.0	27.3	26.2	25.3
Male	42.6	35.8	40.3	34.2	36.8	37.1	33.8	31.7	33.5	32.1	31.0	29.2
Female	38.1	27.0	35.0	35.4	27.3	25.5	25.6	24.7	21.7	21.8	21.0	21.1

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 224. 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; and earlier PPL and P-20 reports; and data published on the Internet; <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.