

Status Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity

Table 23-2. Status dropout rates and number and percentage distribution of dropouts ages 16–24, by selected characteristics: October 2005

Characteristic	Status dropout rate (percent)	Number of status dropouts (in thousands)	Population (in thousands)	Percent of all dropouts	Percent of population
Total	9.4	3,458	36,761	100.0	100.0
Sex					
Male	10.8	2,009	18,547	58.1	50.5
Female	8.0	1,449	18,214	41.9	49.5
Race/ethnicity ¹					
White	6.0	1,358	22,806	39.3	62.0
Black	10.4	534	5,111	15.4	13.9
Hispanic	22.4	1,429	6,364	41.3	17.3
Asian	2.7	39	1,454	1.1	4.0
Pacific Islander	‡	‡	79	‡	0.2
American Indian	14.0	37	265	1.1	0.7
More than one race	8.2	56	683	1.6	1.9
Age					
16	2.5	116	4,593	3.3	12.5
17	4.4	188	4,313	5.4	11.7
18	8.1	305	3,777	8.8	10.3
19	9.4	356	3,782	10.3	10.3
20–24	12.3	2,493	20,295	72.1	55.2
Immigration status					
Born outside the 50 states and the District of Columbia					
Hispanic	36.5	942	2,582	27.2	7.0
Non-Hispanic	4.7	94	2,008	2.7	5.5
First generation ²					
Hispanic	13.9	297	2,146	8.6	5.8
Non-Hispanic	3.1	66	2,167	1.9	5.9
Second generation or more ³					
Hispanic	11.6	189	1,636	5.5	4.5
Non-Hispanic	7.1	1,869	26,222	54.0	71.3
Region					
Northeast	6.9	461	6,650	13.3	18.1
Midwest	7.2	624	8,658	18.1	23.6
South	11.5	1,491	12,985	43.1	35.3
West	10.4	881	8,468	25.5	23.0

‡ Reporting standards not met (too few cases).

¹ All racial/ethnic categories except more than one race are of persons who considered themselves as being of one race, with the exception of the Hispanic category, which consists of Hispanics of all races and racial combinations. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

² *First generation* describes an individual born in the 50 states or the District of Columbia with at least one parent born outside the 50 states or the District of Columbia.

³ *Second generation or more* describes an individual born in the 50 states or the District of Columbia whose parents were both born inside the 50 states or the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The *status dropout rate* indicates the percentage of 16- through 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in high school and who lack a high school credential relative to all 16- through 24-year-olds. High school credential includes a high school diploma or equivalent credential such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), October Supplement, 2005.