

Table X. Number of adults 18 years of age and older, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98

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Selected characteristic	Both sexes	Men	Women
		Number in thousands	
Total ¹	196,290	94,187	102,103
Age			
18–24 years	25,213	12,659	12,554
25–44 years	83,180	40,997	42,184
45–64 years	55,783	26,996	28,786
65–74 years	18,096	8,094	10,002
75 years and older	14,018	5,441	8,577
Race-ethnicity			
Hispanic	19,624	9,990	9,634
White non-Hispanic	147,133	70,803	76,329
Black non-Hispanic	21,814	9,697	12,117
Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	6,170	3,001	3,169
Education			
Less than high school graduate	36,869	17,632	19,237
GED diploma ²	4,961	2,643	2,318
High school graduate	54,100	24,506	29,593
Some college - no degree	37,985	18,270	19,715
Associate of Arts degree	17,208	7,853	9,354
Bachelor of Arts, Science degree	28,758	14,357	14,401
Masters, doctorate, medical degree	14,681	8,147	6,534
Poverty status			
Below poverty	18,963	7,421	11,542
Poverty-199% above	28,596	12,972	15,624
200–399% above	52,165	25,784	26,381
400% or more above	58,036	30,564	27,472
Marital status			
Never married	36,462	19,912	16,550
Married	116,211	58,598	57,613
Cohabiting	9,584	4,943	4,641
Divorced or separated	19,890	7,941	11,949
Widowed	13,388	2,466	10,922
Geographic region			
Northeast	39,221	18,371	20,850
Midwest	49,781	24,066	25,715
South	69,991	33,655	36,336
West	37,297	18,095	19,201
Place of residence ³			
MSA, central city	56,987	26,853	30,133
MSA, not central city	97,672	47,175	50,498
Not MSA	41,631	20,159	21,472

¹Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the total but not shown separately.²GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.³MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Population estimates were calculated using the 1997–98 National Health Interview Survey and can be used in conjunction with the unadjusted statistics to calculate the number of persons in each category shown in tables 1–4.