

Table 599. Part-Time Workers by Reason: 2008

[In thousands (33,384 represents 33,384,000), except hours. For persons working 1 to 34 hours per week. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual average of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey, see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Reason	All industries			Nonagriculture industries		
	Total	Usually work—		Total	Usually work—	
		Full-time	Part-time		Full-time	Part-time
Total working fewer than 35 hours	33,384	10,426	22,959	32,836	10,256	22,580
Economic reasons	5,875	2,259	3,616	5,773	2,198	3,575
Slack work or business conditions	4,169	2,006	2,163	4,097	1,962	2,135
Could find only part-time work	1,389	(S)	1,389	1,380	(S)	1,380
Seasonal work	190	126	64	171	111	60
Job started or ended during the week	127	127	(S)	125	125	(S)
Noneconomic reasons	27,509	8,166	19,343	27,063	8,058	19,005
Child-care problems	753	70	683	750	70	680
Other family or personal obligations	5,425	725	4,700	5,354	716	4,638
Health or medical limitations	834	(S)	834	814	(S)	814
In school or training	6,057	98	5,959	5,985	96	5,888
Retired or social security limit on earnings	2,185	(S)	2,185	2,089	(S)	2,089
Vacation or personal day	3,431	3,431	(S)	3,399	3,399	(S)
Holiday, legal, or religious	844	844	(S)	836	836	(S)
Weather-related curtailment	454	454	(S)	433	433	(S)
Other	7,525	2,543	4,982	7,404	2,508	4,896
Average hours per week:						
Economic reasons	22.9	23.8	22.4	23.0	23.8	22.4
Noneconomic reasons	21.4	25.1	19.8	21.4	25.1	19.8

S No data or data do not meet publication standards.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2009; <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.