

Table 579. Civilian Labor Force and Participation Rates by Educational Attainment, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 2000 to 2008

[120,061 represents 120,061,000. Civilian noninstitutional population 25 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. See Table 614 for unemployment data. Rates are based on annual average civilian noninstitutional population of each specified group and represent proportion of each specified group in the civilian labor force]

| Year, sex, and race | Civilian labor force | | | | | Participation rate ¹ | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | Total (1,000) | Percent distribution | | | | Total | Less than high school diploma | High school graduates, no degree | Less than a bachelor's degree | College graduate |
| | | Less than high school diploma | High school graduates, no degree | Less than a bachelor's degree | College graduate | | | | | |
| Total: ² | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 120,061 | 10.4 | 31.4 | 27.7 | 30.5 | 67.3 | 43.5 | 64.4 | 73.9 | 79.4 |
| 2005 ³ | 127,030 | 10.0 | 30.1 | 27.5 | 32.4 | 67.1 | 45.5 | 63.2 | 72.5 | 77.9 |
| 2007 ³ | 130,908 | 9.3 | 29.2 | 28.0 | 34.5 | 67.3 | 46.6 | 62.8 | 72.0 | 77.8 |
| 2008 ³ | 132,255 | 9.2 | 28.9 | 27.8 | 34.1 | 67.4 | 46.6 | 62.6 | 71.8 | 77.8 |
| Male: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 64,490 | 11.8 | 31.1 | 25.9 | 31.2 | 76.1 | 56.0 | 75.1 | 80.9 | 84.4 |
| 2005 ³ | 68,389 | 11.7 | 30.9 | 25.4 | 32.1 | 75.4 | 58.6 | 73.6 | 79.3 | 82.9 |
| 2007 ³ | 70,501 | 11.0 | 30.3 | 25.8 | 33.5 | 75.6 | 60.2 | 73.2 | 78.7 | 82.9 |
| 2008 ³ | 70,982 | 11.0 | 30.1 | 25.7 | 33.3 | 75.3 | 60.0 | 72.9 | 78.3 | 82.4 |
| Female: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 55,572 | 8.8 | 31.8 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 59.4 | 32.3 | 55.5 | 68.0 | 74.0 |
| 2005 ³ | 58,641 | 8.0 | 29.2 | 30.0 | 32.8 | 59.4 | 32.9 | 53.8 | 66.8 | 72.9 |
| 2007 ³ | 60,406 | 7.2 | 28.0 | 30.6 | 35.6 | 59.7 | 33.1 | 53.4 | 66.4 | 72.9 |
| 2008 ³ | 61,273 | 7.1 | 27.6 | 30.2 | 35.1 | 60.0 | 33.3 | 53.1 | 66.4 | 73.4 |
| White: ⁴ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 99,964 | 10.1 | 31.4 | 27.5 | 31.0 | 67.0 | 44.1 | 63.6 | 73.1 | 79.0 |
| 2005 ³ | 104,240 | 9.8 | 29.9 | 27.6 | 32.7 | 66.9 | 46.4 | 62.5 | 72.0 | 77.5 |
| 2007 ³ | 106,962 | 9.2 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 34.7 | 67.2 | 47.9 | 62.3 | 71.4 | 77.4 |
| 2008 ³ | 107,849 | 9.1 | 28.8 | 27.7 | 34.4 | 67.2 | 47.7 | 62.0 | 71.2 | 77.5 |
| Black: ⁴ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 13,582 | 12.4 | 36.0 | 31.2 | 20.5 | 68.2 | 39.3 | 69.9 | 79.3 | 84.4 |
| 2005 ³ | 14,252 | 11.2 | 36.4 | 30.2 | 22.2 | 67.2 | 39.8 | 67.9 | 75.6 | 82.0 |
| 2007 ³ | 14,720 | 9.8 | 35.3 | 32.4 | 24.2 | 67.3 | 39.1 | 65.4 | 75.3 | 83.0 |
| 2008 ³ | 14,973 | 9.6 | 34.7 | 31.8 | 23.8 | 67.3 | 39.8 | 65.7 | 75.2 | 81.5 |
| Asian: ^{4,5} | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 5,402 | 9.1 | 20.7 | 20.2 | 50.1 | 70.9 | 46.0 | 65.6 | 76.4 | 79.1 |
| 2005 ³ | 5,805 | 8.0 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 57.0 | 69.4 | 45.3 | 61.8 | 71.6 | 77.5 |
| 2006 ³ | 6,065 | 7.5 | 17.8 | 17.2 | 57.5 | 69.9 | 44.4 | 62.8 | 72.6 | 77.5 |
| 2007 ³ | 6,378 | 7.4 | 18.7 | 17.3 | 58.9 | 70.5 | 43.8 | 63.2 | 72.5 | 77.5 |
| 2008 ³ | 6,518 | 7.2 | 18.3 | 16.9 | 57.6 | 70.5 | 45.6 | 64.4 | 72.7 | 77.4 |
| Hispanic: ⁶ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 ³ | 12,975 | 36.7 | 29.3 | 20.6 | 13.4 | 71.5 | 61.9 | 75.0 | 80.8 | 83.5 |
| 2005 ³ | 16,135 | 35.5 | 29.4 | 20.9 | 14.2 | 70.8 | 61.4 | 74.3 | 78.8 | 81.7 |
| 2007 ³ | 17,783 | 33.2 | 31.4 | 22.0 | 15.9 | 71.6 | 62.6 | 74.3 | 79.1 | 82.2 |
| 2008 ³ | 18,235 | 32.4 | 30.6 | 21.5 | 15.5 | 71.6 | 61.9 | 74.1 | 78.6 | 83.0 |

¹ See footnote 1, Table 575. ² Includes other races, not shown separately. ³ See footnote 2, Table 574. ⁴ Beginning 2005, for persons in this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 575. ⁵ 2000 data include Pacific Islanders. ⁶ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race.