

Table 5. Civilian labor force participation rates for selected demographic groups, annual averages, 1948-2000

(Percent)

Year	Total, 16 years and over	Men, 20 years and over	Women, 20 years and over	Both sexes, 16 to 19 years	White	Black and other	Black	Hispanic origin
1948	58.8	88.6	31.8	52.5	-	-	-	-
1949	58.9	88.5	32.3	52.2	-	-	-	-
1950	59.2	88.4	33.3	51.8	-	-	-	-
1951	59.2	88.2	34.0	52.2	-	-	-	-
1952	59.0	88.3	34.1	51.3	-	-	-	-
1953 ¹	58.9	88.0	33.9	50.2	-	-	-	-
1954	58.8	87.8	34.2	48.3	58.2	64.0	-	-
1955	59.3	87.6	35.4	48.9	58.7	64.2	-	-
1956	60.0	87.6	36.4	50.9	59.4	64.9	-	-
1957	59.6	86.9	36.5	49.6	59.1	64.4	-	-
1958	59.5	86.6	36.9	47.4	58.9	64.8	-	-
1959	59.3	86.3	37.1	46.7	58.7	64.3	-	-
1960 ¹	59.4	86.0	37.6	47.5	58.8	64.5	-	-
1961	59.3	85.7	38.0	46.9	58.8	64.1	-	-
1962 ¹	58.8	84.8	37.8	46.1	58.3	63.2	-	-
1963	58.7	84.4	38.3	45.2	58.2	63.0	-	-
1964	58.7	84.2	38.9	44.5	58.2	63.1	-	-
1965	58.9	83.9	39.4	45.7	58.4	62.9	-	-
1966	59.2	83.6	40.1	48.2	58.7	63.0	-	-
1967	59.6	83.4	41.1	48.4	59.2	62.8	-	-
1968	59.6	83.1	41.6	48.3	59.3	62.2	-	-
1969	60.1	82.8	42.7	49.4	59.9	62.1	-	-
1970	60.4	82.6	43.3	49.9	60.2	61.8	-	-
1971	60.2	82.1	43.3	49.7	60.1	60.9	-	-
1972 ¹	60.4	81.6	43.7	51.9	60.4	60.2	59.9	-
1973 ¹	60.8	81.3	44.4	53.7	60.8	60.5	60.2	-
1974	61.3	81.0	45.3	54.8	61.4	60.3	59.8	-
1975	61.2	80.3	46.0	54.0	61.5	59.6	58.8	-
1976	61.6	79.8	47.0	54.5	61.8	59.8	59.0	-
1977	62.3	79.7	48.1	56.0	62.5	60.4	59.8	-
1978 ¹	63.2	79.8	49.6	57.8	63.3	62.2	61.5	-
1979	63.7	79.8	50.6	57.9	63.9	62.2	61.4	-
1980	63.8	79.4	51.3	56.7	64.1	61.7	61.0	64.0
1981	63.9	79.0	52.1	55.4	64.3	61.3	60.8	64.1
1982	64.0	78.7	52.7	54.1	64.3	61.6	61.0	63.6
1983	64.0	78.5	53.1	53.5	64.3	62.1	61.5	63.8
1984	64.4	78.3	53.7	53.9	64.6	62.6	62.2	64.9
1985	64.8	78.1	54.7	54.5	65.0	63.3	62.9	64.6
1986 ¹	65.3	78.1	55.5	54.7	65.5	63.7	63.3	65.4
1987	65.6	78.0	56.2	54.7	65.8	64.3	63.8	66.4
1988	65.9	77.9	56.8	55.3	66.2	64.0	63.8	67.4
1989	66.5	78.1	57.7	55.9	66.7	64.7	64.2	67.6
1990 ¹	66.5	78.2	58.0	53.7	66.9	64.4	64.0	67.4
1991	66.2	77.7	57.9	51.6	66.6	63.8	63.3	66.5
1992	66.4	77.7	58.5	51.3	66.8	64.6	63.9	66.8
1993	66.3	77.3	58.5	51.5	66.8	63.8	63.2	66.2
1994 ¹	66.6	76.8	59.3	52.7	67.1	63.9	63.4	66.1
1995	66.6	76.7	59.4	53.5	67.1	64.3	63.7	65.8
1996	66.8	76.8	59.9	52.3	67.2	64.6	64.1	66.5
1997 ¹	67.1	77.0	60.5	51.6	67.5	65.2	64.7	67.9
1998 ¹	67.1	76.8	60.4	52.8	67.3	66.0	65.6	67.9
1999 ¹	67.1	76.7	60.7	52.0	67.3	65.9	65.8	67.7
2000 ¹	67.2	76.6	60.9	52.2	67.4	66.0	65.8	68.6

¹ The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes. For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of *Employment and Earnings*,

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Dash indicates data not available.