

Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population
in the United States, 2008

Table 25. High School Dropouts, by Nativity and Region of Birth: 2000 and 2008

Universe: 2000 and 2008 resident population ages 16 through 19

	Number of Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	2008	2000	2008	2000
All native born	824,309	1,235,012	5.0	8.5
All foreign born	162,805	342,373	12.5	23.4
Mexico	109,080	253,918	23.9	42.3
South and East Asia	7,083	14,603	2.7	4.9
Caribbean	5,888	12,330	5.4	10.7
Central America	24,937	38,020	28.5	30.3
South America	5,159	8,755	5.1	9.3
Middle East	2,020	2,868	4.6	7.5
All other	8,638	11,879	3.6	6.2

Note: Dropouts are people not enrolled in school and who have not attained a high school diploma or an equivalent credential, such as a General Education Development (GED) certificate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2000 Census (5% IPUMS) and 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)