

Table 663. Labor Union Membership by Sector: 1985 to 2009

[Annual averages of monthly figures (16,996 represents 16,996,000). For wage and salary workers in agriculture and non-agriculture. Data represent union members by place of residence. Based on the Current Population Survey and subject to sampling error. For methodological details, see source]

Sector	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (1,000)									
Wage and salary workers:									
Union members	16,996	16,740	16,360	16,258	15,685	15,359	15,670	16,098	15,327
Covered by unions	19,358	19,058	18,346	17,944	17,223	16,860	17,243	17,761	16,904
Public sector workers:									
Union members	5,743	6,485	6,927	7,111	7,430	7,378	7,557	7,832	7,897
Covered by unions	6,921	7,691	7,987	7,976	8,262	8,172	8,373	8,676	8,678
Private sector workers:									
Union members	11,253	10,255	9,432	9,148	8,255	7,981	8,114	8,265	7,431
Covered by unions	12,438	11,366	10,360	9,969	8,962	8,688	8,870	9,084	8,226
PERCENT									
Wage and salary workers:									
Union members	18.0	16.1	14.9	13.5	12.5	12.0	12.1	12.4	12.3
Covered by unions	20.5	18.3	16.7	14.9	13.7	13.1	13.3	13.7	13.6
Public sector workers:									
Union members	35.7	36.5	37.7	37.5	36.5	36.2	35.9	36.8	37.4
Covered by unions	43.1	43.3	43.5	42.0	40.5	40.1	39.8	40.7	41.1
Private sector workers:									
Union members	14.3	11.9	10.3	9.0	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.2
Covered by unions	15.9	13.2	11.3	9.8	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.0

Source: The Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), Inc., Arlington, VA, *Union Membership and Earnings Data Book: Compilations from the Current Population Survey (2010 edition)*, (copyright by BNA PLUS); authored by Barry Hirsch of Georgia State University and David Macpherson of Trinity University. See also <<http://unionstats.gsu.edu>> and <<http://bnaplus.bna.com/LaborReports.aspx>>.

Table 664. Union Members by Selected Characteristics: 2009

[Annual averages of monthly data (124,490 represents 124,490,000). Covers employed wage and salary workers 16 years old and over. Excludes self-employed workers whose businesses are incorporated although they technically qualify as wage and salary workers. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Characteristic	Employed wage and salary workers			Median usual weekly earnings ³ (dollars)			
	Total (1,000)	Percent		Total	Union members ¹	Repre- sented by union ²	Not repre- sented by union
		Union members ¹	Repre- sented by union ²				
Total ⁴	124,490	12.3	13.6	739	908	901	710
16 to 24 years old	17,173	4.7	5.5	442	598	586	433
25 to 34 years old	28,067	10.5	11.6	678	834	827	653
35 to 44 years old	28,066	13.1	14.4	817	941	936	789
45 to 54 years old	29,054	15.7	17.2	838	959	952	807
55 to 64 years old	17,599	16.6	18.1	841	958	957	800
65 years and over	4,530	9.4	10.7	684	837	831	662
Men	63,539	13.3	14.4	819	957	953	786
Women	60,951	11.3	12.7	657	840	833	628
White ⁵	101,581	12.1	13.4	757	934	926	728
Men	52,691	13.1	14.3	845	981	976	811
Women	48,889	11.1	12.4	669	859	852	639
Black ⁵	14,127	13.9	15.4	601	749	745	581
Men	6,257	15.4	16.7	621	780	781	599
Women	7,870	12.7	14.3	582	717	710	560
Asian ⁵	5,847	11.4	12.5	880	907	919	870
Men	3,075	10.8	12.0	952	888	906	959
Women	2,772	12.0	13.0	779	936	938	756
Hispanic ⁶	18,034	10.2	11.3	541	774	763	516
Men	10,518	10.5	11.4	569	824	813	535
Women	7,515	9.7	11.1	509	683	674	493
INDUSTRY ⁷							
Private sector industry	103,357	7.2	8.0	711	856	845	697
Mining	662	8.6	9.5	1,050	1013	1,015	1,058
Construction	6,613	14.5	15.0	744	1,072	1,052	698
Manufacturing	13,454	10.9	11.9	767	800	799	762
Wholesale and retail trade	17,851	5.3	5.8	611	648	641	609
Transportation and utilities	5,162	22.2	23.4	798	975	964	748
Information	2,790	10.0	11.2	905	1,105	1,083	883
Financial activities	8,236	1.8	2.3	839	843	831	839
Professional and business services	11,325	2.3	2.8	864	761	748	868
Education and health services	19,269	8.6	9.9	715	839	838	698
Leisure and hospitality	11,352	3.1	3.6	464	583	576	458
Other services	5,598	2.9	3.2	605	886	862	599
Public sector	21,133	37.4	41.1	865	947	943	782
Federal	3,594	28.0	33.2	1,002	981	989	1,019
State	6,294	32.2	35.3	829	906	899	767
Local	11,244	43.3	46.8	834	956	948	720

¹ Members of a labor union or an employee association similar to a labor union. ² Members of a labor union or an employee association similar to a union as well as workers who report no union affiliation but whose jobs are covered by a union or an employee association contract. ³ For full-time employed wage and salary workers. ⁴ Includes races not shown separately. Also includes a small number of multiple jobholders whose full- and part-time status cannot be determined for their principal job. ⁵ For persons in this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 585. ⁶ Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be any race.

⁷ For composition of industries, see Table 631.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2009*, News Release, USDL-10-0069, January 2010. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm>>.