American Community Survey
Population: Questions on Work Status Last Year

Questions as they appear in the questionnaire.

39 **a. During the PAST 12 MONTHS (52 weeks), did this person work 50 or more weeks? Count paid time off as work.**

☐ Yes ➔ *SKIP to question 40*
☐ No

b. How many weeks DID this person work, even for a few hours, including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service?

☐ 50 to 52 weeks
☐ 48 to 49 weeks
☐ 40 to 47 weeks
☐ 27 to 39 weeks
☐ 14 to 26 weeks
☐ 13 weeks or less

40 **During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?**

Usual hours worked each WEEK

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Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

To comply with provisions of the Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Department of Justice uses these data to determine the availability of individuals for work. Government agencies, in considering the programmatic and policy aspects of providing federal assistance to areas, have emphasized the requirements for reliable data to determine the employment resources available. Data about the number of weeks and hours worked last year are essential because these data allow the characterization of workers by full-time/part-time and full-year/part-year status. Data about working last year are also necessary for collecting accurate income data by defining the universe of persons who should have earnings as part of their total income.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Employment

Under the Older Americans Act, these data are used to plan employment programs for the elderly.

Researchers use these data to analyze differences between men and women or among various race or ethnic groups for individuals with similar weeks or hours worked.

Companies use data on work status last year to make decisions on where to place new plants or offices.

Data on work status last year are used for legal cases on discrimination under the Civil Rights Act.

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