

## Table 265. Employment Status of High School Graduates and Dropouts Not Enrolled in School by Sex and Race: 1980 to 2008

[In thousands (11,622 represents 11,622,000), except percent. As of October. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 to 24 years old. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Employment status, sex, and race	Graduates <sup>1</sup>				Dropouts <sup>3</sup>			
	1980	1990	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2008 <sup>2</sup>	1980	1990	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2008 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Civilian population</b> . . . . .	<b>11,622</b>	<b>8,370</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,010</b>
In labor force . . . . .	9,795	7,107	6,195	5,761	3,549	2,506	2,612	1,901
Percent of population . . . . .	84.3	84.9	84.3	78.7	67.5	66.0	69.2	63.1
Employed . . . . .	8,567	6,279	5,632	4,856	2,651	1,993	2,150	1,410
Percent of labor force . . . . .	87.5	88.3	90.9	84.3	74.7	79.5	82.3	74.2
Unemployed . . . . .	1,228	828	563	905	898	513	463	491
Unemployment rate, total <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	12.5	11.7	9.1	15.7	25.3	20.5	17.7	25.8
Male . . . . .	13.5	11.1	9.3	17.6	23.5	18.8	16.3	26.3
Female . . . . .	11.5	12.3	8.8	12.8	28.7	23.5	20.3	25.0
White <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	10.8	9.0	7.2	13.7	21.6	17.0	15.0	22.9
Black <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	26.1	26.0	18.1	23.5	43.9	43.3	33.2	40.1
Not in labor force . . . . .	1,827	1,262	1,156	1,560	1,705	1,294	1,163	1,109
Percent of population . . . . .	15.7	15.1	15.7	21.3	32.5	34.1	30.8	36.8

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> For persons not enrolled in college who have completed 4 years of high school only. <sup>2</sup> Data not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. See text, this section, and February 2000 and 2008 issues of *Employment and Earnings*. <sup>3</sup> For persons not in regular school and who have not completed the 12th grade nor received a general equivalency degree. <sup>4</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>5</sup> For 2008, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 224.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; *News*, USDL 09-0454, 28 April 2009; and unpublished data. See <<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/hsgec.toc.htm>>.