

Table 568. Civilian Labor Force and Participation Rates With Projections: 1980 to 2016

[106.9 represents 106,900,000. Civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Rates are based on annual average civilian noninstitutional population of each specified group and represent proportion of each specified group in the civilian labor force. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age	Civilian labor force (millions)						Participation rate (percent)					
	1980	1990 ¹	2000 ¹	2005 ¹	2007 ¹	2016, proj.	1980	1990 ¹	2000 ¹	2005 ¹	2007 ¹	2016, proj.
Total ²	106.9	125.8	142.6	149.3	153.1	164.2	63.8	66.5	67.1	66.0	66.0	65.5
White ³	93.6	107.4	118.5	122.3	124.9	130.7	64.1	66.9	67.3	66.3	66.4	65.5
Male	54.5	59.6	64.5	66.7	68.2	71.3	78.2	77.1	75.5	74.1	74.0	72.9
Female	39.1	47.8	54.1	55.6	56.8	59.4	51.2	57.4	59.5	58.9	59.0	58.4
Black ³	10.9	13.7	16.4	17.0	17.5	20.1	61.0	64.0	65.8	64.2	63.7	64.9
Male	5.6	6.8	7.7	8.0	8.3	9.4	70.3	71.0	69.2	67.3	66.8	67.1
Female	5.3	6.9	8.7	9.0	9.2	10.7	53.1	58.3	63.1	61.6	61.1	63.1
Asian ^{3,4}	(NA)	(NA)	6.3	6.5	7.1	8.7	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	66.1	66.5	65.9
Male	(NA)	(NA)	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.6	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	74.8	75.1	74.1
Female	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.1	(NA)	(NA)	59.2	58.2	58.6	67.1
Hispanic ⁵	6.1	10.7	16.7	19.8	21.6	26.9	64.0	67.4	69.7	68.0	68.8	68.6
Male	3.8	6.5	9.9	12.0	13.0	15.8	81.4	81.4	81.5	80.1	80.5	79.0
Female	2.3	4.2	6.8	7.8	8.6	11.1	47.4	53.1	57.5	55.3	56.5	57.8
Male	61.5	69.0	76.3	80.0	82.1	87.8	77.4	76.4	74.8	73.3	73.2	72.3
16 to 19 years	5.0	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.5	2.9	60.5	55.7	52.8	43.2	41.4	36.8
20 to 24 years	8.6	7.9	7.5	8.1	8.1	8.0	85.9	84.4	82.6	79.1	78.7	76.4
25 to 34 years	17.0	19.9	17.8	17.8	18.3	20.9	95.2	94.1	93.4	91.7	92.2	95.7
35 to 44 years	11.8	17.5	20.1	19.5	19.3	18.4	95.5	94.3	92.7	92.1	92.3	91.7
45 to 54 years	9.9	11.1	16.3	18.1	18.8	18.2	91.2	90.7	88.6	87.7	88.2	86.6
55 to 64 years	7.2	6.6	7.8	10.0	10.9	13.9	72.1	67.8	67.3	69.3	69.6	70.1
65 years and over	1.9	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.2	5.5	19.0	16.3	17.7	19.8	20.5	27.1
Female	45.5	56.8	66.3	69.3	71.0	76.5	51.5	57.5	59.9	59.3	59.3	59.2
16 to 19 years	4.4	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.0	52.9	51.6	51.2	44.2	41.5	38.3
20 to 24 years	7.3	6.8	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.0	68.9	71.3	73.1	70.1	70.1	67.2
25 to 34 years	12.3	16.1	14.9	14.5	14.8	16.4	65.5	73.5	76.1	73.9	74.5	75.0
35 to 44 years	8.6	14.7	17.5	16.5	16.2	15.3	65.5	76.4	77.2	75.8	75.5	75.1
45 to 54 years	7.0	9.1	14.8	16.3	16.9	16.9	59.9	71.2	76.8	76.0	76.0	77.8
55 to 64 years	4.7	4.9	6.6	8.9	9.8	13.4	41.3	45.2	51.9	57.0	58.3	63.5
65 years and over	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.6	4.6	8.1	8.6	9.4	11.5	12.6	17.5

NA Not available. ¹ See footnote 2, Table 567. ² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ The 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS) allowed respondents to choose more than one race. Beginning 2005, data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The CPS prior to 2003 only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1. ⁴ Prior to 2005, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2008 issue See <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.html>>; *Monthly Labor Review*, November 2007; and <<http://www.bls.gov/emp/emplab1.htm>>.