

## Table 265. Employment Status of High School Graduates and School Dropouts: 1980 to 2007

[In thousands (11,622 represents 11,622,000), except percent. As of October. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 to 24 years old. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Employment status, sex, and race	Graduates <sup>1</sup>				Dropouts <sup>3</sup>			
	1980	1990	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2007 <sup>2</sup>	1980	1990	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2007 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Civilian population . . . . .</b>	<b>11,622</b>	<b>8,370</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>7,413</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,278</b>
In labor force . . . . .	9,795	7,107	6,195	5,915	3,549	2,506	2,612	2,185
Percent of population . . . . .	84.3	84.9	84.3	79.8	67.5	66.0	69.2	66.7
Employed . . . . .	8,567	6,279	5,632	5,146	2,651	1,993	2,150	1,819
Percent of labor force . . . . .	87.5	88.3	90.9	87.0	74.7	79.5	82.3	83.2
Unemployed . . . . .	1,228	828	563	769	898	513	463	367
Unemployment rate, total <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	12.5	11.7	9.1	13.0	25.3	20.5	17.7	16.8
Male . . . . .	13.5	11.1	9.3	13.4	23.5	18.8	16.3	15.7
Female . . . . .	11.5	12.3	8.8	12.4	28.7	23.5	20.3	19.0
White <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	10.8	9.0	7.2	(NA)	21.6	17.0	15.0	(NA)
Black <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	26.1	26.0	18.1	(NA)	43.9	43.3	33.2	(NA)
Not in labor force . . . . .	1,827	1,262	1,156	1,498	1,705	1,294	1,163	1,092
Percent of population . . . . .	15.7	15.1	15.7	20.2	32.5	34.1	30.8	33.3

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> For persons not enrolled in college who have completed 4 years of high school only. <sup>2</sup> Data not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. See text, this section, and February 2000 and 2007 issues of *Employment and Earnings*. <sup>3</sup> For persons not in regular school and who have not completed the 12th grade nor received a general equivalency degree. <sup>4</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>5</sup> For 2007, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 221.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; *News*, USDL 08-0559, 25 April 2008; and unpublished data. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/hsgec.toc.htm>>.