

Table 576. Civilian Population—Employment Status by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity: 1970 to 2008

[In thousands (64,304 represents 64,304,000), except as indicated. Annual averages of monthly figures. See Table 574 for U.S. totals and coverage]

Year, sex, race, and Hispanic origin	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force					Not in labor force		
		Total	Percent of population	Employed	Employment/population ratio ¹	Unemployed			
						Number	Percent of labor force	Number	Percent of population
Male:									
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	90,377	69,011	76.4	65,104	72.0	3,906	5.7	21,367	23.6
2000	101,964	76,280	74.8	73,305	71.9	2,975	3.9	25,684	25.2
2005	109,151	80,033	73.3	75,973	69.6	4,059	5.1	29,119	26.7
2006	110,605	81,255	73.5	77,502	70.1	3,753	4.6	29,350	26.5
2007	112,173	82,136	73.2	78,254	69.8	3,882	4.7	30,036	26.8
2008	113,113	82,520	73.0	77,486	68.5	5,033	6.1	30,593	27.0
Female:									
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	98,787	56,829	57.5	53,689	54.3	3,140	5.5	41,957	42.5
2000	110,613	66,303	59.9	63,586	57.5	2,717	4.1	44,310	40.1
2005	116,931	69,288	59.3	65,757	56.2	3,531	5.1	47,643	40.7
2006	118,210	70,173	59.4	66,925	56.6	3,247	4.6	48,037	40.6
2007	119,694	70,988	59.3	67,792	56.6	3,196	4.5	48,707	40.7
2008	120,675	71,767	59.5	67,876	56.2	3,891	5.4	48,908	40.5
White:³									
1980	146,122	93,600	64.1	87,715	60.0	5,884	6.3	52,523	35.9
1990	160,625	107,447	66.9	102,261	63.7	5,186	4.8	53,178	33.1
2000	176,220	118,545	67.3	114,424	64.9	4,121	3.5	57,675	32.7
2005	184,446	122,299	66.3	116,949	63.4	5,350	4.4	62,148	33.0
2006	186,264	123,834	66.5	118,833	63.8	5,002	4.0	62,429	33.5
2007	188,253	124,935	66.4	119,792	63.6	5,143	4.1	63,319	33.6
2008	189,540	125,635	66.3	119,126	62.8	6,509	5.2	63,905	33.7
Black:³									
1980	17,824	10,865	61.0	9,313	52.2	1,553	14.3	6,959	39.0
1990	21,477	13,740	64.0	12,175	56.7	1,565	11.4	7,737	36.0
2000	24,902	16,397	65.8	15,156	60.9	1,241	7.6	8,505	34.2
2005	26,517	17,013	64.2	15,313	57.7	1,700	10.0	9,504	35.8
2006	27,007	17,314	64.1	15,765	58.4	1,549	8.9	9,693	35.9
2007	27,485	17,496	63.7	16,051	58.4	1,445	8.3	9,989	36.3
2008	27,843	17,740	63.7	15,953	57.3	1,788	10.1	10,103	36.3
Asian:^{3,4}									
2000	9,330	6,270	67.2	6,043	64.8	227	3.6	3,060	32.8
2005	9,842	6,503	66.1	6,244	63.4	259	4.0	3,339	33.9
2006	10,155	6,727	66.2	6,522	64.2	205	3.0	3,427	33.7
2007	10,633	7,067	66.5	6,839	64.3	229	3.2	3,566	33.5
2008	10,751	7,202	67.0	6,917	64.3	285	4.0	3,549	33.0
Hispanic:⁵									
1980	9,598	6,146	64.0	5,527	57.6	620	10.1	3,451	36.0
1990	15,904	10,720	67.4	9,845	61.9	876	8.2	5,184	32.6
2000	23,938	16,689	69.7	15,735	65.7	954	5.7	7,249	30.3
2005	29,133	19,824	68.0	18,632	64.0	1,191	6.0	9,310	32.0
2006	30,103	20,694	68.7	19,613	65.2	1,081	5.2	9,409	31.3
2007	31,383	21,602	68.8	20,382	64.9	1,220	5.6	9,781	31.2
2008	32,141	22,024	68.5	20,346	63.3	1,678	7.6	10,116	31.5
Mexican:									
1990	9,752	6,707	68.8	6,146	63.0	561	8.4	3,045	31.2
2000	15,333	10,783	70.3	10,144	66.2	639	5.9	4,550	29.7
2005	18,523	12,671	68.4	11,887	64.2	784	6.2	5,851	31.6
2006	19,036	13,158	69.1	12,477	65.5	681	5.2	5,877	30.9
2007	19,770	13,672	69.2	12,908	65.3	764	5.6	6,098	30.8
2008	20,474	14,009	68.4	12,931	63.2	1,078	7.7	6,465	31.6
Puerto Rican:									
1990	1,718	960	55.9	870	50.6	91	9.5	758	44.1
2000	2,193	1,411	64.3	1,318	60.1	92	6.6	783	35.7
2005	2,654	1,619	61.0	1,492	56.2	126	7.8	1,035	39.0
2006	2,600	1,599	61.5	1,484	57.1	115	7.2	1,001	38.5
2007	2,711	1,684	62.1	1,551	57.2	133	7.9	1,027	37.9
2008	2,854	1,822	63.9	1,634	57.3	188	10.3	1,032	36.2
Cuban:									
1990	918	603	65.7	559	60.9	44	7.2	315	34.3
2000	1,174	740	63.1	707	60.3	33	4.5	434	37.0
2005	1,259	755	60.0	730	58.0	25	3.3	503	40.0
2006	1,326	807	60.9	778	58.7	29	3.6	519	39.1
2007	1,421	898	63.2	862	60.7	36	4.0	523	36.8
2008	1,422	897	63.1	841	59.1	57	6.3	525	36.9

¹ Civilian employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. ² See footnote 2, Table 574. ³ Beginning 2005, for persons in this race group only. See footnote 3, Table 575. ⁴ Prior to 2005, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be any race. Includes persons of other Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, not shown separately.