

TABLE 5-1
College graduates, by age, sex, ethnicity, race, disability status, and age at onset of disability, broad occupation, labor force status, and median annual salary: 2021

(Number and dollars)

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		Employed	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time		Total	Student	Retired	Not seeking employment, all other reasons	
75 and younger	68,593,000	51,764,000	44,153,000	7,611,000	7,230,000	664,000	7,975,000	1,547,000	28,948,000	5,400,000	3,160,000	13,669,000	606,000	9,335,000	3,729,000	77,000
Female	36,354,000	26,493,000	21,594,000	4,899,000	1,998,000	302,000	4,380,000	1,114,000	15,216,000	3,483,000	1,638,000	8,222,000	341,000	4,863,000	3,018,000	66,000
Male	32,239,000	25,271,000	22,559,000	2,711,000	5,232,000	361,000	3,595,000	433,000	13,732,000	1,917,000	1,522,000	5,447,000	264,000	4,471,000	711,000	90,000
Hispanic or Latino	6,638,000	5,307,000	4,608,000	699,000	636,000	56,000	712,000	131,000	3,260,000	512,000	426,000	904,000	70,000	444,000	391,000	68,000
Not Hispanic or Latino																
American Indian or Alaska Native	189,000	126,000	107,000	19,000	9,000	S	20,000	S	78,000	16,000	S	47,000	D	36,000	S	59,000
Asian	7,029,000	5,475,000	4,772,000	703,000	1,536,000	129,000	1,085,000	179,000	2,151,000	395,000	410,000	1,144,000	147,000	445,000	552,000	95,000
Black or African American	5,301,000	4,109,000	3,618,000	491,000	369,000	30,000	658,000	98,000	2,592,000	363,000	385,000	807,000	51,000	523,000	233,000	63,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	164,000	136,000	128,000	7,000	15,000	S	35,000	D	78,000	5,000	6,000	23,000	D	15,000	S	84,000
White	47,685,000	35,373,000	29,833,000	5,540,000	4,540,000	438,000	5,311,000	1,101,000	20,017,000	4,001,000	1,795,000	10,517,000	322,000	7,744,000	2,451,000	79,000
More than one race	1,587,000	1,238,000	1,087,000	151,000	161,000	9,000	153,000	36,000	773,000	107,000	122,000	227,000	15,000	128,000	85,000	75,000
Without disability	58,505,000	45,426,000	39,002,000	6,424,000	6,438,000	567,000	7,179,000	1,355,000	25,384,000	4,502,000	2,582,000	10,497,000	539,000	7,016,000	2,942,000	78,000
With disability	10,087,000	6,338,000	5,151,000	1,187,000	792,000	96,000	795,000	192,000	3,564,000	898,000	578,000	3,172,000	66,000	2,318,000	787,000	70,000
Age at onset of disability																
Since birth	784,000	529,000	426,000	103,000	90,000	10,000	54,000	18,000	282,000	75,000	63,000	192,000	S	96,000	89,000	65,000
1-9	984,000	716,000	584,000	133,000	106,000	13,000	84,000	15,000	394,000	105,000	94,000	175,000	S	98,000	67,000	60,000
10-19	1,635,000	1,212,000	1,010,000	201,000	186,000	10,000	175,000	40,000	649,000	151,000	102,000	322,000	31,000	151,000	140,000	65,000
20-29	1,181,000	814,000	720,000	94,000	100,000	9,000	107,000	7,000	513,000	78,000	80,000	287,000	6,000	153,000	128,000	68,000
30-39	954,000	686,000	569,000	118,000	90,000	9,000	103,000	27,000	376,000	83,000	57,000	210,000	D	121,000	88,000	75,000
40-49	1,610,000	1,101,000	932,000	169,000	126,000	13,000	122,000	20,000	685,000	135,000	82,000	427,000	D	268,000	153,000	83,000
50-59	1,427,000	815,000	657,000	158,000	63,000	16,000	114,000	40,000	480,000	101,000	60,000	551,000	D	455,000	91,000	72,000
60-75	1,512,000	465,000	254,000	211,000	32,000	16,000	37,000	25,000	186,000	170,000	40,000	1,007,000	D	975,000	31,000	75,000
29 and younger	8,837,000	7,489,000	6,586,000	903,000	1,430,000	168,000	1,189,000	201,000	3,967,000	534,000	592,000	756,000	367,000	D	389,000	55,000
Female	4,978,000	4,184,000	3,615,000	569,000	444,000	72,000	763,000	144,000	2,408,000	353,000	305,000	489,000	193,000	D	296,000	51,000
Male	3,859,000	3,305,000	2,971,000	334,000	986,000	95,000	426,000	57,000	1,560,000	182,000	287,000	267,000	174,000	D	93,000	60,000
Hispanic or Latino	1,196,000	992,000	834,000	158,000	158,000	25,000	122,000	30,000	554,000	103,000	109,000	95,000	41,000	D	54,000	50,000
Not Hispanic or Latino																
American Indian or Alaska Native	37,000	S	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	D	D	D	D	D	S
Asian	1,124,000	901,000	771,000	130,000	301,000	53,000	145,000	36,000	324,000	42,000	88,000	135,000	84,000	D	50,000	67,000
Black or African American	645,000	526,000	459,000	66,000	61,000	5,000	76,000	14,000	323,000	48,000	66,000	54,000	24,000	D	29,000	46,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12,000	10,000	9,000	D	4,000	D	2,000	D	S	D	D	D	D	D	D	52,000
White	5,512,000	4,752,000	4,250,000	502,000	850,000	82,000	808,000	112,000	2,592,000	308,000	309,000	451,000	205,000	D	246,000	55,000
More than one race	310,000	275,000	233,000	42,000	52,000	3,000	32,000	9,000	149,000	30,000	17,000	19,000	11,000	D	8,000	59,000
Without disability	7,886,000	6,742,000	5,948,000	794,000	1,319,000	155,000	1,098,000	186,000	3,531,000	453,000	523,000	621,000	329,000	D	291,000	56,000
With disability	951,000	747,000	638,000	109,000	111,000	13,000	91,000	15,000	436,000	81,000	69,000	135,000	37,000	D	98,000	48,000

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		Employed	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time		Total	Student	Retired	Not seeking employment, all other reasons	
Age at onset of disability																
Since birth	133,000	78,000	72,000	6,000	17,000	2,000	7,000	D	48,000	2,000	S	31,000	S	D	S	55,000
1-9	213,000	190,000	153,000	37,000	32,000	5,000	21,000	D	100,000	S	11,000	12,000	5,000	D	6,000	50,000
10-19	370,000	302,000	248,000	54,000	46,000	3,000	40,000	10,000	162,000	41,000	12,000	55,000	25,000	D	S	43,000
20-29	235,000	176,000	166,000	11,000	16,000	3,000	23,000	S	126,000	6,000	22,000	37,000	5,000	D	31,000	48,000
30-39	16,205,000	14,111,000	12,566,000	1,545,000	2,351,000	130,000	2,366,000	436,000	7,849,000	979,000	815,000	1,279,000	130,000	20,000	1,130,000	75,000
Female	8,920,000	7,382,000	6,284,000	1,098,000	649,000	75,000	1,350,000	347,000	4,284,000	676,000	458,000	1,080,000	78,000	19,000	983,000	66,000
Male	7,285,000	6,729,000	6,282,000	447,000	1,702,000	55,000	1,016,000	89,000	3,564,000	303,000	357,000	200,000	52,000	S	146,000	85,000
Hispanic or Latino	1,961,000	1,679,000	1,508,000	171,000	240,000	12,000	232,000	48,000	1,036,000	111,000	139,000	142,000	21,000	D	121,000	67,000
Not Hispanic or Latino																
American Indian or Alaska Native	33,000	22,000	20,000	2,000	2,000	D	7,000	D	11,000	2,000	S	S	D	D	S	56,000
Asian	2,053,000	1,725,000	1,543,000	182,000	554,000	29,000	312,000	55,000	677,000	98,000	102,000	226,000	35,000	D	190,000	95,000
Black or African American	1,183,000	1,032,000	920,000	112,000	111,000	11,000	179,000	26,000	630,000	76,000	88,000	62,000	6,000	D	54,000	60,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	34,000	33,000	31,000	2,000	5,000	D	2,000	D	24,000	D	D	D	D	D	D	S
White	10,492,000	9,222,000	8,186,000	1,036,000	1,390,000	75,000	1,577,000	302,000	5,219,000	658,000	457,000	813,000	66,000	S	731,000	75,000
More than one race	449,000	397,000	359,000	38,000	49,000	2,000	58,000	4,000	252,000	32,000	19,000	32,000	2,000	D	31,000	85,000
Without disability	14,740,000	12,910,000	11,559,000	1,351,000	2,122,000	111,000	2,190,000	387,000	7,247,000	853,000	650,000	1,180,000	117,000	S	1,049,000	75,000
With disability	1,465,000	1,200,000	1,007,000	193,000	229,000	19,000	176,000	48,000	602,000	126,000	165,000	99,000	13,000	S	81,000	65,000
Age at onset of disability																
Since birth	218,000	197,000	165,000	32,000	39,000	S	23,000	S	103,000	20,000	8,000	13,000	S	D	5,000	64,000
1-9	289,000	199,000	151,000	48,000	44,000	7,000	26,000	S	81,000	33,000	71,000	19,000	S	D	15,000	54,000
10-19	388,000	316,000	265,000	51,000	65,000	3,000	56,000	16,000	144,000	32,000	35,000	37,000	3,000	D	31,000	66,000
20-29	345,000	294,000	266,000	28,000	45,000	S	39,000	S	182,000	18,000	28,000	24,000	S	D	23,000	75,000
30-39	225,000	194,000	160,000	34,000	37,000	S	31,000	D	92,000	23,000	25,000	S	D	D	S	58,000
40-49	13,858,000	12,125,000	10,750,000	1,374,000	1,560,000	94,000	1,982,000	300,000	7,209,000	980,000	605,000	1,129,000	45,000	76,000	1,008,000	85,000
Female	7,767,000	6,466,000	5,378,000	1,088,000	435,000	59,000	1,055,000	245,000	3,888,000	784,000	361,000	941,000	34,000	43,000	863,000	75,000
Male	6,091,000	5,659,000	5,373,000	286,000	1,125,000	34,000	926,000	55,000	3,322,000	196,000	244,000	188,000	11,000	32,000	145,000	100,000
Hispanic or Latino	1,524,000	1,325,000	1,165,000	160,000	122,000	8,000	168,000	31,000	875,000	121,000	89,000	110,000	S	3,000	102,000	80,000
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American Indian or Alaska Native	20,000	17,000	16,000	D	2,000	D	S	D	8,000	D	D	D	D	D	D	81,000
Asian	1,720,000	1,427,000	1,260,000	168,000	393,000	20,000	321,000	42,000	545,000	106,000	93,000	199,000	11,000	6,000	183,000	110,000
Black or African American	1,246,000	1,101,000	982,000	119,000	95,000	4,000	179,000	27,000	708,000	89,000	89,000	56,000	S	D	50,000	70,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	63,000	56,000	55,000	S	4,000	D	29,000	D	22,000	S	D	D	D	D	D	84,000
White	8,904,000	7,889,000	7,003,000	886,000	912,000	60,000	1,238,000	188,000	4,853,000	638,000	282,000	734,000	24,000	63,000	647,000	86,000
More than one race	381,000	310,000	271,000	39,000	32,000	S	40,000	D	198,000	25,000	S	22,000	D	D	21,000	80,000

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		Employed	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time		Total	Student	Retired	Not seeking employment, all other reasons	
American Indian or Alaska Native	52,000	17,000	10,000	S	1,000	D	S	D	S	S	D	35,000	D	35,000	D	46,000
Asian	932,000	460,000	358,000	103,000	69,000	9,000	120,000	19,000	169,000	75,000	45,000	427,000	D	401,000	24,000	95,000
Black or African American	1,144,000	545,000	428,000	117,000	32,000	5,000	78,000	23,000	318,000	89,000	61,000	537,000	D	467,000	61,000	62,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28,000	S	S	D	*	D	D	D	S	D	D	11,000	D	11,000	D	S
White	13,832,000	5,896,000	3,836,000	2,060,000	489,000	157,000	663,000	314,000	2,684,000	1,589,000	418,000	7,518,000	20,000	7,233,000	264,000	88,000
More than one race	220,000	78,000	60,000	18,000	7,000	2,000	S	S	46,000	11,000	21,000	122,000	D	121,000	D	110,000
Without disability	13,246,000	6,038,000	4,146,000	1,891,000	516,000	141,000	799,000	308,000	2,832,000	1,442,000	433,000	6,776,000	27,000	6,530,000	219,000	88,000
With disability	3,849,000	1,383,000	872,000	511,000	113,000	40,000	142,000	67,000	617,000	404,000	167,000	2,299,000	D	2,129,000	164,000	75,000
Age at onset of disability																
Since birth	139,000	37,000	21,000	16,000	5,000	D	S	D	12,000	S	S	91,000	D	79,000	S	90,000
1–9	174,000	64,000	35,000	29,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	D	28,000	24,000	2,000	108,000	D	94,000	S	99,000
10–19	295,000	129,000	73,000	56,000	10,000	S	13,000	S	50,000	50,000	18,000	148,000	D	124,000	24,000	75,000
20–29	237,000	70,000	45,000	25,000	S	D	7,000	D	29,000	25,000	19,000	148,000	D	141,000	8,000	98,000
30–39	202,000	78,000	60,000	18,000	9,000	S	S	D	44,000	17,000	S	112,000	D	107,000	6,000	60,000
40–49	431,000	169,000	109,000	60,000	18,000	8,000	25,000	9,000	67,000	43,000	20,000	242,000	D	207,000	35,000	83,000
50–59	858,000	372,000	275,000	97,000	25,000	11,000	47,000	21,000	203,000	64,000	43,000	443,000	D	402,000	36,000	64,000
60–75	1,512,000	465,000	254,000	211,000	32,000	16,000	37,000	25,000	186,000	170,000	40,000	1,007,000	D	975,000	31,000	75,000

* = suppressed when population estimate < 500. D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a Unemployed includes individuals who were not working during the survey reference week but had been seeking work in the prior 4 weeks or who were on layoff from their job.^b Not in the labor force includes individuals who were not working during the survey reference week and had not been seeking work in the prior 4 weeks because of family responsibilities, chronic illness, or other reasons.**Note(s):**

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Full-time employed college graduates are individuals working at least 35 hours in a typical week. Hispanic or Latino may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin. The National Survey of College Graduates asks the degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for an activity were classified as having a disability.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2021.