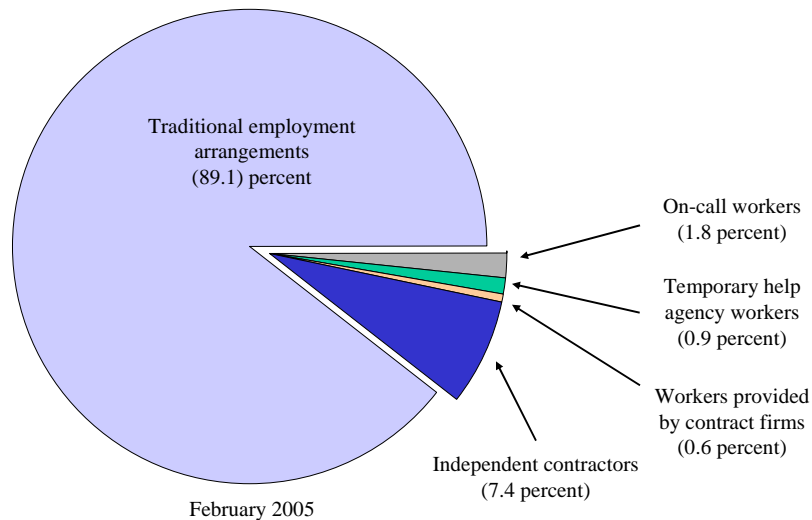


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- About 1 in every 10 workers in February 2005 was employed in an "alternative" employment arrangement. This category includes independent contractors, on-call workers, temporary help agency workers, and workers provided by contract firms.
- Independent contractors accounted for just over two-thirds of those in alternative employment arrangements.
- The vast majority of independent contractors were satisfied with their arrangement. Just over half of temporary help workers would have preferred a traditional employment arrangement.