

Table 642. Labor Union Membership by Sector: 1983 to 2006

[See headnote, Table 644. (17,717.4 represents 17,717,400)]

Sector	1983	1985	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006
TOTAL (1,000)									
Wage and salary workers:									
Union members	17,717.4	16,996.1	16,739.8	16,359.6	16,258.2	15,776.0	15,471.6	15,685.4	15,359.1
Covered by unions	20,532.1	19,358.1	19,057.8	18,346.3	17,944.1	17,448.4	17,087.3	17,223.4	16,860.2
Public sector workers:									
Union members	5,737.2	5,743.1	6,485.0	6,927.4	7,110.5	7,324.1	7,267.1	7,430.4	7,377.8
Covered by unions	7,112.2	6,920.6	7,691.4	7,986.6	7,975.6	8,184.7	8,131.1	8,261.8	8,172.4
Private sector workers:									
Union members	11,980.2	11,253.0	10,254.8	9,432.1	9,147.7	8,451.8	8,204.5	8,255.0	7,981.3
Covered by unions	13,419.9	12,437.5	11,366.4	10,359.8	9,968.5	9,263.7	8,956.2	8,961.6	8,687.7
PERCENT									
Wage and salary workers:									
Union members	20.1	18.0	16.1	14.9	13.5	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.0
Covered by unions	23.3	20.5	18.3	16.7	14.9	14.3	13.8	13.7	13.1
Public sector workers:									
Union members	36.7	35.7	36.5	37.7	37.5	37.2	36.4	36.5	36.2
Covered by unions	45.5	43.1	43.3	43.5	42.0	41.5	40.7	40.5	40.1
Private sector workers:									
Union members	16.5	14.3	11.9	10.3	9.0	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.4
Covered by unions	18.5	15.9	13.2	11.3	9.8	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.1

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