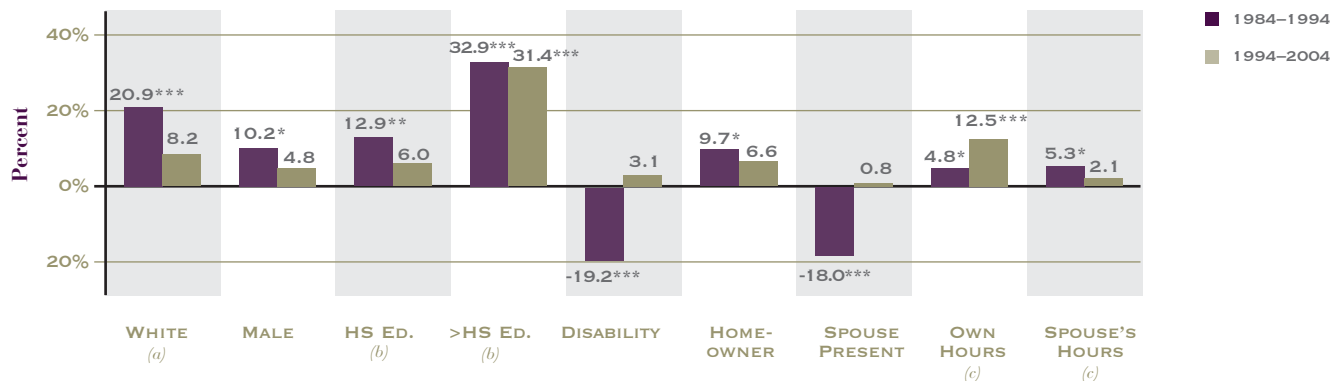


FIGURE 5

Characteristics Associated With Leaving the Bottom Quintile



* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$. Coefficients are based on a linear probability regression that includes these characteristics as well as dummy variables for age, the presence of children, and the presence of other adults in the household. We measure own and spouse's work hours in thousand-hour units. We do not differentiate between spouses and permanent cohabiters, and interact the spouse hours variable with a dummy variable for the spouse's presence. Only characteristics with significant coefficients in at least one time period are shown.

Notes: (a) Relative to non-whites. (b) Relative to individuals who did not complete high school. (c) Effect of an additional 1,000 hours of work per year.