

Improving Education and Employment Outcomes of Youth in US

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**Table 1. Employment and Education Outcomes
By Race and Gender, Among Less Educated Youth
1979, 2007, 2010**

	1979	2007	2010
Enrolled Full Time			
All	25.0 %	48.0 %	50.5 %
White Male	24.2	48.8	50.1
Black Male	30.8	49.9	49.5
Hispanic Male	21.7	34.9	40.7
White Female	24.7	53.3	55.7
Black Female	28.2	49.3	52.1
Hispanic Female	19.9	39.9	45.4
Employed But Not Enrolled Full Time			
All	47.3 %	30.6 %	24.0 %
White Male	55.8	33.9	26.7
Black Male	38.5	26.1	18.8
Hispanic Male	54.9	43.7	32.0
White Female	45.3	26.8	22.7
Black Female	27.5	24.0	19.6
Hispanic Female	37.4	29.2	21.2
Neither Employed Nor Enrolled Full Time			
All	22.7 %	18.9 %	23.0 %
White Male	12.1	13.7	19.3
Black Male	23.7	22.8	30.8
Hispanic Male	14.2	15.7	20.8
White Female	27.9	18.6	20.5
Black Female	42.2	26.5	27.9
Hispanic Female	39.8	29.7	32.4
Employed (of Potential Youth Labor Force)			
All	67.6 %	61.8 %	51.0 %
White Male	82.1	71.2	58.0
Black Male	61.9	53.3	37.9
Hispanic Male	79.5	73.5	60.6
White Female	61.9	59.1	52.5
Black Female	39.4	47.5	41.2
Hispanic Female	48.5	49.6	39.6
Mean Hourly Wage			
All	\$10.8	\$10.5	\$10.3
White Male	12.3	11.3	11.2
Black Male	10.9	10.3	10.2
Hispanic Male	11.4	11.7	10.7
White Female	9.4	9.5	9.5
Black Female	9.2	9.4	9.6
Hispanic Female	9.2	9.3	9.5

Notes: The sample is restricted to ages 16-24. It excludes anyone who has earned any postsecondary educational degree. It also excludes those employed in agriculture or the military and those who are self-employed. Individuals with real hourly wages below \$2 or above \$5,000 are not included.

Source: Current Population Survey, Outgoing Rotation Groups.

Table 2
Educational and Behavioral Outcomes of Youth: NLSY97

	Males			Females		
	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic
Not Enrolled in School						
High School Dropout/GED	13.4 %	27.6 %	20.8 %	12.0 %	19.0 %	20.6 %
Bachelor's Degree	12.8	5.6	3.6	18.2	6.9	5.5
Enrolled in School						
Four-Year College	17.2	9.7	10.1	19.0	14.4	13.2
Unmarried, Has Children	9.9	30.8	17.9	17.3	47.5	29.6
Ever Incarcerated	7.6	14.8	9.6	2.7	3.1	2.4
High School GPA	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.2	2.3
ASVAB	57.3	28.1	39.4	58.2	32.0	38.8

Notes: Samples include respondents ages 22-24 at the time of the interview. Variables are measured in Round 8 of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY97), from October 2004 to July 2005. Enrollment is measured in the month of November. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test (ASVAB) score is measured as a percentile of the overall distribution of scores.

Figure 1: Effects of Adverse Labor Demand Shifts and Labor Supply Response among Less-Educated Young Men

