

**Table 33. Labor force status of 2008 high school graduates and 2007-08 high school dropouts 16 to 24 years old by school enrollment and sex, October 2008**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Total	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Total	Percent of population	Total	Percent of labor force	
<b>Total, 2008 high school graduates<sup>1</sup>....</b>	3,151	1,644	52.2	1,310	41.6	334	20.3	1,507
Women.....	1,511	817	54.1	668	44.2	148	18.2	694
Men.....	1,640	827	50.4	641	39.1	186	22.5	813
Enrolled in college.....	2,161	888	41.1	756	35.0	132	14.9	1,274
Percent of total 2008 graduates.....	68.6	54.0	-	57.7	-	39.5	-	84.5
Women.....	1,081	499	46.1	428	39.6	70	14.1	583
Percent of female 2008 graduates...	71.5	61.1	-	64.1	-	47.3	-	84.0
Men.....	1,080	389	36.0	327	30.3	62	15.9	691
Percent of male 2008 graduates.....	65.9	47.0	-	51.0	-	33.3	-	85.0
Not enrolled in college.....	989	756	76.4	554	56.0	202	26.7	234
Percent of total 2008 graduates.....	31.4	46.0	-	42.3	-	60.5	-	15.5
Women.....	430	318	74.1	240	55.9	78	24.6	111
Percent of female 2008 graduates...	28.5	38.9	-	35.9	-	52.7	-	16.0
Men.....	560	438	78.1	314	56.1	124	28.2	122
Percent of male 2008 graduates.....	34.1	53.0	-	49.0	-	66.7	-	15.0
<b>Total, 2007-08 high school dropouts<sup>2</sup>..</b>	400	194	48.4	117	29.3	77	39.5	206
Women.....	210	91	43.4	61	29.2	30	32.7	119
Men.....	191	103	53.9	56	29.3	47	45.6	88

<sup>1</sup> Data refer to persons who graduated from high school between October 2007 and October 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Data refer to persons who dropped out of school between October 2007 and October 2008.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals.

SOURCE: October 2008 School Enrollment supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.