

**Table 270. Public High School Graduates by State: 1980 to 2009**

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

| State                                   | 1980           | 1990           | 2000           | 2009, proj.    | State                | 1980  | 1990  | 2000  | 2009, proj. |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| <b>United States</b> .....              | <b>2,747.7</b> | <b>2,320.3</b> | <b>2,553.8</b> | <b>3,004.6</b> |                      |       |       |       |             |
| Alabama .....                           | 45.2           | 40.5           | 37.8           | 40.2           | Missouri .....       | 62.3  | 49.0  | 52.8  | 61.4        |
| Alaska .....                            | 5.2            | 5.4            | 6.6            | 8.2            | Montana .....        | 12.1  | 9.4   | 10.9  | 10.0        |
| Arizona .....                           | 28.6           | 32.1           | 38.3           | 57.2           | Nebraska .....       | 22.4  | 17.7  | 20.1  | 20.3        |
| Arkansas .....                          | 29.1           | 26.5           | 27.3           | 28.7           | Nevada .....         | 8.5   | 9.5   | 14.6  | 18.2        |
| California .....                        | 249.2          | 236.3          | 309.9          | 383.3          | New Hampshire .....  | 11.7  | 10.8  | 11.8  | 14.1        |
| Colorado .....                          | 36.8           | 33.0           | 38.9           | 48.2           | New Jersey .....     | 94.6  | 69.8  | 74.4  | 96.1        |
| Connecticut .....                       | 37.7           | 27.9           | 31.6           | 37.7           | New Mexico .....     | 18.4  | 14.9  | 18.0  | 17.7        |
| Delaware .....                          | 7.6            | 5.6            | 6.1            | 7.6            | New York .....       | 204.1 | 143.3 | 141.7 | 170.8       |
| District of Columbia <sup>1</sup> ..... | 5.0            | 3.6            | 2.7            | 3.5            | North Carolina ..... | 70.9  | 64.8  | 62.1  | 80.6        |
| Florida .....                           | 87.3           | 88.9           | 106.7          | 152.7          | North Dakota .....   | 9.9   | 7.7   | 8.6   | 7.0         |
| Georgia .....                           | 61.6           | 56.6           | 62.6           | 81.0           | Ohio .....           | 144.2 | 114.5 | 111.7 | 122.9       |
| Hawaii .....                            | 11.5           | 10.3           | 10.4           | 11.2           | Oklahoma .....       | 39.3  | 35.6  | 37.6  | 37.6        |
| Idaho .....                             | 13.2           | 12.0           | 16.2           | 16.7           | Oregon .....         | 29.9  | 25.5  | 30.2  | 35.8        |
| Illinois .....                          | 135.6          | 108.1          | 111.8          | 131.7          | Pennsylvania .....   | 146.5 | 110.5 | 114.0 | 122.8       |
| Indiana .....                           | 73.1           | 60.0           | 57.0           | 64.0           | Rhode Island .....   | 10.9  | 7.8   | 8.5   | 10.0        |
| Iowa .....                              | 43.4           | 31.8           | 33.9           | 34.6           | South Carolina ..... | 38.7  | 32.5  | 31.6  | 37.0        |
| Kansas .....                            | 30.9           | 25.4           | 29.1           | 29.6           | South Dakota .....   | 10.7  | 7.7   | 9.3   | 8.1         |
| Kentucky .....                          | 41.2           | 38.0           | 36.8           | 41.7           | Tennessee .....      | 49.8  | 46.1  | 41.6  | 54.4        |
| Louisiana .....                         | 46.3           | 36.1           | 38.4           | 34.2           | Texas .....          | 171.4 | 172.5 | 212.9 | 260.1       |
| Maine .....                             | 15.4           | 13.8           | 12.2           | 14.6           | Utah .....           | 20.0  | 21.2  | 32.5  | 34.0        |
| Maryland .....                          | 54.3           | 41.6           | 47.8           | 57.3           | Vermont .....        | 6.7   | 6.1   | 6.7   | 7.0         |
| Massachusetts .....                     | 73.8           | 55.9           | 53.0           | 64.0           | Virginia .....       | 66.6  | 60.6  | 65.6  | 78.4        |
| Michigan .....                          | 124.3          | 93.8           | 97.7           | 115.9          | Washington .....     | 50.4  | 45.9  | 57.6  | 63.4        |
| Minnesota .....                         | 64.9           | 49.1           | 57.4           | 59.3           | West Virginia .....  | 23.4  | 21.9  | 19.4  | 17.8        |
| Mississippi .....                       | 27.6           | 25.2           | 24.2           | 25.7           | Wisconsin .....      | 69.3  | 52.0  | 58.5  | 64.8        |
|   |                |                |                |                | Wyoming .....        | 6.1   | 5.8   | 6.5   | 5.5         |

<sup>1</sup> 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 271. High School Dropouts by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 2009**

[In percent. As of October]

| Item                                | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 <sup>1</sup> | 1995 | 2000 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>EVENT DROPOUTS <sup>2</sup></b>  |      |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total <sup>3</sup> .....            | 6.0  | 5.2  | 4.5               | 5.4  | 4.5  | 3.8  | 4.4  | 3.6  | 3.5  | 3.3  | 3.3  | 3.1  |
| White <sup>4</sup> .....            | 5.6  | 4.8  | 3.9               | 5.1  | 4.3  | 3.7  | 4.2  | 3.1  | 3.5  | 2.8  | 2.8  | 3.0  |
| Male .....                          | 6.4  | 4.9  | 4.1               | 5.4  | 4.7  | 3.9  | 4.9  | 3.4  | 3.9  | 2.8  | 2.7  | 3.3  |
| Female .....                        | 4.9  | 4.7  | 3.8               | 4.8  | 4.0  | 3.4  | 3.5  | 2.7  | 3.1  | 2.7  | 2.8  | 2.8  |
| Black <sup>4</sup> .....            | 8.3  | 7.7  | 7.7               | 6.1  | 5.6  | 4.5  | 5.2  | 6.9  | 3.7  | 4.3  | 6.0  | 4.5  |
| Male .....                          | 8.0  | 8.3  | 6.9               | 7.9  | 7.6  | 4.1  | 4.8  | 7.5  | 3.2  | 4.9  | 4.6  | 4.4  |
| Female .....                        | 8.5  | 7.2  | 8.6               | 4.4  | 3.8  | 4.9  | 5.7  | 6.2  | 4.3  | 3.6  | 7.6  | 4.6  |
| Hispanic <sup>5</sup> .....         | 11.5 | 9.7  | 7.7               | 11.6 | 6.8  | 6.5  | 8.0  | 4.7  | 6.4  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 5.3  |
| Male .....                          | 16.9 | 9.3  | 7.6               | 10.9 | 7.1  | 7.7  | 11.5 | 5.6  | 6.3  | 5.5  | 4.2  | 5.3  |
| Female .....                        | 6.9  | 9.8  | 7.7               | 12.5 | 6.5  | 5.4  | 4.6  | 3.9  | 6.6  | 5.6  | 5.6  | 5.4  |
| <b>STATUS DROPOUTS <sup>6</sup></b> |      |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total <sup>3</sup> .....            | 15.6 | 13.9 | 14.4              | 13.9 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 9.3  | 9.4  |
| White <sup>4</sup> .....            | 14.4 | 13.5 | 14.1              | 13.6 | 12.2 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 8.8  | 9.1  |
| Male .....                          | 15.7 | 14.7 | 15.4              | 14.3 | 13.5 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 9.8  | 10.5 |
| Female .....                        | 13.2 | 12.3 | 12.8              | 13.0 | 10.9 | 9.8  | 10.0 | 9.4  | 9.2  | 8.3  | 7.8  | 7.7  |
| Black <sup>4</sup> .....            | 23.5 | 17.6 | 16.4              | 14.4 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 15.1 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 10.2 | 12.0 | 11.6 |
| Male .....                          | 26.0 | 18.8 | 18.6              | 14.2 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 17.9 | 14.8 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 13.9 |
| Female .....                        | 21.5 | 16.6 | 14.5              | 14.6 | 13.5 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 14.7 | 10.3 | 13.7 | 9.5  |
| Hispanic <sup>5</sup> .....         | 40.3 | 31.5 | 37.7              | 34.7 | 32.3 | 28.4 | 28.0 | 27.3 | 26.2 | 25.3 | 22.3 | 20.8 |
| Male .....                          | 42.6 | 35.8 | 40.3              | 34.2 | 36.8 | 31.7 | 33.5 | 32.1 | 31.0 | 29.2 | 24.3 | 22.5 |
| Female .....                        | 38.1 | 27.0 | 35.0              | 35.4 | 27.3 | 24.7 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.0 | 21.1 | 20.2 | 19.1 |

<sup>1</sup> Beginning 1990, reflects new editing procedures for cases with missing data on school enrollment. <sup>2</sup> Percent of students who drop out in a single year without completing high school. For grades 10 to 12. <sup>3</sup> Includes other races, not shown separately.<sup>4</sup> Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 229. <sup>5</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. <sup>6</sup> 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, P20 and earlier reports, and "School Enrollment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.