

**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>									
Wage and salary workers:									
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
Public sector workers:									
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
Private sector workers:									
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>									
Wage and salary workers:									
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
Public sector workers:									
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
Private sector workers:									
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

Source: The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Arlington, VA, *Union Membership and Earnings Data Book: Compilations from the Current Population Survey* (2011 edition), (copyright by The Bureau of National Affairs, BNA PLUS); authored by Barry Hirsch of Georgia State University and David Macpherson of Trinity University. See also <<http://bnaplus.bna.com/LaborReports.aspx>> and <<http://unionstats.gsu.edu/>>.

**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>>.