

Table 588. Civilian Population—Employment Status by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity: 1970 to 2009

[In thousands (64,304 represents 64,304,000), except as indicated. Annual averages of monthly figures. See Table 586 for U.S. totals and coverage]

Year, sex, race, and Hispanic origin	Civilian noninstitutionalized population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force	
		Percent of population		Employed	Employment/population ratio ¹	Unemployed		Number	Percent of population
		Total	Employed			Number	Percent of labor force		
Male:									
1970	64,304	51,228	79.7	48,990	76.2	2,238	4.4	13,076	20.3
1980	79,398	61,453	77.4	57,186	72.0	4,267	6.9	17,945	22.6
1990 ²	90,377	69,011	76.4	65,104	72.0	3,906	5.7	21,367	23.6
2000 ²	101,964	76,280	74.8	73,305	71.9	2,975	3.9	25,684	25.2
2005 ²	109,151	80,033	73.3	75,973	69.6	4,059	5.1	29,119	26.7
2008 ²	113,113	82,520	73.0	77,486	68.5	5,033	6.1	30,593	27.0
2009 ²	114,136	82,123	72.0	73,670	64.5	8,453	10.3	32,013	28.0
2010 ²	115,174	81,985	71.2	73,359	63.7	8,626	10.5	33,189	28.8
Female:									
1970	72,782	31,543	43.3	29,688	40.8	1,855	5.9	41,239	56.7
1980	88,348	45,487	51.5	42,117	47.7	3,370	7.4	42,861	48.5
1990 ²	98,787	56,829	57.5	53,689	54.3	3,140	5.5	41,957	42.5
2000 ²	110,613	66,303	59.9	63,586	57.5	2,717	4.1	44,310	40.1
2005 ²	116,931	69,288	59.3	65,757	56.2	3,531	5.1	47,643	40.7
2008 ²	120,675	71,767	59.5	67,876	56.2	3,891	5.4	48,908	40.5
2009 ²	121,665	72,019	59.2	66,208	54.4	5,811	8.1	49,646	40.8
2010 ²	122,656	71,904	58.6	65,705	53.6	6,199	8.6	50,752	41.4
White:³									
1980	146,122	93,600	64.1	87,715	60.0	5,884	6.3	52,523	35.9
1990 ²	160,625	107,447	66.9	102,261	63.7	5,186	4.8	53,178	33.1
2000 ²	176,220	118,545	67.3	114,424	64.9	4,121	3.5	57,675	32.7
2005 ²	184,446	122,299	66.3	116,949	63.4	5,350	4.4	62,148	33.7
2008 ²	189,540	125,635	66.3	119,126	62.8	6,509	5.2	63,905	33.7
2009 ²	190,902	125,644	65.8	114,996	60.2	10,648	8.5	65,258	34.2
2010 ²	192,075	125,084	65.1	114,168	59.4	10,916	8.7	66,991	34.9
Black:³									
1980	17,824	10,865	61.0	9,313	52.2	1,553	14.3	6,959	39.0
1990 ²	21,477	13,740	64.0	12,175	56.7	1,565	11.4	7,737	36.0
2000 ²	24,902	16,397	65.8	15,156	60.9	1,241	7.6	8,505	34.2
2005 ²	26,517	17,013	64.2	15,313	57.7	1,700	10.0	9,504	35.8
2008 ²	27,843	17,740	63.7	15,953	57.3	1,788	10.1	10,103	36.3
2009 ²	28,241	17,632	62.4	15,025	53.2	2,606	14.8	10,609	37.6
2010 ²	28,708	17,862	62.2	15,010	52.3	2,852	16.0	10,846	37.8
Asian:^{3,4}									
2000	9,330	6,270	67.2	6,043	64.8	227	3.6	3,060	32.8
2005 ²	9,842	6,503	66.1	6,244	63.4	259	4.0	3,339	33.9
2008 ²	10,751	7,202	67.0	6,917	64.3	285	4.0	3,549	33.0
2009 ²	10,842	7,156	66.0	6,635	61.2	522	7.3	3,685	34.0
2010 ²	11,199	7,248	64.7	6,705	59.9	543	7.5	3,951	35.3
Hispanic:⁵									
1980	9,598	6,146	64.0	5,527	57.6	620	10.1	3,451	36.0
1990 ²	15,904	10,720	67.4	9,845	61.9	876	8.2	5,184	32.6
2000 ²	23,938	16,689	69.7	15,735	65.7	954	5.7	7,249	30.3
2005 ²	29,133	19,824	68.0	18,632	64.0	1,191	6.0	9,310	32.0
2008 ²	32,141	22,024	68.5	20,346	63.3	1,678	7.6	10,116	31.5
2009 ²	32,891	22,352	68.0	19,647	59.7	2,706	12.1	10,539	32.0
2010 ²	33,713	22,748	67.5	19,906	59.0	2,843	12.5	10,964	32.5
Mexican:									
1990 ²	9,752	6,707	68.8	6,146	63.0	561	8.4	3,045	31.2
2000 ²	15,333	10,783	70.3	10,144	66.2	639	5.9	4,550	29.7
2005 ²	18,523	12,671	68.4	11,887	64.2	784	6.2	5,851	31.6
2008 ²	20,474	14,009	68.4	12,931	63.2	1,078	7.7	6,465	31.6
2009 ²	20,923	14,210	67.9	12,478	59.6	1,732	12.2	6,713	32.1
2010 ²	21,267	14,403	67.7	12,622	59.4	1,781	12.4	6,864	32.3
Puerto Rican:									
1990 ²	1,718	960	55.9	870	50.6	91	9.5	758	44.1
2000 ²	2,193	1,411	64.3	1,318	60.1	92	6.6	783	35.7
2005 ²	2,654	1,619	61.0	1,492	56.2	126	7.8	1,035	39.0
2008 ²	2,854	1,822	63.9	1,634	57.3	188	10.3	1,032	36.2
2009 ²	2,962	1,850	62.4	1,594	53.8	256	13.8	1,113	37.6
2010 ²	3,110	1,906	61.3	1,612	51.8	293	15.4	1,204	38.7
Cuban:²									
1990 ²	918	603	65.7	559	60.9	44	7.2	315	34.3
2000 ²	1,174	740	63.1	707	60.3	33	4.5	434	37.0
2005 ²	1,259	755	60.0	730	58.0	25	3.3	503	40.0
2008 ²	1,422	897	63.1	841	59.1	57	6.3	525	36.9
2009 ²	1,442	877	60.8	795	55.1	82	9.4	565	39.2
2010 ²	1,549	970	62.6	850	54.9	120	12.4	579	37.4

¹ Civilian employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. ² See footnote 2, Table 586. ³ 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. The CPS in prior years only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1. ⁴ Prior to 2005, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. Includes persons of other Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, not shown separately.

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