

**Table 664. Labor Union Membership by Sector: 1985 to 2010**

[Annual averages of monthly figures (16,996 represents 16,996,000). 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]

Sector	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>TOTAL (1,000)</b>									
<b>Wage and salary workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	16,996	16,740	16,360	16,258	15,685	15,670	16,098	15,327	14,715
Covered by unions . . . . .	19,358	19,058	18,346	17,944	17,223	17,243	17,761	16,904	16,290
<b>Public sector workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	5,743	6,485	6,927	7,111	7,430	7,557	7,832	7,897	7,623
Covered by unions . . . . .	6,921	7,691	7,987	7,976	8,262	8,373	8,676	8,678	8,406
<b>Private sector workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	11,253	10,255	9,432	9,148	8,255	8,114	8,265	7,431	7,092
Covered by unions . . . . .	12,438	11,366	10,360	9,969	8,962	8,870	9,084	8,226	7,884
<b>PERCENT</b>									
<b>Wage and salary workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	18.0	16.1	14.9	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.4	12.3	11.9
Covered by unions . . . . .	20.5	18.3	16.7	14.9	13.7	13.3	13.7	13.6	13.1
<b>Public sector workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	35.7	36.5	37.7	37.5	36.5	35.9	36.8	37.4	36.2
Covered by unions . . . . .	43.1	43.3	43.5	42.0	40.5	39.8	40.7	41.1	40.0
<b>Private sector workers:</b>									
Union members . . . . .	14.3	11.9	10.3	9.0	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.2	6.9
Covered by unions . . . . .	15.9	13.2	11.3	9.8	8.5	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.7

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**Table 665. Union Members by Selected Characteristics: 2010**

[Annual averages of monthly data (124,073 represents 124,073,000). 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 <sup>3</sup> (dollars)			
	Total (1,000)	Percent		Total	Union members <sup>1</sup>	Repre- sented by union <sup>2</sup>	Not repre- sented by union
		Union members <sup>1</sup>	Repre- sented by union <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>124,073</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>717</b>
<b>AGE</b>							
16 to 24 years old . . . . .	16,638	4.3	5.0	432	585	580	423
25 to 34 years old . . . . .	28,363	10.1	11.2	682	847	840	657
35 to 44 years old . . . . .	27,356	12.8	14.2	824	961	954	792
45 to 54 years old . . . . .	28,860	15.0	16.5	844	955	950	813
55 to 64 years old . . . . .	18,199	15.7	17.2	860	975	971	828
65 years and over . . . . .	4,657	9.3	10.4	684	823	821	665
<b>SEX</b>							
Men . . . . .	63,531	12.6	13.8	824	967	964	789
Women . . . . .	60,542	11.1	12.4	669	856	847	639
<b>RACE</b>							
White <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	101,042	11.7	13.0	765	943	936	736
Men . . . . .	52,565	12.5	13.7	850	988	985	817
Women . . . . .	48,477	10.9	12.2	684	882	872	651
Black <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	14,195	13.4	14.9	611	772	766	589
Men . . . . .	6,347	14.8	16.2	633	829	827	606
Women . . . . .	7,848	12.2	13.8	592	729	720	574
Asian <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	5,900	10.9	12.1	855	909	918	842
Men . . . . .	3,112	9.4	10.4	936	924	941	936
Women . . . . .	2,787	12.6	13.9	773	904	909	749
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>							
Hispanic <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	18,263	10.0	11.1	535	771	766	512
Men . . . . .	10,646	10.2	11.2	560	804	800	525
Women . . . . .	7,616	9.6	10.8	508	729	724	489
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>7</sup></b>							
Private sector . . . . .	103,040	6.9	7.7	717	864	855	703
Mining . . . . .	695	8.0	8.8	1,032	1,076	1,053	1,026
Construction . . . . .	6,103	13.1	13.7	735	1,051	1,046	692
Manufacturing . . . . .	13,252	10.7	11.6	767	828	817	759
Wholesale and retail trade . . . . .	17,800	4.8	5.3	612	669	657	610
Transportation and utilities . . . . .	5,195	21.8	23.2	823	1,000	994	765
Information . . . . .	2,743	9.6	10.9	912	1,018	998	895
Financial activities . . . . .	8,072	2.0	2.5	849	806	799	852
Professional and business services . . . . .	11,738	2.7	3.3	855	751	754	859
Education and health services . . . . .	19,804	8.1	9.4	731	849	846	717
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	11,111	2.7	3.0	469	580	575	461
Other services . . . . .	5,397	2.9	3.4	615	866	862	609
Public sector . . . . .	21,033	36.2	40.0	878	961	956	801

<sup>1</sup> Members of a labor union or an employee association similar to a labor union. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> For full-time employed wage and salary workers. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For persons in this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 587. <sup>6</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. <sup>7</sup> For composition of industries, see Table 632.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2010*, News Release, USDL-11-0063, January 2011. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.toc.htm>>.