

**Table 586. Civilian Population—Employment Status by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity: 1970 to 2009**

[In thousands (64,304 represents 64,304,000), except as indicated. Annual averages of monthly figures. See Table 584 for U.S. totals and coverage]

Year, sex, race, and Hispanic origin	Civilian noninstitutionalized population	Civilian labor force					Not in labor force		
		Percent of population		Employed	Employment/population ratio <sup>1</sup>	Unemployed		Percent of population	
		Total	Employed			Number	Percent of labor force	Number	Percent of population
<b>Male:</b>									
1970	64,304	51,228	79.7	48,990	76.2	2,238	4.4	13,076	20.3
1980	79,398	61,453	77.4	57,186	72.0	4,267	6.9	17,945	22.6
1990 <sup>2</sup>	90,377	69,011	76.4	65,104	72.0	3,906	5.7	21,367	23.6
2000 <sup>2</sup>	101,964	76,280	74.8	73,305	71.9	2,975	3.9	25,684	25.2
2005 <sup>2</sup>	109,151	80,033	73.3	75,973	69.6	4,059	5.1	29,119	26.7
2007 <sup>2</sup>	112,173	82,136	73.2	78,254	69.8	3,882	4.7	30,036	26.8
2008 <sup>2</sup>	113,113	82,520	73.0	77,486	68.5	5,033	6.1	30,593	27.0
2009 <sup>2</sup>	114,136	82,123	72.0	73,670	64.5	8,453	10.3	32,013	28.0
<b>Female:</b>									
1970	72,782	31,543	43.3	29,688	40.8	1,855	5.9	41,239	56.7
1980	88,348	45,487	51.5	42,117	47.7	3,370	7.4	42,861	48.5
1990 <sup>2</sup>	98,787	56,829	57.5	53,689	54.3	3,140	5.5	41,957	42.5
2000 <sup>2</sup>	110,613	66,303	59.9	63,586	57.5	2,717	4.1	44,310	40.1
2005 <sup>2</sup>	116,931	69,288	59.3	65,757	56.2	3,531	5.1	47,643	40.7
2007 <sup>2</sup>	119,694	70,988	59.3	67,792	56.6	3,196	4.5	48,707	40.7
2008 <sup>2</sup>	120,675	71,767	59.5	67,876	56.2	3,891	5.4	48,908	40.5
2009 <sup>2</sup>	121,665	72,019	59.2	66,208	54.4	5,811	8.1	49,646	40.8
<b>White:<sup>3</sup></b>									
1980	146,122	93,600	64.1	87,715	60.0	5,884	6.3	52,523	35.9
1990 <sup>2</sup>	160,625	107,447	66.9	102,261	63.7	5,186	4.8	53,178	33.1
2000 <sup>2</sup>	176,220	118,545	67.3	114,424	64.9	4,121	3.5	57,675	32.7
2005 <sup>2</sup>	184,446	122,299	66.3	116,949	63.4	5,350	4.4	62,148	33.7
2007 <sup>2</sup>	188,253	124,935	66.4	119,792	63.6	5,143	4.1	63,319	33.6
2008 <sup>2</sup>	189,540	125,635	66.3	119,126	62.8	6,509	5.2	63,905	33.7
2009 <sup>2</sup>	190,902	125,644	65.8	114,996	60.2	10,648	8.5	65,258	34.2
<b>Black:<sup>3</sup></b>									
1980	17,824	10,865	61.0	9,313	52.2	1,553	14.3	6,959	39.0
1990 <sup>2</sup>	21,477	13,740	64.0	12,175	56.7	1,565	11.4	7,737	36.0
2000 <sup>2</sup>	24,902	16,397	65.8	15,156	60.9	1,241	7.6	8,505	34.2
2005 <sup>2</sup>	26,517	17,013	64.2	15,313	57.7	1,700	10.0	9,504	35.8
2007 <sup>2</sup>	27,485	17,496	63.7	16,051	58.4	1,445	8.3	9,989	36.3
2008 <sup>2</sup>	27,843	17,740	63.7	15,953	57.3	1,788	10.1	10,103	36.3
2009 <sup>2</sup>	28,241	17,632	62.4	15,025	53.2	2,606	14.8	10,609	37.6
<b>Asian:<sup>3,4</sup></b>									
2000	9,330	6,270	67.2	6,043	64.8	227	3.6	3,060	32.8
2005 <sup>2</sup>	9,842	6,503	66.1	6,244	63.4	259	4.0	3,339	33.9
2007 <sup>2</sup>	10,633	7,067	66.5	6,839	64.3	229	3.2	3,566	33.5
2008 <sup>2</sup>	10,751	7,202	67.0	6,917	64.3	285	4.0	3,549	33.0
2009 <sup>2</sup>	10,842	7,156	66.0	6,635	61.2	522	7.3	3,685	34.0
<b>Hispanic:<sup>5</sup></b>									
1980	9,598	6,146	64.0	5,527	57.6	620	10.1	3,451	36.0
1990 <sup>2</sup>	15,904	10,720	67.4	9,845	61.9	876	8.2	5,184	32.0
2000 <sup>2</sup>	23,938	16,689	69.7	15,735	65.7	954	5.7	7,249	30.3
2005 <sup>2</sup>	29,133	19,824	68.0	18,632	64.0	1,191	6.0	9,310	32.0
2007 <sup>2</sup>	31,383	21,602	68.8	20,382	64.9	1,220	5.6	9,781	31.2
2008 <sup>2</sup>	32,141	22,024	68.5	20,346	63.3	1,678	7.6	10,116	31.5
2009 <sup>2</sup>	32,891	22,352	68.0	19,647	59.7	2,706	12.1	10,539	32.0
<b>Mexican:</b>									
1990 <sup>2</sup>	9,752	6,707	68.8	6,146	63.0	561	8.4	3,045	31.2
2000 <sup>2</sup>	15,333	10,783	70.3	10,144	66.2	639	5.9	4,550	29.7
2005 <sup>2</sup>	18,523	12,671	68.4	11,887	64.2	784	6.2	5,851	31.6
2007 <sup>2</sup>	19,770	13,672	69.2	12,908	65.3	764	5.6	6,098	30.8
2008 <sup>2</sup>	20,474	14,009	68.4	12,931	63.2	1,078	7.7	6,465	31.6
2009 <sup>2</sup>	20,923	14,210	67.9	12,478	59.6	1,732	12.2	6,713	32.1
<b>Puerto Rican:</b>									
1990 <sup>2</sup>	1,718	960	55.9	870	50.6	91	9.5	758	44.1
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2,193	1,411	64.3	1,318	60.1	92	6.8	783	35.7
2005 <sup>2</sup>	2,654	1,619	61.0	1,492	56.2	126	7.8	1,035	39.0
2007 <sup>2</sup>	2,711	1,684	62.1	1,551	57.2	133	7.9	1,027	37.9
2008 <sup>2</sup>	2,854	1,822	63.9	1,634	57.3	188	10.3	1,032	36.2
2009 <sup>2</sup>	2,962	1,850	62.4	1,594	53.8	256	13.8	1,113	37.6
<b>Cuban:</b>									
1990 <sup>2</sup>	918	603	65.7	559	60.9	44	7.2	315	34.3
2000 <sup>2</sup>	1,174	740	63.1	707	60.3	33	4.5	434	37.0
2005 <sup>2</sup>	1,259	755	60.0	730	58.0	25	3.3	503	40.0
2007 <sup>2</sup>	1,421	898	63.2	862	60.7	36	4.0	523	36.8
2008 <sup>2</sup>	1,422	897	63.1	841	59.1	57	6.3	525	36.9
2009 <sup>2</sup>	1,442	877	60.8	795	55.1	82	9.4	565	39.2

<sup>1</sup> Civilian employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. <sup>2</sup> See footnote 2, Table 584. <sup>3</sup> Beginning 2005, for persons in this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 585. <sup>4</sup> Prior to 2003, includes Pacific Islanders. <sup>5</sup> Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be any race. Includes persons of other Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2010, <[www.bls.gov/opus/ee/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opus/ee/home.htm)> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.