

Table 22. Work experience of the population by sex and full- and part-time status, selected years, 1970-2003

(Percent distribution)

Year	Population (in thousands)	With work experience		With work experience						
		Total (in thousands)	Percent of population	Total	Usually work full time			Usually work part time		
					Total	50 to 52 weeks	1 to 49 weeks	Total	50 to 52 weeks	1 to 49 weeks
Total, both sexes										
1970.....	138,953	93,850	67.5	100.0	79.4	55.6	23.8	20.6	6.7	13.9
1975.....	153,180	102,603	67.0	100.0	78.9	54.3	24.6	21.2	7.5	13.7
1980.....	169,452	115,752	68.3	100.0	78.5	56.1	22.4	21.4	7.7	13.7
1985.....	179,944	123,466	68.6	100.0	78.2	58.7	19.5	21.9	8.3	13.6
1990.....	189,238	132,562	70.1	100.0	78.8	60.4	18.4	21.3	8.7	12.6
1995.....	199,925	138,971	69.5	100.0	78.6	62.9	15.7	21.3	9.1	12.2
2000 ¹	214,292	150,787	70.4	100.0	80.4	66.7	13.7	19.5	9.3	10.2
2003.....	222,509	150,689	67.7	100.0	79.8	66.3	13.5	20.2	10.2	10.0
Women										
1970.....	73,657	38,809	52.7	100.0	67.9	40.7	27.2	32.2	10.1	22.1
1975.....	80,834	43,511	53.8	100.0	67.1	41.4	25.7	32.8	11.7	21.1
1980.....	89,259	51,492	57.7	100.0	67.7	44.7	23.0	32.3	11.9	20.4
1985.....	94,490	56,165	59.4	100.0	68.1	48.9	19.2	31.8	12.3	19.5
1990.....	98,970	61,494	62.1	100.0	69.8	51.5	18.3	30.2	12.8	17.4
1995.....	104,058	65,304	62.8	100.0	70.2	54.3	15.9	29.7	13.3	16.4
2000 ¹	111,440	71,341	64.0	100.0	72.9	58.4	14.5	27.1	13.4	13.7
2003.....	115,269	71,150	61.7	100.0	72.1	58.8	13.3	27.9	14.5	13.4
Men										
1970.....	65,296	55,041	84.3	100.0	87.6	66.1	21.5	12.4	4.4	8.0
1975.....	72,346	59,091	81.7	100.0	87.5	63.8	23.7	12.5	4.4	8.1
1980.....	80,193	64,260	80.1	100.0	87.2	65.2	22.0	12.8	4.4	8.4
1985.....	85,454	67,301	78.8	100.0	86.5	66.8	19.7	13.5	4.8	8.7
1990.....	90,269	71,068	78.7	100.0	86.4	68.0	18.4	13.5	5.1	8.4
1995.....	95,867	73,667	76.8	100.0	86.2	70.6	15.6	13.9	5.5	8.4
2000 ¹	102,853	79,446	77.2	100.0	87.5	74.2	13.3	12.6	5.5	7.1
2003.....	107,241	79,539	74.2	100.0	86.8	73.0	13.8	13.2	6.3	6.9

¹ The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes in the Current Population Survey (CPS). For an explanation, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*, a monthly BLS periodical.

NOTE: See Technical Note for an explanation of the work experience concept.