

Indicator 65. Earnings After High School

Earnings for 1993 for the high school class of 1992, by completion status, sex, and race

Student characteristics	Median earnings for those with some earnings ¹	Average earnings for those with some earnings ¹	Average earnings for all persons	Distribution of all persons, by earnings						
				Total	None	Less than \$5,000	\$5,000 to \$7,499	\$7,500 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 or more
High school graduates and GED recipients not attending postsecondary education²										
Total	\$8,400	\$9,421	\$7,802	100.0	17.2	22.9	14.2	10.4	19.3	16.0
Male	10,000	11,122	9,744	100.0	12.4	17.2	12.6	11.1	23.4	23.4
Female	6,000	6,913	5,297	100.0	23.4	30.2	16.3	9.4	14.0	6.6
Race										
White	9,000	9,877	8,652	100.0	12.4	21.0	15.2	10.6	22.5	18.2
Black	6,000	7,884	5,273	100.0	33.1	27.6	12.1	8.6	8.7	9.9
Hispanic	8,000	8,528	6,938	100.0	18.7	26.7	12.0	11.4	17.4	14.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	8,000	8,752	6,812	100.0	18.7	26.7	12.0	11.4	17.4	14.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	7,600	9,159	5,836	100.0	22.2	26.5	7.8	16.0	14.7	12.8
High school graduates and GED recipients attending postsecondary education²										
Total	3,800	4,968	4,106	100.0	17.4	49.5	16.1	5.9	7.7	3.5
Male	4,000	5,631	4,697	100.0	16.6	45.3	16.7	6.7	9.8	4.9
Female	3,000	4,331	3,546	100.0	18.1	53.4	15.6	5.1	5.7	2.2
Race										
White	3,800	4,930	4,185	100.0	15.1	51.0	16.8	6.2	7.4	3.5
Black	3,000	4,312	3,168	100.0	26.5	48.1	13.6	2.8	7.3	1.8
Hispanic	4,400	6,106	4,878	100.0	20.1	41.3	14.8	6.3	11.3	6.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,000	4,969	3,632	100.0	26.9	42.8	13.7	6.8	7.3	2.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3,000	3,731	2,665	100.0	28.6	51.9	13.7	2.7	2.2	1.0
High school dropouts and other noncompleters³ not attending postsecondary education²										
Total	7,000	7,840	5,270	100.0	32.8	24.9	10.1	8.6	15.3	8.3
Male	9,000	9,254	7,364	100.0	20.4	22.4	10.8	9.2	22.7	14.6
Female	4,800	5,693	3,097	100.0	45.6	27.5	9.4	8.1	7.6	1.8
Race										
White	8,000	8,353	6,347	100.0	24.0	25.0	11.8	10.6	18.3	10.4
Black	3,000	4,935	2,675	100.0	45.8	31.5	8.7	3.9	7.9	2.2
Hispanic	7,500	7,708	4,500	100.0	41.6	21.9	7.3	10.5	11.9	6.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	10,000	9,239	6,284	100.0	32.0	6.9	23.3	0.8	28.3	8.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	10,000	10,516	5,514	100.0	47.6	19.5	0.7	(⁴)	16.9	15.3

¹ Excludes persons who reported no employment or earnings during 1993.

² Enrollment status is based on persons who attended any postsecondary education in 1993.

³ Dropouts from the class of 1992 may have left school any time after the middle of 8th grade. Also includes some still enrolled in high school in 1994.

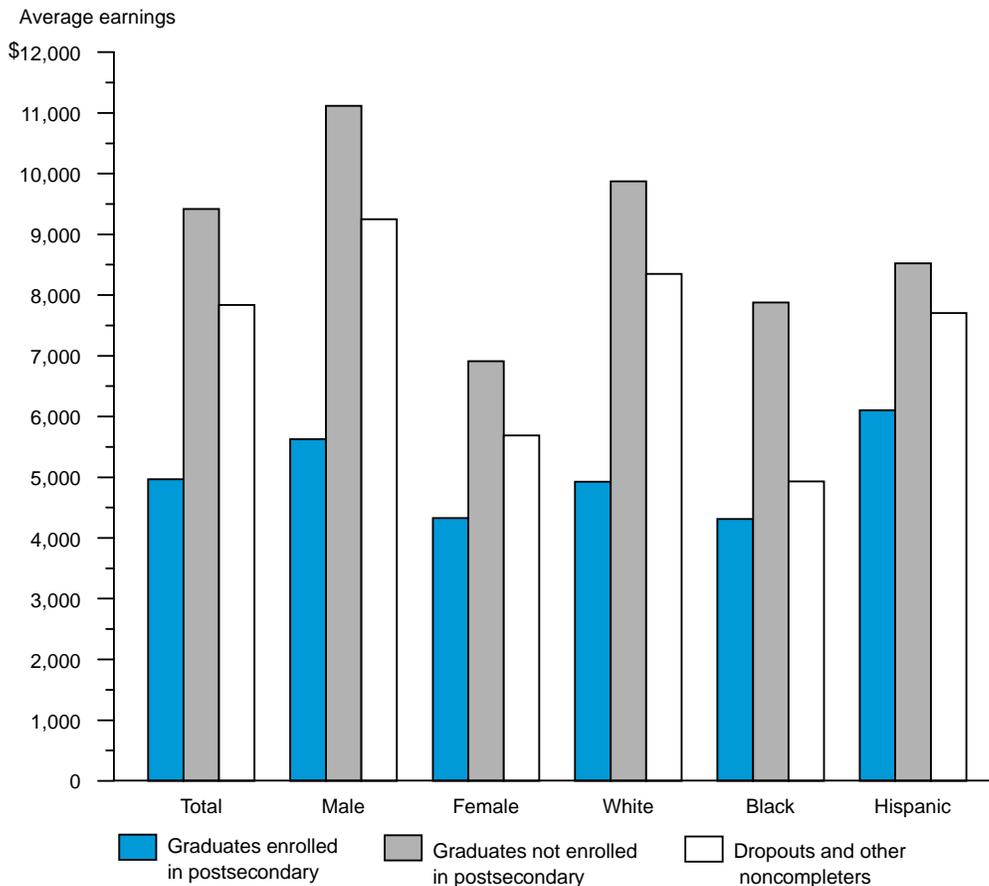
⁴ Less than .05 percent.

NOTE: References to the class of 1992 are based on students who were 8th graders in 1988 and who would be expected to have graduated in 1992. This group includes students who did not complete high school until later as well as persons who dropped out between 1988 and 1992.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "National Education Longitudinal Study," Third Followup survey.

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Average 1993 earnings for employed persons for the high school class of 1992, by completion status, postsecondary enrollment, sex, and race



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High school graduates earned relatively low salaries in the first full year following their expected graduation. The average earnings for graduates of the class of 1992 was \$7,802. The dropouts and other noncompleters earned even less, \$5,270. Many of the young people had no income at all. About 17 percent of the graduates not attending postsecondary education had no earnings, as did 33 percent of the dropouts.