

Table 9-A. Status completion rates, and number and distribution of completers ages 18–24 not currently enrolled in high school or below, by selected background characteristics: October 2003

Characteristic	Completion rate	Population (thousands)	Number of completers (thousands)	Percent of all completers
Total	87.1	25,831	22,508	100.0
Sex				
Male	85.1	12,793	10,881	48.3
Female	89.2	13,038	11,627	51.7
Race/ethnicity ¹				
White, non-Hispanic	91.9	16,338	15,012	66.7
Black, non-Hispanic	85.0	3,344	2,844	12.6
Hispanic	69.2	4,449	3,079	13.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	94.9	1,112	1,055	4.7
More than one race	91.7	427	392	1.7
Age				
18–19	85.6	6,188	5,297	23.5
20–21	87.6	7,483	6,554	29.1
22–24	87.6	12,160	10,657	47.3
Recency of immigration				
Born outside the 50 states and District of Columbia				
Hispanic	53.1	2,067	1,098	4.9
Non-Hispanic	93.0	1,556	1,447	6.4
First generation ²				
Hispanic	82.4	1,324	1,091	4.8
Non-Hispanic	95.1	1,369	1,303	5.8
Second generation or higher ²				
Hispanic	84.1	1,058	890	4.0
Non-Hispanic	90.4	18,457	16,679	74.1
Region				
Northeast	89.6	4,776	4,281	19.0
Midwest	88.4	5,870	5,192	23.1
South	84.9	9,079	7,712	34.3
West	87.2	6,106	5,323	23.6

¹ Beginning in 2003, respondents were able to identify themselves as being “more than one race.” The White, non-Hispanic; Black, non-Hispanic; and Asian/Pacific Islander categories consist of individuals who considered themselves to be one race and who did not identify as Hispanic. Non-Hispanics who identified as multiracial are included in the “more than one race” category. The Hispanic category consists of Hispanics of all races and racial combinations. Due to small sample size, American Indians/Alaska Natives are included in the total but are not shown separately.

² Individuals defined as “first generation” were born in the 50 states or the District of Columbia, and one or both of their parents were born outside the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Individuals defined as “second generation or higher” were born in the 50 states or the District of Columbia, as were both of their parents.

NOTE: Status completion rates measure the percentage of 18- through 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in high school and who also hold a high school diploma or equivalent credential such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Those still enrolled in high school are excluded from the analysis. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October 2003.