

The very rapid labor force growth over the 1970s reflected two dramatic changes: the baby-boom generation reached working age, and it became more common for women to work outside the home.

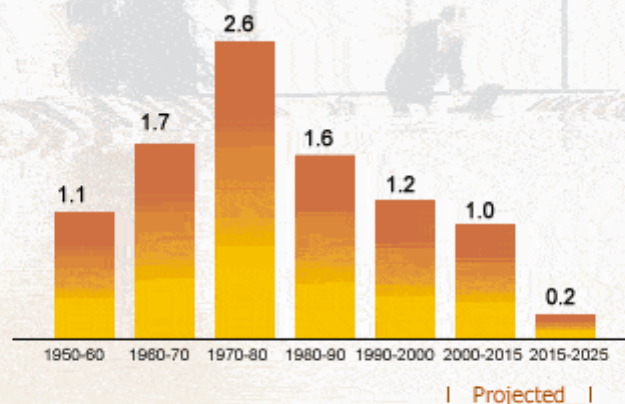
Since the 1970s, the labor force has continued to grow, but at a slower rates.

A substantial slowdown in the pace of labor force growth is projected for the 2015-25 period, as the baby-boom generation retires.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The baby-boom generation was born from 1946 to 1964. The oldest baby boomers turn 55 in 2001.

Annual rates of labor force growth, 1950-2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Rates in percent.