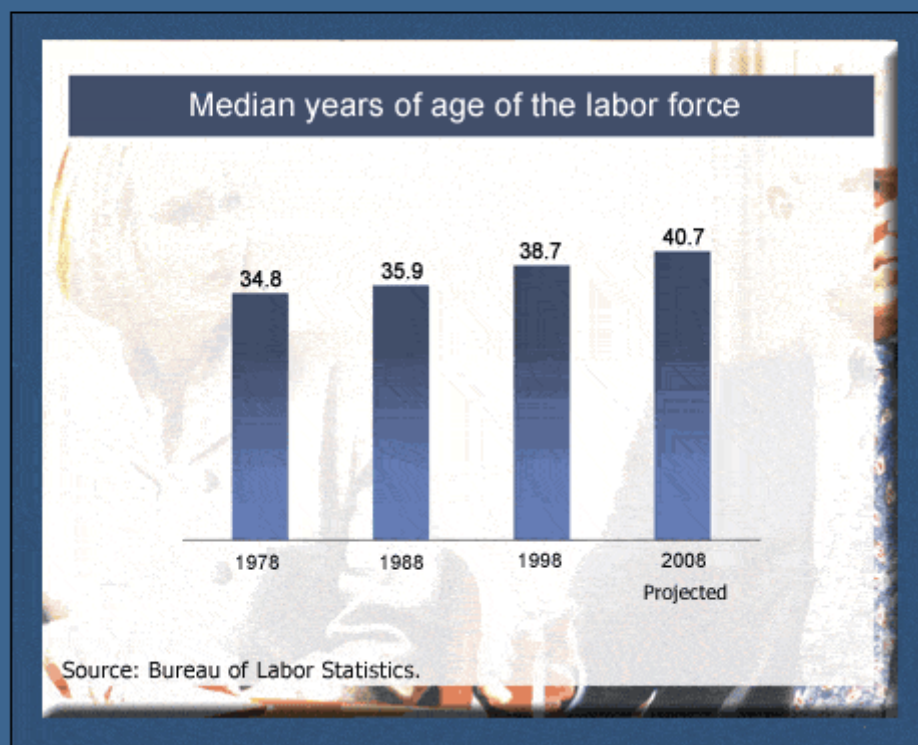


The median age of the labor force is rising. It will approach 41 years by 2008 -- a very high level by historical standards. (The median age is the age at which half of the labor force is younger and half of the labor force is older.)

Many of the changes in the age structure of the labor force reflect the aging of the baby boom.



DID YOU KNOW?

One-fifth of men in the labor force are veterans. The median age of these workers is 50 years, compared with 39 years for nonveterans.