

Table 534. Percent of Workers Participating In Retirement Benefits by Worker Characteristics: 2006

[Based on National Compensation Survey, a sample survey of 10,370 private industry establishments of all sizes, representing over 105 million workers; see Appendix III. Survey covers all 50 States and the District of Columbia. For a definition of defined benefit and defined contribution, see headnote, Table 535. See also Table 634]

Characteristic	Total ¹	Defined benefit	Defined contribution	Characteristic	Total ¹	Defined benefit	Defined contribution
Total	51	20	43	Full-time	60	23	51
White-collar occupations . . .	60	22	53	Part-time	21	8	16
Blue-collar occupations	52	25	40	Union	80	68	44
Service occupations	24	7	20	Nonunion	47	14	43

¹ Total is less than the sum of the individual retirement items because many employees participated in both types of plans.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March 2006, Summary 06-05*, August 2006. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/sp/ebsm0004.pdf>>.