

Number of jobs held by individuals from age 18 to age 38 in 1978-2002 by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity

| Characteristic | Percent distribution by number of jobs held | | | | | | | Mean number of jobs held |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | Total | 0 or 1 jobs | 2 to 4 jobs | 5 to 7 jobs | 8 to 10 jobs | 11 to 14 jobs | 15 jobs or more | |
| Total | 100.0 | 1.6 | 14.8 | 20.3 | 23.0 | 20.1 | 20.2 | 10.2 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 3.8 | 16.6 | 19.2 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 23.8 | 10.3 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 1.6 | 18.4 | 21.4 | 21.5 | 18.7 | 18.3 | 9.7 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 1.0 | 13.5 | 21.1 | 22.9 | 20.0 | 21.4 | 10.5 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 1.0 | 9.2 | 18.3 | 27.6 | 23.2 | 20.7 | 10.6 |
| Men | 100.0 | 1.2 | 15.1 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 20.3 | 21.4 | 10.4 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 0.3 | 13.7 | 18.0 | 18.9 | 18.5 | 30.6 | 11.6 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 1.9 | 17.1 | 20.8 | 20.6 | 18.3 | 21.3 | 10.2 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 0.6 | 15.7 | 22.2 | 17.6 | 20.1 | 23.8 | 10.6 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 18.9 | 28.3 | 25.0 | 14.9 | 10.0 |
| Women | 100.0 | 2.0 | 14.5 | 20.4 | 24.4 | 19.8 | 19.0 | 9.9 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 8.6 | 20.4 | 20.7 | 18.2 | 17.6 | 14.5 | 8.5 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 1.4 | 19.7 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 9.2 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 1.3 | 11.7 | 20.3 | 27.4 | 19.9 | 19.4 | 10.4 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 1.0 | 6.7 | 17.7 | 26.9 | 21.3 | 26.4 | 11.1 |
| White non-Hispanic..... | 100.0 | 1.4 | 14.8 | 19.5 | 23.4 | 19.9 | 21.0 | 10.3 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 3.5 | 13.8 | 19.3 | 19.6 | 17.0 | 26.9 | 10.8 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 1.4 | 19.6 | 20.9 | 21.3 | 18.3 | 18.6 | 9.7 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 0.7 | 14.0 | 19.5 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 23.1 | 10.8 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 17.8 | 28.4 | 23.1 | 20.7 | 10.6 |
| White non-Hispanic men..... | 100.0 | 1.2 | 15.7 | 20.4 | 21.6 | 19.8 | 21.3 | 10.4 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 0.0 | 12.6 | 18.4 | 20.1 | 14.9 | 33.9 | 11.9 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 2.1 | 19.3 | 21.0 | 19.6 | 17.3 | 20.7 | 10.0 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 23.0 | 15.6 | 19.5 | 25.3 | 10.7 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 1.1 | 11.1 | 18.4 | 29.4 | 25.6 | 14.3 | 10.1 |
| White non-Hispanic women..... | 100.0 | 1.5 | 13.9 | 18.7 | 25.2 | 20.1 | 20.6 | 10.3 |
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| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 2.7 | 23.9 | 19.7 | 17.2 | 20.6 | 16.0 | 9.1 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 2.4 | 14.5 | 21.3 | 24.0 | 21.0 | 16.9 | 9.7 |
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| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 1.6 | 19.6 | 16.3 | 15.6 | 28.5 | 18.5 | 10.2 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 0.8 | 9.7 | 18.9 | 26.2 | 21.2 | 23.1 | 10.8 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 1.7 | 14.1 | 18.7 | 25.9 | 23.2 | 16.5 | 10.0 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 2.2 | 22.9 | 16.4 | 23.0 | 18.5 | 17.0 | 9.2 |
| Black non-Hispanic women..... | 100.0 | 3.2 | 16.4 | 26.8 | 21.2 | 18.4 | 14.0 | 8.8 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 4.3 | 30.2 | 24.8 | 19.5 | 8.9 | 12.3 | 7.5 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 4.3 | 20.5 | 24.5 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 2.9 | 10.6 | 30.8 | 22.2 | 16.8 | 16.6 | 9.4 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 25.8 | 20.1 | 24.4 | 24.0 | 10.5 |

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| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 3.7 | 21.9 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 20.2 | 19.6 | 9.6 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 2.5 | 13.9 | 29.0 | 17.1 | 19.7 | 17.8 | 9.5 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 1.6 | 14.5 | 25.4 | 24.5 | 18.7 | 15.3 | 9.5 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | -- | 10.4 | 26.1 | 14.3 | 31.4 | 17.8 | 10.5 |
| Hispanic or Latino men..... | 100.0 | 1.0 | 12.2 | 22.7 | 18.7 | 21.8 | 23.6 | 10.8 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 24.2 | 29.8 | 12.0 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 2.4 | 9.2 | 25.6 | 17.8 | 22.2 | 22.7 | 10.5 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 0.0 | 17.3 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 16.0 | 23.0 | 10.3 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Hispanic or Latino women..... | 100.0 | 3.7 | 19.2 | 27.5 | 19.2 | 19.5 | 11.0 | 8.4 |
| Less than a high school diploma | 100.0 | 7.8 | 33.0 | 19.4 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 8.1 | 6.9 |
| High school graduates, no college | 100.0 | 2.6 | 19.1 | 32.9 | 16.3 | 16.9 | 12.4 | 8.4 |
| Less than a bachelor's degree | 100.0 | 3.1 | 11.8 | 29.3 | 26.6 | 21.3 | 7.9 | 8.7 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 100.0 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |

¹ Data not shown where cell size is less than 50.

NOTE: This table excludes individuals who turned age 18 before Jan. 1, 1978 or who had not yet turned age 39 when interviewed in 2002.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79).

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 consists of men and women who were born in the years 1957-64 and were ages 14 to 22 when first interviewed in 1979. These individuals were ages 37 to 45 in 2002. Educational attainment is defined as of the 2002 survey. Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity groups are mutually exclusive but not exhaustive. Other race groups, which are included in the overall totals, are not shown separately because their representation in the survey sample is not sufficiently large to provide statistically reliable estimates.