

## Indicator 42. Employment of 16- and 17-Year-Old Students

### Employment status of 16- and 17-year-olds enrolled in school, by sex and race: 1970 to 1993

Year	Males			Females		
	Total	White <sup>1</sup>	Black <sup>1</sup>	Total	White <sup>1</sup>	Black <sup>1</sup>
<b>Percent employed<sup>2</sup></b>						
1970	32.5	34.9	15.5	28.1	30.3	13.9
1975	34.4	38.2	10.6	31.5	34.7	12.4
1980	35.3	39.3	14.6	34.1	38.5	10.5
1985	30.2	34.0	13.4	31.4	35.6	11.8
1989	36.3	40.0	20.2	39.1	42.6	23.8
1990	31.6	35.5	15.1	31.3	35.1	16.6
1991	29.1	33.8	10.2	32.7	37.9	10.3
1992	29.4	33.6	11.7	28.8	33.2	10.0
1993	28.9	33.3	9.8	31.1	36.0	13.0
<b>Percent employed full time<sup>2</sup></b>						
1970	2.1	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.6
1975	2.8	3.1	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.4
1980	2.0	2.1	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.6
1985	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.2
1989	2.5	2.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8
1990	2.1	2.3	( <sup>3</sup> )	1.1	1.3	0.4
1991	0.9	1.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	1.1	1.3	0.6
1992	1.6	1.9	0.4	0.9	1.0	( <sup>3</sup> )
1993	1.0	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.2
<b>Percent employed part time<sup>2</sup></b>						
1970	27.1	29.1	12.6	26.5	28.6	11.8
1975	27.4	30.3	8.4	29.1	32.3	9.8
1980	29.7	33.0	12.1	32.8	37.0	9.9
1985	27.2	30.5	12.8	30.2	34.1	11.6
1989	33.8	37.1	19.2	37.9	41.4	23.0
1990	29.5	33.2	15.0	30.1	33.8	16.3
1991	28.2	32.8	10.2	31.5	36.6	9.6
1992	27.8	31.7	11.3	28.0	32.2	9.9
1993	27.8	32.2	9.1	30.0	34.8	12.0
<b>Unemployment rate<sup>4</sup></b>						
1970	16.5	15.1	33.3	16.0	14.9	32.1
1975	17.4	16.9	25.7	19.2	17.9	36.1
1980	19.8	17.4	43.3	16.8	15.3	39.6
1985	20.8	18.7	41.2	19.0	15.6	50.8
1989	16.7	15.1	27.0	10.7	9.3	22.5
1990	16.8	15.4	31.8	16.0	13.9	34.0
1991	21.0	18.5	40.7	18.6	15.4	50.0
1992	20.7	17.3	48.1	20.1	17.9	44.7
1993	21.5	18.4	51.0	18.0	16.0	35.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes Hispanics.

<sup>2</sup> Full-time and part-time employment figures through 1985 exclude agricultural employment, but they are included in the percentage employed.

<sup>3</sup> Less than .05 percent.

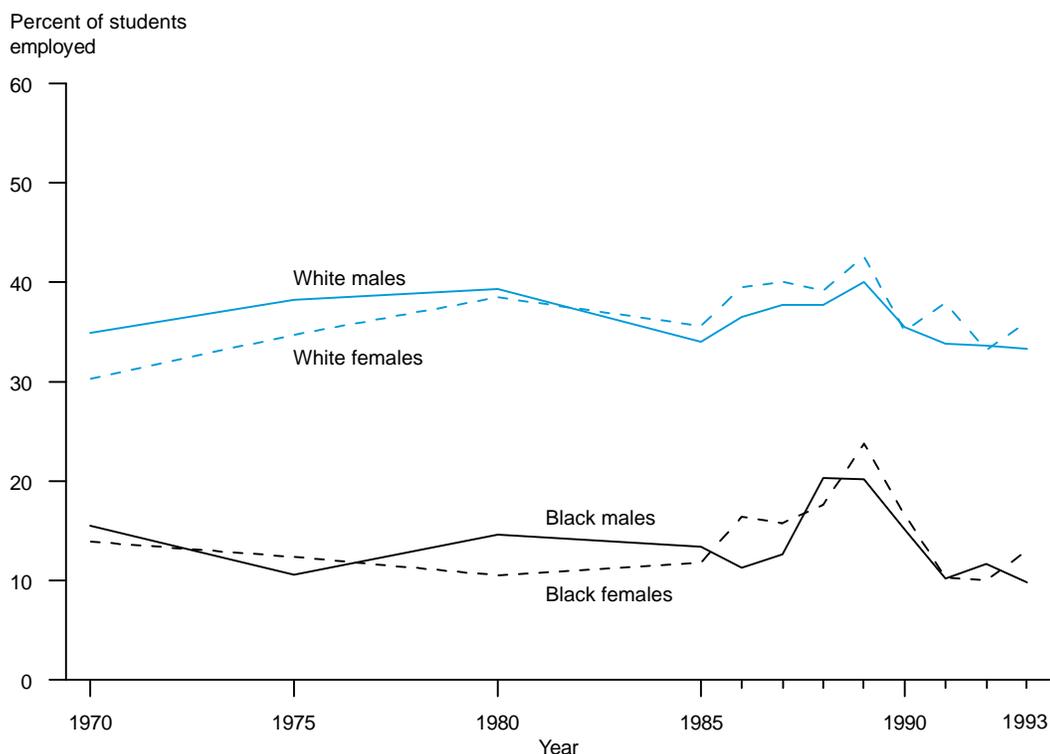
<sup>4</sup> The unemployment rate is the percentage of those in the labor force who are not working and are seeking employment.

**NOTE:** Part-time workers are persons who work less than 35 hours per week.

**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Special Labor Force Reports*, nos. 16 and 68; and unpublished data.

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Employment rate of 16- and 17-year-olds enrolled in school, by sex and race:  
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The employment rate of 16- and 17-year-old male students showed some changes during the 1970 to 1993 period, fluctuating with the overall economy. The employment rate of female students was higher in 1993 than in 1970, but exhibited some of the same fluctuations as were seen in the male rate. Between 1989 and 1993, there was a decline in the employment rates for 16- and 17-year-olds, especially among black youth. Employment rates for whites were three times higher than those for blacks in 1993. Unemployment rates for black students were correspondingly higher than for white students.