

Table 650. Labor Union Membership by State: 1985 and 2008

[Annual averages of monthly figures (16,996.1 represents 16,996,100). 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]

State	Union members (1,000)		Workers covered by unions (1,000)		Percent of workers					
					Union members		Covered by unions		Private sector union members	
	1985	2008	1985	2008	1985	2008	1985	2008	1985	2008
United States	16,996.1	16,097.5	19,358.1	17,760.6	18.0	12.4	20.5	13.7	14.3	7.6
Alabama ¹	226.6	181.4	254.9	199.4	15.7	9.8	17.6	10.7	13.5	5.1
Alaska	47.7	67.8	53.4	71.3	25.0	23.5	28.0	24.7	17.0	11.2
Arizona ¹	115.6	227.4	145.7	253.9	9.5	8.8	12.0	9.8	7.9	7.0
Arkansas ¹	91.6	67.9	108.4	85.1	11.2	5.9	13.3	7.3	9.5	3.6
California	2,123.1	2,739.9	2,485.8	2,909.5	20.4	18.4	23.9	19.5	15.8	10.7
Colorado	165.2	181.1	191.1	208.1	11.8	8.0	13.7	9.2	8.9	5.5
Connecticut	306.5	275.2	325.9	290.9	20.9	16.9	22.2	17.9	14.4	8.3
Delaware	45.6	52.3	50.9	57.4	16.6	13.4	18.5	14.7	12.8	8.2
District of Columbia	45.2	35.2	58.2	41.1	16.5	12.2	21.2	14.3	13.9	8.8
Florida ¹	395.2	482.3	515.7	600.5	9.1	6.4	11.9	7.9	5.3	2.3
Georgia ¹	239.5	150.7	273.1	189.3	10.0	3.7	11.4	4.6	9.1	2.6
Hawaii	109.6	136.3	121.2	143.0	27.8	24.3	30.8	25.5	19.7	16.4
Idaho	41.7	42.5	48.4	48.1	11.7	7.1	13.6	8.0	9.8	4.8
Illinois	1,031.7	939.2	1,124.9	993.3	22.2	16.6	24.3	17.5	19.2	11.0
Indiana	476.7	349.3	524.4	385.6	21.3	12.4	23.4	13.7	20.8	10.1
Iowa ¹	181.7	152.6	212.8	186.7	17.0	10.6	20.0	13.0	14.5	6.6
Kansas ¹	129.0	89.3	157.3	110.8	12.8	7.0	15.6	8.7	11.4	4.9
Kentucky	219.2	145.9	250.8	163.0	16.5	8.6	18.8	9.6	16.4	6.9
Louisiana ¹	147.9	80.0	172.8	96.7	9.6	4.6	11.2	5.6	7.9	3.0
Maine	77.5	70.7	90.0	84.1	17.1	12.3	19.8	14.7	11.2	5.5
Maryland	329.9	329.4	412.9	379.7	16.7	12.6	20.9	14.5	13.0	6.6
Massachusetts	495.4	457.6	548.4	491.4	18.5	15.7	20.4	16.9	13.0	7.8
Michigan	1,004.5	770.5	1,071.0	801.1	28.4	18.8	30.3	19.6	23.5	13.1
Minnesota	407.5	391.7	452.7	412.2	22.6	16.1	25.1	17.0	16.7	9.4
Mississippi ¹	81.3	57.3	94.5	79.0	9.3	5.3	10.8	7.3	8.4	4.1
Missouri	378.3	284.6	418.9	326.5	18.7	11.2	20.7	12.8	19.1	9.3
Montana	57.3	47.3	66.9	61.1	19.4	12.2	22.7	15.7	14.9	5.9
Nebraska ¹	78.8	70.0	99.0	90.3	12.7	8.3	16.0	10.7	10.3	4.2
Nevada	89.7	199.0	102.1	216.7	21.6	16.7	24.6	18.2	19.5	13.9
New Hampshire	48.8	67.0	54.8	78.8	10.7	10.6	12.0	12.4	6.9	4.0
New Jersey	821.0	703.1	937.2	731.1	24.9	18.3	28.4	19.0	19.0	10.3
New Mexico	49.4	58.4	62.4	94.0	10.0	7.2	12.7	11.6	8.9	4.1
New York	2,102.3	2,029.3	2,298.3	2,170.4	30.2	24.9	33.0	26.6	21.3	14.4
North Carolina ¹	167.0	132.5	209.5	189.1	6.4	3.5	8.0	5.0	4.7	2.0
North Dakota ¹	27.9	18.9	34.2	25.2	11.4	6.1	14.0	8.2	6.4	3.1
Ohio	999.0	715.8	1,090.9	782.7	23.6	14.2	25.7	15.5	20.7	9.3
Oklahoma ²	128.4	101.6	151.0	126.8	10.5	6.6	12.3	8.3	8.2	3.8
Oregon	231.6	259.2	260.8	271.8	22.7	16.6	25.6	17.4	16.7	9.0
Pennsylvania	1,055.4	847.1	1,174.7	898.9	22.8	15.4	25.4	16.3	19.1	10.3
Rhode Island	90.2	77.7	97.7	81.8	21.1	16.5	22.9	17.4	12.7	8.7
South Carolina ¹	58.8	69.9	72.5	104.7	4.5	3.9	5.6	5.8	3.8	2.4
South Dakota ¹	27.9	18.4	34.5	23.7	11.2	5.0	13.8	6.4	7.5	2.5
Tennessee ¹	236.8	138.7	281.8	166.2	13.1	5.5	15.6	6.6	10.9	3.5
Texas ¹	474.8	448.6	626.2	559.2	7.4	4.5	9.7	5.6	5.6	2.5
Utah ¹	69.9	67.9	91.9	83.8	11.4	5.8	14.9	7.1	8.0	3.4
Vermont	28.5	29.4	35.4	36.4	12.8	10.4	15.9	12.8	7.1	4.7
Virginia ¹	236.0	145.8	296.7	178.0	9.7	4.1	12.2	5.0	8.6	2.6
Washington	405.8	577.9	469.2	626.4	25.0	19.8	28.9	21.5	18.6	13.0
West Virginia	134.7	101.3	148.3	112.5	22.7	13.8	25.0	15.3	22.2	10.7
Wisconsin ¹	435.9	395.9	463.9	422.0	22.3	15.0	23.8	16.0	17.8	9.7
Wyoming	26.8	18.6	34.2	21.4	13.8	7.7	17.6	8.9	11.2	6.2

¹ Right to work state. ² Passed right to work law in 2001.

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