

Table 597. Average Number of Jobs Held From Ages 18 to 42: 1978 to 2006

[For persons aged 41 to 50 in 2006–07. A job is an uninterrupted period of work with a particular employer. Educational attainment as of 2006–07. Based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979; see source for details]

| Sex and educational attainment | Total ¹ | Number of jobs held by age | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 18 to 22 years old | 23 to 27 years old | 28 to 32 years old | 33 to 37 years old | 38 to 42 years old |
| Total ² | 10.8 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 10.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| High school graduates, no college | 10.5 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 11.1 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 11.1 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Male | 11.0 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 12.5 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| High school graduate, no college | 10.7 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 11.1 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 10.7 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Female | 10.6 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 8.7 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| High school graduate, no college | 10.2 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 11.0 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 11.5 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 10.9 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 11.5 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| High school graduate, no college | 10.4 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 11.3 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 11.1 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 10.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 9.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| High school graduate, no college | 10.6 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 10.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 10.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Hispanic or Latino ³ | 10.5 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 10.4 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| High school graduate, no college | 10.6 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Some college or associate's degree | 10.3 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 10.7 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 |

¹ Jobs held in more than one age category were counted in each category, but only once in the total. ² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Number of Jobs Held, Labor Market Activity, and *Earnings Growth Among the Youngest Baby Boomers: Results from a Longitudinal Survey, News*, USDL 08-0860, June 27, 2008. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/nls/home.htm>>.