

Table 9. **Percent distribution of the civilian labor force 25 to 64 years of age by educational attainment and sex, 1970-2004**

Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Total	High school		College	
			Less than 4 years	4 years, no college	1 to 3 years	4 years or more
Total, both sexes						
1970 ¹	61,765	100.0	36.1	38.1	11.8	14.1
1971.....	62,344	100.0	34.5	38.4	12.3	14.8
1972.....	63,704	100.0	33.3	38.8	12.4	15.5
1973.....	64,775	100.0	30.9	39.7	13.0	16.4
1974.....	66,527	100.0	29.3	39.5	13.7	17.5
1975.....	67,774	100.0	27.5	39.7	14.4	18.3
1976.....	69,243	100.0	25.8	39.6	15.2	19.4
1977.....	71,324	100.0	24.9	39.2	15.7	20.2
1978.....	73,504	100.0	23.7	39.2	16.5	20.6
1979.....	75,781	100.0	21.8	39.5	17.3	21.3
1980.....	78,010	100.0	20.6	39.8	17.6	22.0
1981.....	80,273	100.0	19.7	40.6	17.7	22.0
1982.....	81,516	100.0	18.8	40.8	17.3	23.1
1983.....	83,615	100.0	17.8	39.9	18.1	24.2
1984.....	86,001	100.0	16.7	40.2	18.4	24.7
1985.....	88,424	100.0	15.9	40.2	19.0	24.9
1986.....	90,500	100.0	15.5	40.2	19.5	24.8
1987.....	92,966	100.0	14.9	40.2	19.7	25.3
1988.....	94,870	100.0	14.7	39.9	19.7	25.7
1989.....	97,318	100.0	14.0	39.6	20.0	26.4
1990.....	99,175	100.0	13.4	39.5	20.7	26.4
1991.....	100,480	100.0	13.0	39.4	21.1	26.5

Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Total	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college ²	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduates ³
Total, both sexes						
1992 ⁴	103,018	100.0	12.1	35.7	25.6	26.6
1993.....	104,237	100.0	11.3	35.1	26.6	27.0
1994.....	105,610	100.0	10.8	33.9	27.7	27.6
1995.....	107,032	100.0	10.4	33.2	28.1	28.3
1996.....	108,932	100.0	10.6	32.9	27.8	28.7
1997.....	110,945	100.0	10.6	32.9	27.5	29.0
1998.....	111,932	100.0	10.5	32.4	27.4	29.8
1999.....	113,095	100.0	10.0	31.8	27.6	30.5
2000.....	115,750	100.0	10.1	31.4	27.8	30.7
2001.....	116,893	100.0	10.1	30.9	28.0	31.0
2002.....	118,028	100.0	10.0	30.7	27.7	31.6
2003.....	119,621	100.0	9.9	30.3	27.6	32.1
2004.....	120,135	100.0	9.7	30.1	27.7	32.4

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		Total	High school		College	
			Less than 4 years	4 years, no college	1 to 3 years	4 years or more
Women						
1970 ¹	22,462	100.0	33.5	44.3	10.9	11.2
1971.....	22,804	100.0	32.2	44.2	11.9	11.8
1972.....	23,606	100.0	30.7	45.1	11.8	12.4
1973.....	24,158	100.0	28.4	45.9	12.4	13.3
1974.....	25,203	100.0	26.7	45.3	13.4	14.6
1975.....	26,146	100.0	26.5	45.5	13.9	14.1
1976.....	27,166	100.0	24.0	45.1	14.7	16.2
1977.....	28,369	100.0	22.8	45.1	15.2	16.9
1978.....	29,738	100.0	22.0	44.9	16.1	17.0
1979.....	31,151	100.0	20.1	45.0	17.1	17.8
1980.....	32,593	100.0	18.4	45.4	17.4	18.7
1981.....	33,910	100.0	17.4	46.1	17.9	18.6
1982.....	34,870	100.0	16.6	45.6	18.3	19.5
1983.....	35,712	100.0	15.6	44.8	18.8	20.9
1984.....	37,234	100.0	14.5	44.9	18.9	21.7
1985.....	38,779	100.0	13.7	44.4	19.9	22.0
1986.....	39,767	100.0	13.2	44.3	20.3	22.2
1987.....	41,105	100.0	12.5	44.0	20.7	22.8
1988.....	42,254	100.0	12.4	43.3	21.2	23.1
1989.....	43,650	100.0	11.9	42.9	20.9	24.3
1990.....	44,699	100.0	11.3	42.4	21.9	24.5
1991.....	45,315	100.0	10.9	41.6	22.2	25.2
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Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Total	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college ²	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduates ³
1992 ⁴	46,589	100.0	10.3	37.4	27.3	25.0
1993.....	47,245	100.0	9.3	36.6	28.4	25.7
1994.....	48,405	100.0	9.0	35.0	29.8	26.2
1995.....	49,247	100.0	8.8	34.1	30.2	26.9
1996.....	50,240	100.0	8.8	33.6	29.9	27.8
1997.....	51,261	100.0	8.7	33.5	29.4	28.4
1998.....	51,678	100.0	8.8	32.7	29.4	29.2
1999.....	52,525	100.0	8.5	32.1	29.5	29.9
2000.....	53,749	100.0	8.5	31.6	29.8	30.1
2001.....	54,229	100.0	8.4	31.0	30.2	30.4
2002.....	54,710	100.0	8.1	30.6	29.9	31.3
2003.....	55,596	100.0	7.9	30.0	29.9	32.2
2004.....	55,616	100.0	7.7	29.4	30.2	32.6

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Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Total	High school		College	
			Less than 4 years	4 years, no college	1 to 3 years	4 years or more
Men						
1970 ¹	39,303	100.0	37.5	34.5	12.2	15.7
1971	39,539	100.0	35.9	35.1	12.5	16.5
1972	40,098	100.0	34.8	35.1	12.8	17.3
1973	40,617	100.0	32.4	36.0	13.4	18.2
1974	41,344	100.0	30.8	36.0	13.9	19.3
1975	41,628	100.0	28.9	36.1	14.8	20.2
1976	42,077	100.0	27.0	36.0	15.5	21.5
1977	42,954	100.0	26.3	35.3	16.1	22.3
1978	43,766	100.0	24.8	35.3	16.9	23.0
1979	44,630	100.0	23.0	35.7	17.5	23.8
1980	45,417	100.0	22.2	35.7	17.7	24.3
1981	46,363	100.0	21.5	36.5	17.4	24.6
1982	47,144	100.0	20.3	36.8	17.5	25.5
1983	47,903	100.0	19.4	36.3	17.7	26.6
1984	48,767	100.0	18.4	36.7	18.0	26.9
1985	49,647	100.0	17.7	36.9	18.3	27.1
1986	50,733	100.0	17.2	37.0	18.9	26.9
1987	51,860	100.0	16.8	37.1	18.9	27.2
1988	52,616	100.0	16.5	37.3	18.5	27.8
1989	53,668	100.0	15.7	36.9	19.2	28.2
1990	54,476	100.0	15.1	37.2	19.7	28.0
1991	55,165	100.0	14.7	37.5	20.2	27.6

Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Total	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college ²	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduates ³
Men						
1992 ⁴	56,428	100.0	13.7	34.2	24.3	27.8
1993	56,992	100.0	12.9	33.9	25.1	28.1
1994	57,205	100.0	12.4	33.0	25.9	28.8
1995	57,784	100.0	11.8	32.4	26.3	29.4
1996	58,692	100.0	12.2	32.3	26.1	29.4
1997	59,684	100.0	12.2	32.4	25.9	29.6
1998	60,255	100.0	12.0	32.1	25.6	30.3
1999	60,570	100.0	11.4	31.6	26.0	31.0
2000	62,001	100.0	11.5	31.2	26.1	31.2
2001	62,664	100.0	11.5	30.9	26.2	31.4
2002	63,318	100.0	11.6	30.8	25.8	31.8
2003	64,025	100.0	11.7	30.6	25.6	32.1
2004	64,519	100.0	11.5	30.7	25.6	32.3

¹ Data from 1970-1991 are based on the March Current Population Survey.

² Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

³ Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

⁴ Beginning in 1992, data on educational attainment are annual averages and are based on the "highest diploma or degree received" rather than the "number of years of school completed."