

Table 594. Part-Time Workers by Reason: 2006

[In thousands (32,421 represents 32,421,000), except hours. For persons working 1 to 34 hours per week. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual average of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey and subject to sampling error; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Reason	All industries			Nonagriculture industries		
	Total	Usually work—		Total	Usually work—	
		Full-time	Part-time		Full-time	Part-time
Total working fewer than 35 hours	32,421	10,223	22,199	31,861	10,057	21,804
Economic reasons	4,162	1,554	2,608	4,071	1,504	2,567
Slack work or business conditions	2,658	1,294	1,363	2,596	1,259	1,337
Could find only part-time work	1,189	(S)	1,189	1,178	(S)	1,178
Seasonal work	175	119	56	158	106	52
Job started or ended during the week	141	141	(S)	139	139	(S)
Noneconomic reasons	28,259	8,669	19,591	27,790	8,553	19,237
Child-care problems	777	80	697	772	79	693
Other family or personal obligations	5,492	743	4,749	5,407	731	4,676
Health or medical limitations	799	(S)	799	778	(S)	778
In school or training	6,316	89	6,227	6,247	89	6,158
Retired or social security limit on earnings	2,096	(S)	2,096	1,988	(S)	1,988
Vacation or personal day	3,679	3,679	(S)	3,639	3,639	(S)
Holiday, legal or religious	1,156	1,156	(S)	1,147	1,147	(S)
Weather-related curtailment	388	388	(S)	365	365	(S)
Other	7,555	2,533	5,022	7,448	2,504	4,944
Average hours per week:						
Economic reasons	23.1	24.0	22.5	23.1	24.0	22.5
Noneconomic reasons	21.5	25.2	19.9	21.6	25.2	20.0

S No data or data do not meet publication standards.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment and Earnings*, monthly, January 2007. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.