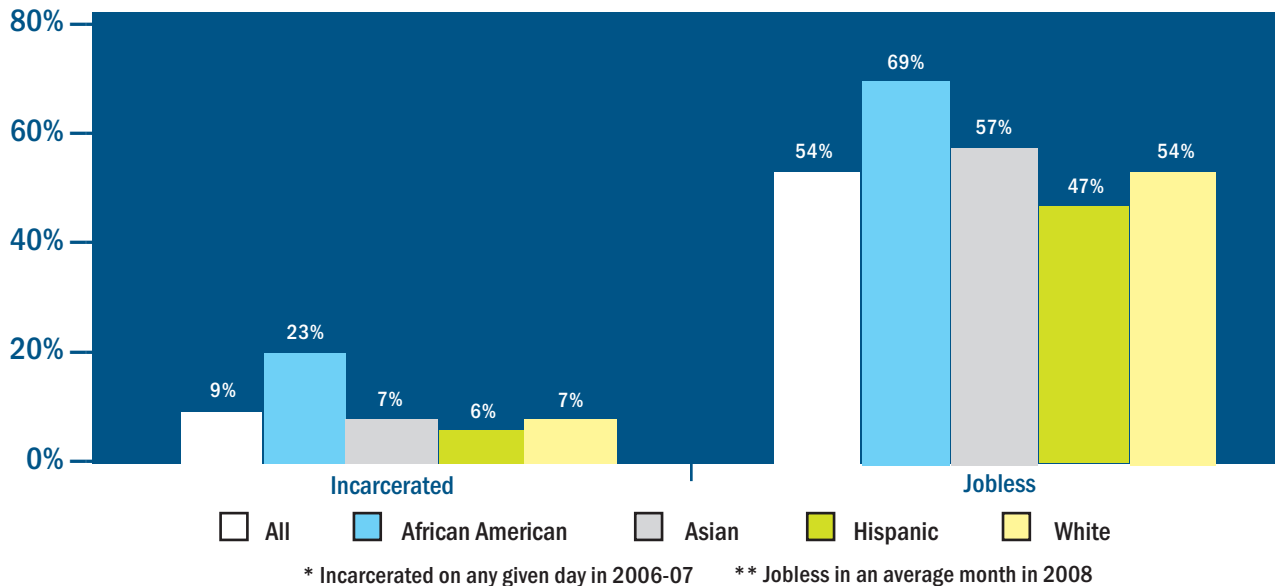




## Incarceration and Jobless Rates Among Young Male Drop-outs Highest for African Americans

According to a new report published by the Center for Labor Market Studies (CLMS) at Northeastern University, almost 1 in 10 males (9%) between the ages of 16 and 24 years who had dropped out of high school were in jail, prison, or a juvenile justice institution on any given day in 2006-07. The rate among African Americans in this group, however, was two and a half times (23%) the overall rate. The rates among their racial/ethnic group counterparts were all significantly lower (7% among Asians, 6% among Hispanics, and 7% among Whites). Young African-American male drop-outs also experienced the highest jobless rate (69%) in an average month in 2008, followed by Asians (57%), Whites (54%), and Hispanics (47%). Additionally, male drop-outs from all racial/ethnic groups were 47 times more likely to be incarcerated and more than 4 times as likely to be jobless than their college-graduate<sup>1</sup> peers during these respective time periods.

Percentage of Male High-school Drop-outs Aged 16-24 Years Who Were Incarcerated,\* Jobless,\*\* by Racial/Ethnic Group



**Source:** Sum, A., Khatiwada, I., McLaughlin, J, and Palma, S. (2009). The Consequences of Dropping Out of High School. Boston, MA: Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from [http://www.clms.neu.edu/publication/documents/The\\_Consequences\\_of\\_Dropping\\_Out\\_of\\_High\\_School.pdf](http://www.clms.neu.edu/publication/documents/The_Consequences_of_Dropping_Out_of_High_School.pdf).

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Degree from a 4-year college or university.

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