

ISSP Characteristics of National Population - USA

Each ISSP member is asked to include to the documentation the following information about known characteristics of its national population, from census or the best available estimates from government surveys or other high-quality data-sources:

- sex distribution of the population
- age distribution of the population
- education (years of schooling) of the population
- employment rate of the population

	Current Population Survey 2008	GSS 2008 (unweighted)	GSS 2008 (weighted)	Source no. 4
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SEX

Male	48.4	41.7	42.7	
Female	51.6	58.3	57.3	

AGE (groups)

18-24	12.6	5.7	8.4	
25-34	17.9	16.9	17.7	
35-44	18.8	19.1	19.3	
45-54	19.6	20.0	20.5	
55-64	14.8	17.0	16.2	
65+	16.4	21.4	18.0	

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups)

No high school diploma	14.2	12.0	12.0	
High school or equivalent	30.9	49.1	49.2	
Some college, less than 4-yr degree	26.9	38.9	38.8	

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employed	63.6	60.5	61.7	
Unemployed	3.5	2.8	3.1	
Not in labor force	33.0	36.7	35.2	