

Table 9. Percent distribution of the civilian labor force 25 to 64 years of age by educational attainment and sex, March 1970-2002

Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Civilian labor force	High school		College	
			Less than 4 years	4 years, no college	1 to 3 years	4 years or more
Total						
1970.....	61,765	100.0	36.1	38.1	11.8	14.1
1971.....	62,344	100.0	34.5	38.4	12.3	14.8
1972.....	63,704	100.0	33.3	38.8	12.4	15.5
1973.....	64,775	100.0	30.9	39.7	13.0	16.4
1974.....	66,527	100.0	29.3	39.5	13.7	17.5
1975.....	67,774	100.0	27.5	39.7	14.4	18.3
1976.....	69,243	100.0	25.8	39.6	15.2	19.4
1977.....	71,324	100.0	24.9	39.2	15.7	20.2
1978.....	73,504	100.0	23.7	39.2	16.5	20.6
1979.....	75,781	100.0	21.8	39.5	17.3	21.3
1980.....	78,010	100.0	20.6	39.8	17.6	22.0
1981.....	80,273	100.0	19.7	40.6	17.7	22.0
1982.....	81,516	100.0	18.8	40.8	17.3	23.1
1983.....	83,615	100.0	17.8	39.9	18.1	24.2
1984.....	86,001	100.0	16.7	40.2	18.4	24.7
1985.....	88,424	100.0	15.9	40.2	19.0	24.9
1986.....	90,500	100.0	15.5	40.2	19.5	24.8
1987.....	92,966	100.0	14.9	40.2	19.7	25.3
1988.....	94,870	100.0	14.7	39.9	19.7	25.7
1989.....	97,318	100.0	14.0	39.6	20.0	26.4
1990.....	99,175	100.0	13.4	39.5	20.7	26.4
1991.....	100,480	100.0	13.0	39.4	21.1	26.5

Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Civilian labor force	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduates
Total						
1992.....	102,387	100.0	12.2	36.2	25.2	26.4
1993.....	103,504	100.0	11.5	35.2	26.3	27.0
1994.....	104,868	100.0	11.0	34.0	27.6	27.3
1995.....	106,519	100.0	10.8	33.1	27.8	28.3
1996.....	108,037	100.0	10.9	32.9	27.7	28.5
1997.....	110,514	100.0	10.9	33.0	27.4	28.6
1998.....	111,857	100.0	10.7	32.8	27.4	29.1
1999.....	112,542	100.0	10.3	32.3	27.4	30.0
2000.....	114,052	100.0	9.8	31.8	27.9	30.4
2001.....	115,073	100.0	9.8	31.4	28.1	30.7
2002.....	117,738	100.0	10.1	30.6	27.7	31.6

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		Civilian labor force	High school		College	
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Women						
1970.....	22,462	100.0	33.5	44.3	10.9	11.2
1971.....	22,804	100.0	32.2	44.2	11.9	11.8
1972.....	23,606	100.0	30.7	45.1	11.8	12.4
1973.....	24,158	100.0	28.4	45.9	12.4	13.3
1974.....	25,203	100.0	26.7	45.3	13.4	14.6
1975.....	26,146	100.0	26.5	45.5	13.9	14.1
1976.....	27,166	100.0	24.0	45.1	14.7	16.2
1977.....	28,369	100.0	22.8	45.1	15.2	16.9
1978.....	29,738	100.0	22.0	44.9	16.1	17.0
1979.....	31,151	100.0	20.1	45.0	17.1	17.8
1980.....	32,593	100.0	18.4	45.4	17.4	18.7
1981.....	33,910	100.0	17.4	46.1	17.9	18.6
1982.....	34,870	100.0	16.6	45.6	18.3	19.5
1983.....	35,712	100.0	15.6	44.8	18.8	20.9
1984.....	37,234	100.0	14.5	44.9	18.9	21.7
1985.....	38,779	100.0	13.7	44.4	19.9	22.0
1986.....	39,767	100.0	13.2	44.3	20.3	22.2
1987.....	41,105	100.0	12.5	44.0	20.7	22.8
1988.....	42,254	100.0	12.4	43.3	21.2	23.1
1989.....	43,650	100.0	11.9	42.9	20.9	24.3
1990.....	44,699	100.0	11.3	42.4	21.9	24.5
1991.....	45,315	100.0	10.9	41.6	22.2	25.2
Women						
Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Percent distribution				
		Civilian labor force	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduates
Women						
1992.....	46,469	100.0	10.2	37.9	26.9	25.0
1993.....	46,961	100.0	9.3	36.7	28.2	25.8
1994.....	48,235	100.0	9.1	35.3	29.8	25.8
1995.....	49,065	100.0	9.1	34.1	30.2	26.6
1996.....	49,916	100.0	8.8	33.7	29.7	27.8
1997.....	51,246	100.0	8.7	34.0	29.3	28.0
1998.....	51,953	100.0	8.8	33.3	29.3	28.6
1999.....	52,512	100.0	8.7	32.7	29.2	29.5
2000.....	53,541	100.0	8.4	31.8	30.0	29.8
2001.....	53,982	100.0	8.5	31.1	30.1	30.2
2002.....	54,944	100.0	8.2	30.6	29.7	31.5

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Men						
1970.....	39,303	100.0	37.5	34.5	12.2	15.7
1971.....	39,539	100.0	35.9	35.1	12.5	16.5
1972.....	40,098	100.0	34.8	35.1	12.8	17.3
1973.....	40,617	100.0	32.4	36.0	13.4	18.2
1974.....	41,344	100.0	30.8	36.0	13.9	19.3
1975.....	41,628	100.0	28.9	36.1	14.8	20.2
1976.....	42,077	100.0	27.0	36.0	15.5	21.5
1977.....	42,954	100.0	26.3	35.3	16.1	22.3
1978.....	43,766	100.0	24.8	35.3	16.9	23.0
1979.....	44,630	100.0	23.0	35.7	17.5	23.8
1980.....	45,417	100.0	22.2	35.7	17.7	24.3
1981.....	46,363	100.0	21.5	36.5	17.4	24.6
1982.....	47,144	100.0	20.3	36.8	17.5	25.5
1983.....	47,903	100.0	19.4	36.3	17.7	26.6
1984.....	48,767	100.0	18.4	36.7	18.0	26.9
1985.....	49,647	100.0	17.7	36.9	18.3	27.1
1986.....	50,733	100.0	17.2	37.0	18.9	26.9
1987.....	51,860	100.0	16.8	37.1	18.9	27.2
1988.....	52,616	100.0	16.5	37.3	18.5	27.8
1989.....	53,668	100.0	15.7	36.9	19.2	28.2
1990.....	54,476	100.0	15.1	37.2	19.7	28.0
1991.....	55,165	100.0	14.7	37.5	20.2	27.6
Men						
Year	Civilian labor force (thousands)	Civilian labor force	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree, and associate degree	College graduate
1992.....	55,917	100.0	13.9	34.7	23.8	27.5
1993.....	56,544	100.0	13.2	33.9	24.7	28.1
1994.....	56,633	100.0	12.7	32.9	25.8	28.6
1995.....	57,454	100.0	12.2	32.3	25.7	29.7
1996.....	58,121	100.0	12.7	32.2	26.0	29.1
1997.....	59,268	100.0	12.8	32.2	25.8	29.2
1998.....	59,905	100.0	12.3	32.3	25.8	29.6
1999.....	60,030	100.0	11.7	32.0	25.8	30.5
2000.....	60,510	100.0	11.1	31.8	26.1	30.9
2001.....	61,091	100.0	11.0	31.6	26.3	31.1
2002.....	62,794	100.0	11.8	30.6	25.9	31.7

NOTE: Since 1992, data on educational attainment have been based on the "highest diploma or degree received" rather than the "number of years of school completed."

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics