

Table 592. Part-Time Workers by Reason: 2007

[In thousands (32,435 represents 32,435,000), except hours. For persons working 1 to 34 hours per week. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual average of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey and subject to sampling error; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Reason	All industries			Nonagriculture industries		
	Total	Usually work—		Total	Usually work—	
		Full-time	Part-time		Full-time	Part-time
Total working fewer than 35 hours	32,435	9,976	22,460	31,902	9,813	22,089
Economic reasons	4,401	1,697	2,704	4,317	1,647	2,670
Slack work or business conditions	2,877	1,436	1,441	2,827	1,403	1,423
Could find only part-time work	1,210	(S)	1,210	1,199	(S)	1,199
Seasonal work	175	122	53	154	106	48
Job started or ended during the week	139	139	(S)	137	137	(S)
Noneconomic reasons	28,034	8,278	19,756	27,585	8,166	19,419
Child-care problems	728	72	656	723	72	651
Other family or personal obligations	5,739	799	4,940	5,657	787	4,870
Health or medical limitations	853	(S)	853	830	(S)	830
In school or training	6,239	89	6,150	6,165	87	6,079
Retired or social security limit on earnings	2,200	(S)	2,200	2,106	(S)	2,106
Vacation or personal day	3,579	3,579	(S)	3,539	3,539	(S)
Holiday, legal or religious	582	582	(S)	579	579	(S)
Weather-related curtailment	669	669	(S)	645	645	(S)
Other	7,443	2,488	4,956	7,340	2,457	4,883
Average hours per week:						
Economic reasons	23.1	23.8	22.6	23.1	23.8	22.7
Noneconomic reasons	21.3	25.0	19.8	21.4	25.0	19.8

S No data or data do not meet publication standards.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2008. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.