

**Table 384.—Labor force status of 1979–80 to 2000–01 high school dropouts, by sex and race/ethnicity:  
October 1980 to October 2001**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Year, sex, and race or ethnicity	Dropouts		Dropouts in civilian labor force <sup>1</sup>						Dropouts not in labor force	
	Number	Percent of total	Number	Labor force participation rate	Employed		Unemployed		Number	Percent of population
					Number	Percent of dropouts	Number	Unemployment rate		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>All dropouts<sup>2</sup></b>										
1980 .....	739	100.0	471	63.7	322	43.6	149	31.6	268	36.3
1985 .....	612	100.0	413	67.5	266	43.5	147	35.6	199	32.5
1990 .....	405	100.0	280	69.0	189	46.7	90	32.3	125	31.0
1995 .....	604	100.0	409	67.7	288	47.7	121	29.6	195	32.3
1996 .....	496	100.0	289	58.4	210	42.3	80	27.6	206	41.6
1997 .....	502	100.0	302	60.2	225	44.9	77	25.4	200	39.8
1998 .....	505	100.0	308	60.9	221	43.7	87	28.2	197	39.1
1999 .....	524	100.0	300	57.3	222	42.4	78	26.1	224	42.7
2000 .....	515	100.0	350	68.0	252	48.9	99	28.1	165	32.0
2001 .....	506	100.0	324	64.0	207	41.0	116	35.9	182	36.0
<b>Men</b>										
1980 .....	422	57.1	305	72.3	212	50.2	93	30.5	117	27.7
1985 .....	321	52.5	261	81.3	163	50.8	98	37.5	60	18.7
1990 .....	215	53.1	173	80.2	110	51.2	63	36.2	42	19.8
1995 .....	339	56.1	251	74.0	179	52.8	72	28.7	88	26.0
1996 .....	241	48.6	178	74.0	123	51.0	56	31.1	63	26.0
1997 .....	289	57.6	207	71.8	165	57.2	42	20.3	81	28.2
1998 .....	257	50.9	164	63.9	133	51.8	31	19.0	93	36.1
1999 .....	243	46.4	162	66.8	120	49.5	42	25.8	81	33.2
2000 .....	295	57.3	220	74.4	166	56.2	54	24.5	76	25.6
2001 .....	298	58.9	198	66.5	130	43.7	68	34.2	100	33.5
<b>Women</b>										
1980 .....	317	42.9	166	52.4	110	34.7	56	33.7	151	47.6
1985 .....	291	47.5	152	52.2	103	35.4	49	32.2	139	47.8
1990 .....	190	46.9	107	56.3	79	41.6	28	26.1	83	43.7
1995 .....	265	43.9	157	59.5	109	41.1	49	30.9	107	40.5
1996 .....	255	51.4	111	43.6	87	34.1	24	21.8	144	56.4
1997 .....	213	42.4	95	44.4	60	28.1	35	36.6	119	55.6
1998 .....	248	49.1	143	57.8	88	35.4	56	38.7	105	42.2
1999 .....	282	53.8	139	49.2	102	36.2	37	26.4	143	50.8
2000 .....	220	42.7	131	59.4	86	39.1	45	34.2	90	40.6
2001 .....	207	40.9	126	60.6	77	37.2	48	38.6	82	39.4
<b>White<sup>3</sup></b>										
1980 .....	580	78.5	392	67.6	286	49.3	106	27.0	188	32.4
1985 .....	458	74.8	330	72.1	214	46.7	116	35.2	128	27.9
1990 .....	303	74.8	211	69.8	156	51.4	56	26.3	92	30.2
1995 .....	448	74.2	312	69.8	227	50.8	85	27.2	135	30.2
1996 .....	365	73.6	238	65.1	178	48.6	60	25.3	127	34.9
1997 .....	386	76.9	250	64.8	199	51.5	51	20.5	136	35.2
1998 .....	384	76.0	257	67.0	194	50.6	63	24.5	127	33.0
1999 .....	377	71.9	227	60.3	174	46.1	54	23.6	150	39.7
2000 .....	384	74.6	280	73.0	210	54.8	70	24.9	104	27.0
2001 .....	401	79.2	273	68.1	185	46.0	89	32.4	128	31.9
<b>Black<sup>3</sup></b>										
1980 .....	146	19.8	73	50.0	33	22.6	40	( <sup>4</sup> )	73	50.0
1985 .....	132	21.6	69	52.3	39	29.5	30	( <sup>4</sup> )	63	47.7
1990 .....	86	21.2	56	65.3	26	29.9	30	( <sup>4</sup> )	30	34.7
1995 .....	109	18.0	66	61.0	40	36.4	27	( <sup>4</sup> )	42	39.0
1996 .....	111	22.4	40	35.7	23	20.7	17	( <sup>4</sup> )	71	64.3
1997 .....	90	17.9	41	45.1	18	20.4	22	( <sup>4</sup> )	49	54.9
1998 .....	98	19.4	46	47.2	24	24.2	23	( <sup>4</sup> )	52	52.8
1999 .....	118	22.5	59	50.0	39	33.0	20	( <sup>4</sup> )	59	50.0
2000 .....	111	21.5	58	51.9	31	27.5	27	( <sup>4</sup> )	53	48.1
2001 .....	85	16.8	42	49.9	22	25.7	21	( <sup>4</sup> )	43	50.1
<b>Hispanic<sup>5</sup></b>										
1980 .....	91	12.3	60	65.9	43	47.3	17	( <sup>4</sup> )	31	34.1
1985 .....	106	17.3	73	68.9	40	37.7	33	( <sup>4</sup> )	33	31.1
1990 .....	67	16.5	32	( <sup>4</sup> )	22	( <sup>4</sup> )	10	( <sup>4</sup> )	35	( <sup>4</sup> )
1995 .....	174	28.8	119	68.6	84	48.5	35	29.3	55	31.4
1996 .....	105	21.2	71	67.7	57	54.5	14	( <sup>4</sup> )	34	32.3
1997 .....	121	24.1	88	73.1	73	60.4	15	17.4	32	26.9
1998 .....	120	23.8	82	68.5	60	50.0	22	27.1	38	31.5
1999 .....	119	22.7	85	71.4	75	62.8	10	12.0	34	28.6
2000 .....	101	19.6	62	61.1	39	38.6	22	( <sup>4</sup> )	39	38.9
2001 .....	119	23.5	84	70.6	57	47.6	27	32.6	35	29.4

<sup>1</sup>The labor force includes all employed persons plus those seeking employment. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of persons either employed or seeking employment. The unemployment rate is the percent of persons in the labor force who are seeking employment.

<sup>2</sup>Persons 16 to 24 years old who dropped out of school in the 12-month period ending in October of years shown.

<sup>3</sup>Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>4</sup>Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>5</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NOTE: Data are based upon sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population. Includes dropouts from any grade, including a small number from elementary and middle schools. Even though the standard errors are large, smaller estimates are shown to permit users to combine categories in various ways. Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the White and Black population groups. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *College Enrollment of High School Graduates*, various years. (This table was prepared July 2002.)