

**Table 355.—Participation of employed persons, 17 years old and over, in adult education during the previous 12 months, by selected characteristics of participants: 1995 and 1999**

Characteristics of employed persons	1995				1999								
	Percent of adults participating				Employed persons, in thousands	Adult education participants, in thousands	Percent of adults participating					Number of career or job-related courses taken, in thousands	Number of career or job-related courses, taken per employee
	In any program	In career or job-related courses	Number of career or job-related courses taken, per employee	Percent of career or job-related courses provided by businesses			In any program	In part-time higher education	In career or job-related courses	In apprenticeship programs	Other personal courses		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>50.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>132,227</b>	<b>70,849</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>94,716</b>	<b>0.72</b>
<b>Sex</b>													
Men .....	46.5	29.0	0.70	46.7	69,994	34,962	49.9	11.9	29.7	2.7	19.2	45,957	0.66
Women .....	55.6	33.4	0.86	50.9	62,234	35,887	57.7	11.8	33.5	1.7	28.9	48,759	0.78
<b>Age</b>													
17 to 24 years .....	50.7	18.6	0.39	53.8	17,815	9,412	52.8	17.6	20.9	5.6	18.3	7,984	0.45
25 to 29 years .....	54.5	31.2	0.76	51.3	13,590	7,952	58.5	19.7	35.7	3.5	24.1	11,311	0.83
30 to 34 years .....	51.1	31.6	0.78	49.7	15,435	8,788	56.9	13.6	33.8	2.7	25.7	11,365	0.74
35 to 39 years .....	53.2	35.1	0.91	51.8	19,129	9,850	51.5	11.8	28.8	1.7	25.0	13,375	0.70
40 to 44 years .....	55.5	36.6	0.93	44.9	19,174	10,737	56.0	10.3	38.3	1.2	24.4	16,727	0.87
45 to 49 years .....	55.2	39.6	1.03	44.8	15,939	9,014	56.6	9.7	32.5	1.4	29.5	11,611	0.73
50 to 54 years .....	50.2	34.4	0.87	49.2	13,092	7,255	55.4	7.6	35.8	1.1	26.2	10,330	0.79
55 to 59 years .....	39.8	26.7	0.66	46.8	9,938	4,654	46.8	6.5	31.4	0.6	18.9	7,021	0.71
60 to 64 years .....	31.4	21.1	0.49	58.6	4,200	1,873	44.6	5.0	29.6	0.8	20.1	2,931	0.70
65 and over .....	26.6	13.7	0.37	39.7	3,916	1,313	33.5	4.3	19.0	0.1	16.0	2,062	0.53
<b>Racial/ethnic group (excludes persons not identified by race)</b>													
White, non-Hispanic .....	51.9	33.2	0.83	47.9	96,531	52,676	54.6	11.5	33.8	1.5	24.8	73,640	0.76
Black, non-Hispanic .....	50.1	26.2	0.67	58.4	15,128	8,540	56.5	13.1	28.6	5.2	27.7	10,468	0.69
Hispanic .....	40.4	18.1	0.37	46.8	14,034	6,141	43.8	11.0	18.6	4.0	14.6	5,821	0.41
Asian American/ Pacific Islander .....	44.1	25.5	0.58	48.6	4,042	2,214	54.8	19.0	34.4	0.0	20.1	3,208	0.79
American Indian/ Alaskan Native .....	49.6	34.0	0.86	54.6	571	283	49.6	19.5	28.1	5.5	9.1	485	0.85
<b>Highest level of education completed</b>													
Less than high school diploma ..	25.4	8.8	0.15	56.6	14,464	4,291	29.7	3.3	7.0	2.2	10.5	1,755	0.12
High school diploma .....	38.5	20.9	0.45	56.7	35,567	15,051	42.3	9.3	22.2	2.8	17.2	15,302	0.43
Some vocational/technical .....	52.0	32.3	0.82	45.3	4,311	2,099	48.7	10.2	29.1	3.9	22.7	3,516	0.82
Some college .....	55.9	29.9	0.74	53.5	24,796	14,050	56.7	15.9	29.6	2.7	26.8	17,681	0.71
Associate degree .....	62.5	39.2	1.02	49.7	9,394	5,957	63.4	20.1	42.1	2.1	25.4	8,822	0.94
Bachelor's degree .....	62.8	44.6	1.17	47.2	23,468	15,159	64.6	11.8	44.3	1.2	29.2	23,931	1.02
Some graduate work (or study)	67.1	50.2	1.40	40.3	20,227	14,242	70.4	14.3	48.2	1.3	34.4	23,709	1.17
No degree .....	71.8	44.3	1.20	45.6	3,479	2,568	73.8	24.1	53.7	0.7	32.0	4,068	1.17
Master's .....	67.0	50.5	1.44	41.7	10,962	7,897	72.0	14.3	47.5	1.1	37.9	13,112	1.20
Doctor's .....	55.0	40.4	0.98	35.5	3,537	2,150	60.8	8.5	35.9	2.6	32.6	2,870	0.81
Professional .....	73.7	67.6	1.97	31.4	2,249	1,627	72.4	8.5	62.8	0.8	23.8	3,659	1.63
<b>Metropolitan area</b>													
Inside metropolitan area .....	52.6	32.4	0.81	48.6	102,518	55,742	54.4	11.6	32.7	2.3	23.5	78,080	0.76
Inside central city .....	53.1	33.3	0.83	48.3	88,470	48,396	54.7	11.9	32.9	2.4	23.7	67,283	0.76
Outside central city .....	49.9	27.9	0.70	50.9	14,048	7,346	52.3	9.2	32.0	1.5	22.3	10,797	0.77
Outside metropolitan area .....	44.8	26.9	0.66	50.2	29,709	15,107	50.9	13.0	27.1	2.0	24.7	16,636	0.56
<b>Occupation</b>													
Executive, administrative, or managerial .....	56.6	42.9	1.20	37.7	26,128	14,692	56.2	10.2	39.8	1.1	23.5	24,675	0.94
Engineers, surveyors, and architects .....	65.6	44.2	1.07	59.0	1,776	1,465	82.5	27.7	56.4	5.5	27.3	2,071	1.17
Natural scientists and mathematicians .....	73.5	59.7	1.75	44.0	2,236	1,641	73.4	13.6	56.4	1.9	23.5	2,222	0.99
Social scientists and workers, lawyers .....	76.8	59.5	1.77	35.6	2,986	2,432	81.5	13.8	59.9	0.4	36.0	5,219	1.75
Teachers, elementary/secondary ..	77.7	53.9	1.46	50.5	6,414	5,135	80.1	23.8	53.8	0.6	38.4	8,122	1.27
Teachers, postsecondary .....	55.9	41.6	1.03	53.5	2,308	1,610	69.7	13.6	41.8	2.5	48.6	1,958	0.85
Physicians, dentists, veterinarians .....	71.3	68.6	2.00	32.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses, pharmacists ..	88.5	72.8	2.24	45.6	2,864	2,457	85.8	15.2	73.9	0.1	44.7	5,346	1.87
Writers, artists, entertainers, and athletes .....	49.5	23.4	0.46	33.3	2,041	1,074	52.6	17.7	33.6	2.1	19.6	1,332	0.65
Health technologists and technicians .....	75.1	50.0	1.39	45.0	1,963	1,407	71.7	22.0	44.6	5.6	37.6	2,151	1.10
Technologists, except health .....	65.6	43.8	1.12	55.8	4,976	2,955	59.4	20.1	41.5	8.9	20.2	5,218	1.05
Marketing and sales occupations ..	45.5	25.2	0.55	51.2	12,472	6,117	49.0	6.8	23.3	1.8	29.7	6,401	0.51
Administrative support, including clerical .....	52.4	30.8	0.69	52.4	19,162	9,655	50.4	9.7	27.2	0.7	22.0	10,928	0.57
Service occupations .....	47.5	22.6	0.60	57.0	15,570	7,823	50.2	14.0	20.9	2.0	21.2	8,091	0.52
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing .....	26.2	12.4	0.26	—	2,028	879	43.3	10.5	16.7	7.1	11.9	571	0.28
Mechanics and repairers .....	49.9	29.1	0.73	57.2	4,313	1,977	45.8	16.1	16.6	4.7	24.1	1,630	0.38
Construction and extractive occupations .....	38.1	18.6	0.33	48.8	4,181	1,537	36.8	12.3	12.6	5.4	13.1	978	0.23
Precision production occupations ..	44.8	25.6	0.58	40.8	1,363	565	41.4	8.3	18.9	11.7	20.7	562	0.41
Production workers .....	30.3	14.8	0.27	58.5	8,800	3,359	38.2	6.7	21.3	2.0	15.9	3,784	0.43
Transportation, material moving Handler, equipment, cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	28.8	15.8	0.28	60.6	4,732	1,740	36.8	5.9	19.6	1.4	14.6	1,408	0.30
Miscellaneous occupations .....	26.1	11.7	0.21	46.9	3,207	811	25.3	6.6	6.3	1.4	4.5	492	0.15
Annual family income \$10,000 or less .....	33.0	12.6	0.25	50.9	5,168	1,595	30.9	7.6	10.9	1.9	12.4	917	0.18

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\$10,001 to \$15,000 .....	38.6	15.1	0.37	59.1	5,152	1,557	30.2	8.0	9.8	2.1	12.0	859	0.17
\$15,001 to \$20,000 .....	41.5	20.1	0.42	52.8	6,075	2,549	42.0	8.7	16.4	1.8	19.2	1,883	0.31
\$20,001 to \$25,000 .....	40.4	20.4	0.48	53.1	8,811	3,753	42.6	8.5	18.6	3.8	21.7	3,697	0.42
\$25,001 to \$30,000 .....	47.4	24.7	0.54	55.8	11,818	4,902	41.5	10.0	24.1	4.5	13.4	5,946	0.50
\$30,001 to \$40,000 .....	49.6	30.2	0.76	50.2	16,766	8,531	50.9	15.6	26.8	2.2	21.7	9,946	0.59
\$40,001 to \$50,000 .....	53.8	34.7	0.82	48.3	15,128	8,033	53.1	14.1	32.4	2.6	24.2	10,661	0.70
\$50,001 to \$75,000 .....	57.8	40.0	1.02	48.3	27,176	17,072	62.8	13.5	36.9	2.0	31.7	22,641	0.83
More than \$75,000 .....	63.5	45.2	1.25	45.0	36,134	22,856	63.3	11.2	43.4	1.2	26.6	38,166	1.06

—Not available.

NOTE: Percent of career or job-related courses provided by businesses are based on the respondent's reports of the first six work-related courses taken. Adult education is defined as all education activities, except full-time enrollment in higher education credential programs. Examples of adult education activities include part-time college attendance, classes or seminars given by employers, and classes taken for adult literacy purposes, or for recreation and enjoyment. Includes adult basic education and English as

a second language classes. Data are based upon a sample survey of the civilian non-institutional population. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding and survey item nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, "Participation in Adult Education," unpublished data. (This table was prepared December 1999.)