

Table 32. **Unincorporated self-employed persons in nonagricultural industries by sex, 1976-2002 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	Total			Women			Men			Self-employed women as percent of total self-employed
	Total employed	Self-employed	Self-employed as a percent of total	Total employed	Self-employed	Self-employed as a percent of total	Total employed	Self-employed	Self-employed as a percent of total	
1976....	85,421	5,782	6.8	35,027	1,549	4.4	50,394	4,233	8.4	26.8
1977....	88,734	6,115	6.9	36,677	1,692	4.6	52,057	4,423	8.5	27.7
1978....	92,661	6,428	6.9	38,900	1,814	4.7	53,761	4,614	8.6	28.2
1979....	95,477	6,792	7.1	40,556	1,982	4.9	54,921	4,810	8.8	29.2
1980....	95,938	7,001	7.3	41,461	2,097	5.1	54,477	4,904	9.0	30.0
1981....	97,030	7,097	7.3	42,333	2,192	5.2	54,697	4,905	9.0	30.9
1982....	96,125	7,263	7.6	42,591	2,309	5.4	53,534	4,954	9.3	31.8
1983....	97,450	7,575	7.8	43,367	2,439	5.6	54,083	5,136	9.5	32.2
1984....	101,685	7,785	7.7	45,262	2,566	5.7	56,423	5,219	9.2	33.0
1985....	103,971	7,810	7.5	46,615	2,603	5.6	57,356	5,207	9.1	33.3
1986....	106,435	7,881	7.4	48,054	2,610	5.4	58,381	5,271	9.0	33.1
1987....	109,232	8,201	7.5	49,668	2,778	5.6	59,564	5,423	9.1	33.9
1988....	111,800	8,519	7.6	51,020	2,955	5.8	60,780	5,564	9.2	34.7
1989....	114,143	8,605	7.5	52,341	3,043	5.8	61,802	5,562	9.0	35.4
1990....	115,570	8,719	7.5	53,011	3,122	5.9	62,559	5,597	8.9	35.8
1991....	114,449	8,850	7.7	52,815	3,150	6.0	61,634	5,700	9.2	35.6
1992....	115,246	8,576	7.4	53,380	2,963	5.6	61,866	5,613	9.1	34.5
1993....	117,144	8,959	7.6	54,273	3,065	5.6	62,871	5,894	9.4	34.2
1994....	119,651	9,003	7.5	55,755	3,443	6.2	63,896	5,560	8.7	38.2
1995....	121,460	8,901	7.3	56,642	3,440	6.1	64,818	5,461	8.4	38.6
1996....	123,264	8,971	7.3	57,630	3,506	6.1	65,634	5,465	8.3	39.1
1997....	126,159	9,056	7.2	59,026	3,550	6.0	67,133	5,506	8.2	39.2
1998....	128,085	8,962	7.0	59,945	3,482	5.8	68,140	5,480	8.0	38.9
1999....	130,207	8,790	6.8	61,193	3,424	5.6	69,014	5,366	7.8	39.0
2000....	133,509	8,765	6.6	62,706	3,453	5.5	70,803	5,312	7.5	39.4
2001....	133,702	8,677	6.5	62,859	3,434	5.5	70,843	5,243	7.4	39.6
2002....	133,145	8,490	6.4	62,715	3,366	5.4	70,430	5,124	7.3	39.6

NOTE: The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes in the Current Population Survey (CPS). For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of

Employment and Earnings, a monthly BLS periodical.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics