

Table 649. Union Members by Selected Characteristics: 2008

[Annual averages of monthly data (129,377 represents 129,377,000). 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 (dol.)			
	Total (1,000)	Percent		Total	Union members ¹	Repre- sented by unions ²	Not repre- sented by unions
		Union mem- bers ¹	Repre- sented by unions ²				
Total ⁴	129,377	12.4	13.7	722	886	880	691
16 to 24 years old	18,705	5.0	5.7	443	560	549	434
25 to 34 years old	29,276	10.7	11.8	666	801	793	645
35 to 44 years old	29,708	13.4	14.7	804	933	926	775
45 to 54 years old	29,787	16.0	17.6	822	944	941	785
55 to 64 years old	17,430	16.6	18.4	825	927	922	790
65 years and over	4,471	9.0	10.2	644	771	773	627
Men	66,846	13.4	14.5	798	939	937	766
Women	62,532	11.4	12.9	638	809	800	615
White ⁵	105,052	12.2	13.9	742	914	907	712
Men	55,197	13.2	14.4	825	967	965	789
Women	49,855	11.1	12.6	654	837	828	627
Black ⁵	15,030	14.5	15.8	589	720	712	564
Men	6,809	15.9	17.0	620	756	751	598
Women	8,221	13.3	14.7	554	674	668	523
Asian ⁵	6,157	10.6	11.6	861	902	908	852
Men	3,216	9.6	10.6	966	927	939	973
Women	2,941	11.7	12.7	753	880	880	737
Hispanic ⁶	18,572	10.6	11.7	529	733	724	512
Men	10,998	11.0	12.0	559	778	765	526
Women	7,574	10.0	11.2	501	654	656	487
Private sector industry	108,073	7.6	8.4	694	838	829	680
Agriculture and related industries	1,057	2.8	3.4	444	(B)	(B)	446
Nonagriculture and related industries	107,016	7.7	8.5	698	840	831	683
Mining	776	6.9	7.9	1,007	1,024	1,032	1,003
Construction	7,652	15.6	16.2	712	1,014	1,012	668
Manufacturing	15,131	11.4	12.3	741	796	795	733
Wholesale and retail trade	18,622	5.2	5.9	603	643	638	601
Transportation and utilities	5,544	22.2	23.4	787	958	950	747
Information	3,056	12.7	13.7	898	1,011	1,001	871
Financial activities ⁷	8,654	1.8	2.3	814	782	782	816
Professional and business services ⁸	11,967	2.1	2.7	835	814	817	836
Education and health services ⁷	18,841	9.1	10.3	685	795	798	671
Leisure and hospitality ⁷	11,187	3.2	3.6	470	584	575	462
Other services	5,585	3.1	3.6	610	878	810	606
Public sector	21,305	36.8	40.7	842	923	918	766

B Data not shown where base is less than 50,000. 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 575. ⁶ Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be any race. ⁷ For composition of industries, see Table 612.