

Table 586. Civilian Population—Employment Status: 1970 to 2010

[In thousands (137,085 represents 137,085,000), except as indicated. Annual averages of monthly figures. Civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years old and over. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Year	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force	
		Employed			Unemployed			Number	Percent of population
		Total	Percent of population	Employed	Employment/population ratio ¹	Number	Percent of labor force		
1970	137,085	82,771	60.4	78,678	57.4	4,093	4.9	54,315	39.6
1980	167,745	106,940	63.8	99,303	59.2	7,637	7.1	60,806	36.2
1990 ²	189,164	125,840	66.5	118,793	62.8	7,047	5.6	63,324	33.5
1995	198,584	132,304	66.6	124,900	62.9	7,404	5.6	66,280	33.4
1996	200,591	133,943	66.8	126,708	63.2	7,236	5.4	66,647	33.2
1997 ²	203,133	136,297	67.1	129,558	63.8	6,739	4.9	66,836	32.9
1998 ²	205,220	137,673	67.1	131,463	64.1	6,210	4.5	67,547	32.9
1999 ²	207,753	139,368	67.1	133,488	64.3	5,880	4.2	68,385	32.9
2000 ²	212,577	142,583	67.1	136,891	64.4	5,692	4.0	69,994	32.9
2001	215,092	143,734	66.8	136,933	63.7	6,801	4.7	71,359	33.2
2002	217,570	144,863	66.6	136,485	62.7	8,378	5.8	72,707	33.4
2003 ²	221,168	146,510	66.2	137,736	62.3	8,774	6.0	74,658	33.8
2004 ²	223,357	147,401	66.0	139,252	62.3	8,149	5.5	75,956	34.0
2005 ²	226,082	149,320	66.0	141,730	62.7	7,591	5.1	76,762	34.0
2006 ²	228,815	151,428	66.2	144,427	63.1	7,001	4.6	77,387	33.8
2007 ²	231,867	153,124	66.0	146,047	63.0	7,078	4.6	78,743	34.0
2008 ²	233,788	154,287	66.0	145,362	62.2	8,924	5.8	79,501	34.0
2009 ²	235,801	154,142	65.4	139,877	59.3	14,265	9.3	81,659	34.6
2010 ²	237,830	153,889	64.7	139,064	58.5	14,825	9.6	83,941	35.3

¹ Civilian employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. ² Data not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. See text, this section, and February 1994, March 1996, February 1997–99, and February 2003–11 issues of Employment and Earnings.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2011 issue, March 2011, <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.

Table 587. Civilian Labor Force and Participation Rates With Projections: 1980 to 2018

[106.9 represents 106,900,000. Civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Rates are based on annual average civilian noninstitutional population of each specified group and represent proportion of each specified group in the civilian labor force. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age	Civilian labor force (mil.)						Participation rate (percent) ¹					
	1980	1990 ²	2000 ²	2005 ²	2010 ²	2018, proj.	1980	1990 ²	2000 ²	2005 ²	2010 ²	2018, proj.
Total ³	106.9	125.8	142.6	149.3	153.9	166.9	63.8	66.5	67.1	66.0	64.7	64.5
White ⁴	93.6	107.4	118.5	122.3	125.1	132.5	64.1	66.9	67.3	66.3	65.1	64.5
Male	54.5	59.6	64.5	66.7	67.7	71.7	78.2	77.1	75.5	74.1	72.0	71.1
Female	39.1	47.8	54.1	55.6	57.4	60.8	51.2	57.4	59.5	58.9	58.5	58.2
Black ⁴	10.9	13.7	16.4	17.0	17.9	20.2	61.0	64.0	65.8	64.2	62.2	63.3
Male	5.6	6.8	7.7	8.0	8.4	9.6	70.3	71.0	69.2	67.3	65.0	65.7
Female	5.3	6.9	8.7	9.0	9.4	10.7	53.1	58.3	63.1	61.6	59.9	61.2
Asian ^{4,5}	(NA)	(NA)	6.3	6.5	7.2	9.3	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	66.1	64.7	65.0
Male	(NA)	(NA)	3.4	3.5	3.9	4.9	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	74.8	73.2	73.7
Female	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	3.0	3.4	4.4	(NA)	(NA)	59.2	58.2	57.0	57.4
Hispanic ⁶	6.1	10.7	16.7	19.8	22.7	29.3	64.0	67.4	69.7	68.0	67.5	67.3
Male	3.8	6.5	9.9	12.0	13.5	17.1	81.4	81.4	81.5	80.1	77.8	78.2
Female	2.3	4.2	6.8	7.8	9.2	12.3	47.4	53.1	57.5	55.3	56.5	56.4
Male	61.5	69.0	76.3	80.0	82.0	88.7	77.4	76.4	74.8	73.3	71.2	70.6
16 to 19 years	5.0	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.0	2.9	60.5	55.7	52.8	43.2	34.9	33.2
20 to 24 years	8.6	7.9	7.5	8.1	7.9	8.1	85.9	84.4	82.6	79.1	74.5	75.2
25 to 34 years	17.0	19.9	17.8	17.8	18.4	20.2	95.2	94.1	93.4	91.7	89.7	90.6
35 to 44 years	11.8	17.5	20.1	19.5	18.1	19.1	95.5	94.3	92.7	92.1	91.5	92.0
45 to 54 years	9.9	11.1	16.3	18.1	18.9	18.0	91.2	90.7	88.6	87.7	86.8	87.1
55 to 64 years	7.2	6.6	7.8	10.0	12.1	14.5	72.1	67.8	67.3	69.3	70.0	71.2
65 years and over	1.9	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.7	5.9	19.0	16.3	17.7	19.8	22.1	26.7
Female	45.5	56.8	66.3	69.3	71.9	78.2	51.5	57.5	59.9	59.3	58.6	58.7
16 to 19 years	4.4	3.7	4.0	3.6	2.9	2.9	52.9	51.6	51.2	44.2	35.0	34.4
20 to 24 years	7.3	6.8	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.2	68.9	71.3	73.1	70.1	68.3	67.3
25 to 34 years	12.3	16.1	14.9	14.5	15.3	16.6	65.5	73.5	76.1	73.9	74.7	74.2
35 to 44 years	8.6	14.7	17.5	16.5	15.2	15.7	65.5	76.4	77.2	75.8	75.2	74.6
45 to 54 years	7.0	9.1	14.8	16.3	17.1	16.3	59.9	71.2	76.8	76.0	75.7	76.6
55 to 64 years	4.7	4.9	6.6	8.9	11.2	14.3	41.3	45.2	51.9	57.0	60.2	65.3
65 years and over	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.3	3.0	5.2	8.1	8.6	9.4	11.5	13.8	18.9

NA Not available. ¹ Civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. ² See footnote 2, Table 586.

³ Includes other races, not shown separately. ⁴ The 2005 Current Population Survey (CPS) allowed respondents to choose more than one race. Beginning 2005, data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. Prior to 2005 the CPS only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1. ⁵ Prior to 2005, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁶ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2011; "Monthly Labor Review," November 2009; and "Employment Projections Program," <http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_data_labor_force.htm>.