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Overview

The U.S. job market continued to deteriorate in 2009, and all major race and ethnicity groups continued to experience labor market difficulties. For the second year in a row, employment fell more sharply for Blacks and Hispanics than for Whites and Asians. Unemployment rates remained especially high for Blacks and Hispanics in 2009, reaching 14.8 percent for Blacks and 12.1 percent for Hispanics. These figures were much higher than the unemployment rates for Whites and Asians, at 8.5 percent and 7.3 percent, respectively.

In general, the labor market problems experienced by Blacks and Hispanics are associated with many factors, not all of which are measurable. Some of these factors include a tendency to be employed in occupations with high levels of unemployment, lower average levels of schooling, greater concentration in the central cities of urban areas where job opportunities may be relatively limited, and the likelihood of discrimination in the workplace. These factors and others may help explain the acute labor market difficulties Blacks and Hispanics encounter, especially during economic downturns.

This report describes the labor force characteristics and earnings patterns among the major race and ethnicity groups and provides detailed data through a set of supporting tables. These data are obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of 60,000 households that is a rich source of information on the labor force. For definitions of terms and concepts used in this report, see the Technical Note on page 47. Additional information about the CPS can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm>.

Labor force participation

- From 2008 to 2009, the overall labor force participation rate declined by 0.6 percentage point to 65.4 percent. The decrease in labor force participation in 2009 occurred across all of the major race and ethnicity groups, although the largest declines occurred among Blacks and Asians. Over the year, the labor force participation rate of Blacks declined by 1.3 percentage points to 62.4 percent, and the labor force participation rate of Asians was down by 1.0 percentage point to 66.0 percent. The participation rates of Hispanics and Whites both declined by 0.5 percentage point, to 68.0 and 65.8 percent, respectively. (See tables 1 and 2.)

Employment

- From 2008 to 2009, the employment-population ratios (the proportion of the population that is employed) fell for all race and ethnicity groups, reflecting continued declines in employment. The declines were largest for Blacks and Hispanics; the rate for Blacks fell by 4.1 percentage points to 53.2 percent, and the rate for Hispanics fell by 3.6 percentage points to 59.7 percent. The employment-population ratios for Asians and Whites fell by 3.1 and 2.6 percentage points, to 61.2 and 60.2 percent, respectively. (See tables 1 and 3.)
- In 2009, the employment-population ratios fell more steeply for men than for women, across all race and ethnicity groups. The decline was largest for Black men, whose employment-population ratio fell by 5.4 percentage points to 53.7 percent from 2008 to 2009. The decline in employment-population ratio was smallest for Asian men, with a 3.5-percentage-point decline to 68.7 percent.
- Among adult men (age 20 and older), Hispanics had the highest employment-population ratio (73.5 percent) in 2009, followed by Asians (72.2 percent) and Whites (68.7 percent). The employment-population ratio for Black men, at 58.2 percent, remained lower than the ratios for men in other groups in 2009, continuing a long-term pattern. Among adult women, Asians had the highest employment-population ratio, at 56.7 percent, followed by Whites (56.3 percent) and Blacks (56.1 percent). Unlike the ratio for Hispanic men, the ratio for Hispanic women (52.9 percent) was lower than that of their Asian, Black, and White counterparts. (See table 1.)
- Among teenagers ages 16 to 19, the employment-population ratio tends to be higher for Whites than for Hispanics, Asians, and Blacks. In 2009, the ratio for White teens (31.7 percent) was about twice that of the ratios for Asian (15.3 percent) and Black (16.5 percent) teenagers. The ratio for Hispanic teens was 23.7 percent. All teenage groups continued to experience declines in their employment-population ratios in 2009, reflecting, at least in part, the downturn in the economy.

Education

- Among people age 25 and older in the labor force in 2009, about 90 percent of Whites, Blacks, and Asians had at least a high school diploma. In contrast, about 67 percent of Hispanics had completed high school. Asians were most likely to have graduated from college; 59 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 35 percent of Whites, 24 percent of Blacks, and 16 percent of Hispanics. The proportion of college graduates in all the race and ethnicity groups has increased over time. (See table 4.)
- For all race and ethnicity groups, higher levels of education are associated with a greater likelihood of employment and a lower likelihood of unemployment. Individuals with higher levels of education generally have better access to higher paying jobs—such as those in management, professional, and related occupations—than individuals with less education. Nonetheless, at nearly every level of education, Blacks and Hispanics were more likely to be unemployed in 2009 than Asians or Whites.

Occupation and industry

- Blacks and Hispanics are less likely to be in management, professional, and related occupations—the highest paying major job category—than Whites and Asians. (See table 5.)
- In 2009, half (50 percent) of Asian men worked in management, professional, and related occupations, compared with 35 percent of White men, 24 percent of Black men, and 16 percent of Hispanic men. About 4 in 10 Black and Hispanic men were employed in service jobs and sales and office jobs in 2009, whereas about 3 in 10 Asian and White men were employed in the same occupations. Black men also were more likely than men in other race and ethnicity groups to work in production, transportation, and material moving occupations. Nearly one-half of Hispanic men were employed in two job groups—natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations and production, transportation, and material moving occupations.
- In 2009, Asian women were more likely than women in other race and ethnicity groups to be employed in management, professional, and related jobs—about 47 percent of Asian women, compared with about 41 percent of White women, 34 percent of Black women, and 25 percent of Hispanic women. In contrast, 64 percent of Hispanic women worked in service jobs and in sales and office jobs, compared with about 59 percent of Black women, 53 percent of White women, and 46 percent of Asian women.
- In 2009, Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of all employed workers but were disproportionately represented by a substantial amount in several job

categories, including construction laborers (44 percent), maids and housekeeping cleaners (42 percent), and grounds maintenance workers (40 percent). Blacks made up 11 percent of all employed workers, but they accounted for about one-quarter or more of those in several specific occupations, including nursing aides (34 percent), security guards (29 percent), and taxi drivers and bus drivers (about 25 percent each). Asians accounted for 5 percent of all employed workers but made up a much larger share of workers in several job categories, including medical scientists (33 percent), computer software engineers (27 percent), and physicians and surgeons (16 percent). (See table 6.)

- By industry, black workers were overrepresented in education and health services, transportation and utilities, and public administration in 2009. Hispanic men were more heavily concentrated in construction (19 percent) than White (13 percent), Black (7 percent), and Asian (4 percent) men. Both Hispanic men and women were disproportionately employed in the leisure and hospitality sector. Asians were overrepresented in professional and business services, in manufacturing, and in leisure and hospitality. (See table 7.)

Families and mothers

- The likelihood of having an employed family member declined from 2008 to 2009 for all the major race and ethnicity groups. Asian families remained the most likely to have an employed family member in 2009 (88 percent), followed by Hispanic families (84 percent) and White families (81 percent). Black families remained the least likely to have an employed family member in 2009 (75 percent). (See table 8.)
- In 2009, nearly one-half (44 percent) of Black families and about one-fourth (25 percent) of Hispanic families were maintained by women (with no spouse present). About 15 percent of White families and 13 percent of Asian families were maintained by women. In general, families maintained by women are less likely to have an employed member than other families.
- Historically, Black mothers with children under 18 years of age have been more likely than White, Asian, and Hispanic mothers to be in the labor force. Among mothers with children under 18 in 2009, 76.3 percent of Black mothers were labor force participants, compared with 70.9 percent of White mothers, 68.0 percent Asian mothers, and 61.5 percent of Hispanic mothers. (See table 9.)

Unemployment and not in the labor force

- Among the major race and ethnicity groups, Blacks had the highest unemployment rate in 2009, at 14.8 percent, compared with 12.1 percent for Hispanics,

8.5 percent for Whites, and 7.3 percent for Asians. Historically, the jobless rate for Blacks in general has been at least twice that for Whites, whereas the unemployment rate for Hispanics has hovered between the rates for Whites and Blacks. From 2008 to 2009, unemployment rates increased for all the major race and ethnicity groups. (See tables 1 and 10.)

- Higher unemployment rates for Blacks and Hispanics occur across all major age and sex groups. In 2009, the rates for Black adult men and women (age 20 and older) were 16.3 and 11.5 percent, respectively, compared with 11.6 and 10.6 percent for Hispanic adult men and women, respectively. In comparison, the unemployment rates were 8.8 percent for White adult men and 6.8 percent for White adult women. The unemployment rates for Asian adult men and women were somewhat lower, at 7.5 and 6.2 percent, respectively. (See table 1.)
- Teenagers ages 16 to 19 are especially vulnerable to joblessness. Among the major race and ethnicity groups in 2009, Black teenagers had the highest unemployment rate (39.5 percent), compared with 30.2 percent for Hispanics, 26.4 percent for Asians, and 21.8 percent for Whites.
- Unemployed Blacks tend to be jobless for longer periods than unemployed workers in other groups. In 2009, the median duration of unemployment for Blacks was 19.7 weeks, compared with 16.6 weeks for Asians, 14.2 weeks for Whites, and 13.5 weeks for Hispanics. The median duration of unemployment reached record highs in 2009 for all race and ethnicity groups. (See table 11.)
- Of the 14.3 million total unemployed people in 2009, 64 percent (9.2 million) were job losers (that is, those workers who lost their jobs). Reentrants to the labor force (22 percent), job leavers (6 percent), and new entrants (7 percent) constituted the balance of unemployed people. Over the year, the number of job losers who did not expect to be recalled to work (that is, those workers who were not on temporary layoff) accounted for nearly 90 percent of the increase in unemployed job losers. Between 2008 and 2009, the number of people who were not laid off temporarily increased significantly among all the major race and ethnicity groups. (See table 12.)
- Black men are more likely than other men to be out of the labor force. Among men ages 25 to 54, the proportion of Blacks who did not participate in the labor force in 2009 was higher than that of Whites, Asians, and Hispanics. Among women of the same age, the percentage of Hispanics not in the labor force was higher than that for Whites, Blacks, and Asians. (See table 13.)

- In 2009, Blacks made up 11 percent of the civilian labor force, but also made up 23 percent of people marginally attached to the labor force. People marginally attached to the labor force are those individuals who were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the previous 12 months—but not in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Hispanics and Asians were represented nearly proportionately among the marginally attached. Blacks also made up a high proportion of discouraged workers (25 percent) in 2009. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, are people who are not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them.

Earnings

- Hispanics and Blacks have considerably lower earnings than Asians and Whites. In 2009, the median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers were \$541 for Hispanics and \$601 for Blacks, compared with \$757 for Whites and \$880 for Asians. The earnings of Black men (\$621) and Hispanic men (\$569) were 65 and 60 percent, respectively, of the earnings of Asian men (\$952). Among women, the median earnings of Black women (\$582) and Hispanic women (\$509) were 75 and 65 percent, respectively, of the earnings of Asian women (\$779). The median earnings for White men and women were 89 and 86 percent of their Asian counterparts in 2009. (See table 14.)
- For men, the earnings disparity between Black or Hispanic workers and Asian or White workers holds across all major occupational groups. For example, in 2009, median usual weekly earnings of Asian men (\$1,357) and White men (\$1,266) working full time in management, professional, and related occupations were well above the earnings of Hispanic men (\$1,017) and Black men (\$922) in the same occupations. This disparity is evident toward the other end of the earnings spectrum as well; Hispanic and Black men employed in production, transportation, and material moving occupations had median earnings of \$516 and \$582 per week, respectively, which were less than the median earnings of their White (\$666) or Asian (\$617) counterparts. (See table 16.)
- Among women, the earnings gap is generally smaller than the earnings gap for men, and, in some major occupational categories, earnings levels are fairly close. For example, in service occupations, the earnings of White and Black women were about 93 percent of the earnings of Asian women in 2009, and the earnings of Hispanic women were 84 percent of that of Asian women.

Table 1. **Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, both sexes					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	235,801	190,902	28,241	10,842	32,891
Civilian labor force.....	154,142	125,644	17,632	7,156	22,352
Percent of population.....	65.4	65.8	62.4	66.0	68.0
Employed.....	139,877	114,996	15,025	6,635	19,647
Percent of population.....	59.3	60.2	53.2	61.2	59.7
Unemployed.....	14,265	10,648	2,606	522	2,706
Unemployment rate.....	9.3	8.5	14.8	7.3	12.1
Not in labor force.....	81,659	65,258	10,609	3,685	10,539
Men, 16 years and older					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	114,136	93,433	12,705	5,170	16,897
Civilian labor force.....	82,123	68,051	8,265	3,857	13,310
Percent of population.....	72.0	72.8	65.0	74.6	78.8
Employed.....	73,670	61,630	6,817	3,551	11,640
Percent of population.....	64.5	66.0	53.7	68.7	68.9
Unemployed.....	8,453	6,421	1,448	306	1,670
Unemployment rate.....	10.3	9.4	17.5	7.9	12.5
Not in labor force.....	32,013	25,382	4,441	1,314	3,588
Men, 20 years and older					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	105,493	86,789	11,379	4,837	15,305
Civilian labor force.....	78,897	65,372	7,914	3,777	12,730
Percent of population.....	74.8	75.3	69.6	78.1	83.2
Employed.....	71,341	59,626	6,628	3,493	11,256
Percent of population.....	67.6	68.7	58.2	72.2	73.5
Unemployed.....	7,555	5,746	1,286	284	1,474
Unemployment rate.....	9.6	8.8	16.3	7.5	11.6
Not in labor force.....	26,596	21,417	3,465	1,060	2,575
Women, 16 years and older					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	121,665	97,469	15,536	5,671	15,993
Civilian labor force.....	72,019	57,593	9,367	3,300	9,043
Percent of population.....	59.2	59.1	60.3	58.2	56.5
Employed.....	66,208	53,366	8,208	3,084	8,007
Percent of population.....	54.4	54.8	52.8	54.4	50.1
Unemployed.....	5,811	4,227	1,159	216	1,036
Unemployment rate.....	8.1	7.3	12.4	6.6	11.5
Not in labor force.....	49,646	39,876	6,169	2,371	6,951
Women, 20 years and older					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	113,265	91,078	14,178	5,372	14,463
Civilian labor force.....	68,856	54,976	8,988	3,248	8,560
Percent of population.....	60.8	60.4	63.4	60.5	59.2
Employed.....	63,699	51,231	7,956	3,045	7,649
Percent of population.....	56.2	56.3	56.1	56.7	52.9
Unemployed.....	5,157	3,745	1,032	203	911
Unemployment rate.....	7.5	6.8	11.5	6.2	10.6
Not in labor force.....	44,409	36,101	5,190	2,124	5,903
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	17,043	13,035	2,684	632	3,123
Civilian labor force.....	6,390	5,295	729	131	1,063
Percent of population.....	37.5	40.6	27.2	20.8	34.0
Employed.....	4,837	4,138	442	97	742
Percent of population.....	28.4	31.7	16.5	15.3	23.7
Unemployed.....	1,552	1,157	288	35	321
Unemployment rate.....	24.3	21.8	39.5	26.4	30.2
Not in labor force.....	10,654	7,740	1,954	501	2,061

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 2. Labor force participation rates by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1972–2009 annual averages

(Percent)

Year	Total			White			Black or African American			Asian			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1972.....	60.4	78.9	43.9	60.4	79.6	43.2	59.9	73.6	48.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
1973.....	60.8	78.8	44.7	60.8	79.4	44.1	60.2	73.4	49.3	—	—	—	60.2	81.5	41.0
1974.....	61.3	78.7	45.7	61.4	79.4	45.2	59.8	72.9	49.0	—	—	—	61.1	81.7	42.4
1975.....	61.2	77.9	46.3	61.5	78.7	45.9	58.8	70.9	48.8	—	—	—	60.8	80.7	43.2
1976.....	61.6	77.5	47.3	61.8	78.4	46.9	59.0	70.0	49.8	—	—	—	60.8	79.6	44.3
1977.....	62.3	77.7	48.4	62.5	78.5	48.0	59.8	70.6	50.8	—	—	—	61.6	80.9	44.3
1978.....	63.2	77.9	50.0	63.3	78.6	49.4	61.5	71.5	53.1	—	—	—	62.9	81.1	46.6
1979.....	63.7	77.8	50.9	63.9	78.6	50.5	61.4	71.3	53.1	—	—	—	63.6	81.3	47.4
1980.....	63.8	77.4	51.5	64.1	78.2	51.2	61.0	70.3	53.1	—	—	—	64.0	81.4	47.4
1981.....	63.9	77.0	52.1	64.3	77.9	51.9	60.8	70.0	53.5	—	—	—	64.1	80.6	48.3
1982.....	64.0	76.6	52.6	64.3	77.4	52.4	61.0	70.1	53.7	—	—	—	63.6	79.7	48.1
1983.....	64.0	76.4	52.9	64.3	77.1	52.7	61.5	70.6	54.2	—	—	—	63.8	80.3	47.7
1984.....	64.4	76.4	53.6	64.6	77.1	53.3	62.2	70.8	55.2	—	—	—	64.9	80.6	49.7
1985.....	64.8	76.3	54.5	65.0	77.0	54.1	62.9	70.8	56.5	—	—	—	64.6	80.4	49.3
1986.....	65.3	76.3	55.3	65.5	76.9	55.0	63.3	71.2	56.9	—	—	—	65.4	81.0	50.1
1987.....	65.6	76.2	56.0	65.8	76.8	55.7	63.8	71.1	58.0	—	—	—	66.4	81.0	52.0
1988.....	65.9	76.2	56.6	66.2	76.9	56.4	63.8	71.0	58.0	—	—	—	67.4	81.9	53.2
1989.....	66.5	76.4	57.4	66.7	77.1	57.2	64.2	71.0	58.7	—	—	—	67.6	82.0	53.5
1990.....	66.5	76.4	57.5	66.9	77.1	57.4	64.0	71.0	58.3	—	—	—	67.4	81.4	53.1
1991.....	66.2	75.8	57.4	66.6	76.5	57.4	63.3	70.4	57.5	—	—	—	66.5	80.3	52.4
1992.....	66.4	75.8	57.8	66.8	76.5	57.7	63.9	70.7	58.5	—	—	—	66.8	80.7	52.8
1993.....	66.3	75.4	57.9	66.8	76.2	58.0	63.2	69.6	57.9	—	—	—	66.2	80.2	52.1
1994.....	66.6	75.1	58.8	67.1	75.9	58.9	63.4	69.1	58.7	—	—	—	66.1	79.2	52.9
1995.....	66.6	75.0	58.9	67.1	75.7	59.0	63.7	69.0	59.5	—	—	—	65.8	79.1	52.6
1996.....	66.8	74.9	59.3	67.2	75.8	59.1	64.1	68.7	60.4	—	—	—	66.5	79.6	53.4
1997.....	67.1	75.0	59.8	67.5	75.9	59.5	64.7	68.3	61.7	—	—	—	67.9	80.1	55.1
1998.....	67.1	74.9	59.8	67.3	75.6	59.4	65.6	69.0	62.8	—	—	—	67.9	79.8	55.6
1999.....	67.1	74.7	60.0	67.3	75.6	59.6	65.8	68.7	63.5	—	—	—	67.7	79.8	55.9
2000.....	67.1	74.8	59.9	67.3	75.5	59.5	65.8	69.2	63.1	67.2	76.1	59.2	69.7	81.5	57.5
2001.....	66.8	74.4	59.8	67.0	75.1	59.4	65.3	68.4	62.8	67.2	76.2	59.0	69.5	81.0	57.6
2002.....	66.6	74.1	59.6	66.8	74.8	59.3	64.8	68.4	61.8	67.2	75.9	59.1	69.1	80.2	57.6
2003.....	66.2	73.5	59.5	66.5	74.2	59.2	64.3	67.3	61.9	66.4	75.6	58.3	68.3	80.1	55.9
2004.....	66.0	73.3	59.2	66.3	74.1	58.9	63.8	66.7	61.5	65.9	75.0	57.6	68.6	80.4	56.1
2005.....	66.0	73.3	59.3	66.3	74.1	58.9	64.2	67.3	61.6	66.1	74.8	58.2	68.0	80.1	55.3
2006.....	66.2	73.5	59.4	66.5	74.3	59.0	64.1	67.0	61.7	66.2	75.0	58.3	68.7	80.7	56.1
2007.....	66.0	73.2	59.3	66.4	74.0	59.0	63.7	66.8	61.1	66.5	75.1	58.6	68.8	80.5	56.5
2008.....	66.0	73.0	59.5	66.3	73.7	59.2	63.7	66.7	61.3	67.0	75.3	59.4	68.5	80.2	56.2
2009.....	65.4	72.0	59.2	65.8	72.8	59.1	62.4	65.0	60.3	66.0	74.6	58.2	68.0	78.8	56.5

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for White, Black or African American, and Asian race groups include people who selected that race group only; previously, those respondents with a multiracial background were included in the group they identified as the main race. Asian estimates for 2000–02 include Asian and Pacific Islanders; beginning in 2003, Asians are a separate category. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash indicates data not available.

Table 3. Employment-population ratios by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1972–2009 annual averages

(Percent)

Year	Total			White			Black or African American			Asian			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1972.....	57.0	75.0	41.0	57.4	76.0	40.7	53.7	66.8	43.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
1973.....	57.8	75.5	42.0	58.2	76.5	41.8	54.5	67.5	43.8	—	—	—	55.6	76.0	37.3
1974.....	57.8	74.9	42.6	58.3	75.9	42.4	53.5	65.8	43.5	—	—	—	56.2	75.7	38.4
1975.....	56.1	71.7	42.0	56.7	73.0	42.0	50.1	60.6	41.6	—	—	—	53.4	71.5	37.4
1976.....	56.8	72.0	43.2	57.5	73.4	43.2	50.8	60.6	42.8	—	—	—	53.8	71.1	38.6
1977.....	57.9	72.8	44.5	58.6	74.1	44.5	51.4	61.4	43.3	—	—	—	55.4	73.6	39.1
1978.....	59.3	73.8	46.4	60.0	75.0	46.3	53.6	63.3	45.8	—	—	—	57.2	74.9	41.3
1979.....	59.9	73.8	47.5	60.6	75.1	47.5	53.8	63.4	46.0	—	—	—	58.3	75.6	42.5
1980.....	59.2	72.0	47.7	60.0	73.4	47.8	52.3	60.4	45.7	—	—	—	57.6	73.5	42.4
1981.....	59.0	71.3	48.0	60.0	72.8	48.3	51.3	59.1	45.1	—	—	—	57.4	72.4	43.0
1982.....	57.8	69.0	47.7	58.8	70.6	48.1	49.4	56.0	44.2	—	—	—	54.9	68.9	41.3
1983.....	57.9	68.8	48.0	58.9	70.4	48.5	49.5	56.3	44.1	—	—	—	55.1	69.4	41.1
1984.....	59.5	70.7	49.5	60.5	72.1	49.8	52.3	59.2	46.7	—	—	—	57.9	72.1	44.2
1985.....	60.1	70.9	50.4	61.0	72.3	50.7	53.4	60.0	48.1	—	—	—	57.8	72.1	43.8
1986.....	60.7	71.0	51.4	61.5	72.3	51.7	54.1	60.6	48.8	—	—	—	58.5	72.5	44.7
1987.....	61.5	71.5	52.5	62.3	72.7	52.8	55.6	62.0	50.3	—	—	—	60.5	74.0	47.4
1988.....	62.3	72.0	53.4	63.1	73.2	53.8	56.3	62.7	51.2	—	—	—	61.9	75.3	48.8
1989.....	63.0	72.5	54.3	63.8	73.7	54.6	56.9	62.8	52.0	—	—	—	62.2	75.8	48.8
1990.....	62.8	72.0	54.3	63.7	73.3	54.7	56.7	62.6	51.9	—	—	—	61.9	74.9	48.6
1991.....	61.7	70.4	53.7	62.6	71.6	54.2	55.4	61.3	50.6	—	—	—	59.8	72.1	47.3
1992.....	61.5	69.8	53.8	62.4	71.1	54.2	54.9	59.9	50.8	—	—	—	59.1	71.2	46.8
1993.....	61.7	70.0	54.1	62.7	71.4	54.6	55.0	60.0	50.9	—	—	—	59.1	71.7	46.3
1994.....	62.5	70.4	55.3	63.5	71.8	55.8	56.1	60.8	52.3	—	—	—	59.5	71.7	47.2
1995.....	62.9	70.8	55.6	63.8	72.0	56.1	57.1	61.7	53.4	—	—	—	59.7	72.1	47.3
1996.....	63.2	70.9	56.0	64.1	72.3	56.3	57.4	61.1	54.4	—	—	—	60.6	73.3	47.9
1997.....	63.8	71.3	56.8	64.6	72.7	57.0	58.2	61.4	55.6	—	—	—	62.6	74.5	50.2
1998.....	64.1	71.6	57.1	64.7	72.7	57.1	59.7	62.9	57.2	—	—	—	63.1	74.7	51.0
1999.....	64.3	71.6	57.4	64.8	72.8	57.3	60.6	63.1	58.6	—	—	—	63.4	75.3	51.7
2000.....	64.4	71.9	57.5	64.9	73.0	57.4	60.9	63.6	58.6	64.8	73.3	57.1	65.7	77.4	53.6
2001.....	63.7	70.9	57.0	64.2	72.0	57.0	59.7	62.1	57.8	64.2	72.7	56.4	64.9	76.2	53.3
2002.....	62.7	69.7	56.3	63.4	70.8	56.4	58.1	61.1	55.8	63.2	71.3	55.8	63.9	74.5	52.9
2003.....	62.3	68.9	56.1	63.0	70.1	56.3	57.4	59.5	55.6	62.4	70.9	54.9	63.1	74.3	51.2
2004.....	62.3	69.2	56.0	63.1	70.4	56.1	57.2	59.3	55.5	63.0	71.6	55.1	63.8	75.1	51.8
2005.....	62.7	69.6	56.2	63.4	70.8	56.3	57.7	60.2	55.7	63.4	71.8	55.9	64.0	75.8	51.5
2006.....	63.1	70.1	56.6	63.8	71.3	56.6	58.4	60.6	56.5	64.2	72.7	56.5	65.2	76.8	52.8
2007.....	63.0	69.8	56.6	63.6	70.9	56.7	58.4	60.7	56.5	64.3	72.8	56.6	64.9	76.2	53.0
2008.....	62.2	68.5	56.2	62.8	69.7	56.3	57.3	59.1	55.8	64.3	72.2	57.2	63.3	74.1	51.9
2009.....	59.3	64.5	54.4	60.2	66.0	54.8	53.2	53.7	52.8	61.2	68.7	54.4	59.7	68.9	50.1

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for White, Black or African American, and Asian race groups include people who selected that race group only; previously, those respondents with a multiracial background were included in the group they identified as the main race. Asian estimates for 2000–02 include Asian and Pacific Islanders; beginning in 2003, Asians are a separate category. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash indicates data not available.

Table 4. Employment status of people 25 years and older by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total, 25 years and older	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree and higher
Total						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	198,233	26,129	61,469	33,518	18,208	58,909
Civilian labor force.....	132,781	12,146	38,186	23,005	13,810	45,634
Percent of population.....	67.0	46.5	62.1	68.6	75.8	77.5
Employed.....	122,277	10,371	34,487	21,016	12,872	43,531
Employment-population ratio.....	61.7	39.7	56.1	62.7	70.7	73.9
Unemployed.....	10,505	1,775	3,699	1,989	938	2,103
Unemployment rate.....	7.9	14.6	9.7	8.6	6.8	4.6
Men						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	95,209	13,028	29,737	15,698	7,819	28,927
Civilian labor force.....	71,057	7,716	21,442	11,872	6,364	23,664
Percent of population.....	74.6	59.2	72.1	75.6	81.4	81.8
Employed.....	64,831	6,569	19,085	10,772	5,864	22,541
Employment-population ratio.....	68.1	50.4	64.2	68.6	75.0	77.9
Unemployed.....	6,226	1,147	2,357	1,099	500	1,123
Unemployment rate.....	8.8	14.9	11.0	9.3	7.9	4.7
Women						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	103,024	13,101	31,731	17,820	10,389	29,982
Civilian labor force.....	61,724	4,430	16,744	11,134	7,446	21,970
Percent of population.....	59.9	33.8	52.8	62.5	71.7	73.3
Employed.....	57,445	3,802	15,402	10,244	7,008	20,990
Employment-population ratio.....	55.8	29.0	48.5	57.5	67.5	70.0
Unemployed.....	4,279	629	1,342	889	438	980
Unemployment rate.....	6.9	14.2	8.0	8.0	5.9	4.5
White						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	161,904	20,550	50,515	27,137	15,073	48,628
Civilian labor force.....	108,354	9,871	31,172	18,447	11,427	37,437
Percent of population.....	66.9	48.0	61.7	68.0	75.8	77.0
Employed.....	100,419	8,497	28,372	16,983	10,714	35,854
Employment-population ratio.....	62.0	41.3	56.2	62.6	71.1	73.7
Unemployed.....	7,935	1,374	2,800	1,465	713	1,583
Unemployment rate.....	7.3	13.9	9.0	7.9	6.2	4.2
Men						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	78,713	10,526	24,555	12,892	6,507	24,232
Civilian labor force.....	59,025	6,494	17,778	9,749	5,326	19,679
Percent of population.....	75.0	61.7	72.4	75.6	81.8	81.2
Employed.....	54,248	5,583	15,966	8,937	4,948	18,813
Employment-population ratio.....	68.9	53.0	65.0	69.3	76.0	77.6
Unemployed.....	4,777	910	1,812	812	378	865
Unemployment rate.....	8.1	14.0	10.2	8.3	7.1	4.4
Women						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	83,191	10,023	25,960	14,245	8,566	24,396
Civilian labor force.....	49,329	3,378	13,394	8,698	6,101	17,758
Percent of population.....	59.3	33.7	51.6	61.1	71.2	72.8
Employed.....	46,172	2,913	12,406	8,046	5,766	17,040
Employment-population ratio.....	55.5	29.1	47.8	56.5	67.3	69.8
Unemployed.....	3,157	464	988	653	335	718
Unemployment rate.....	6.4	13.7	7.4	7.5	5.5	4.0

See note at end of table.

Table 4. **Employment status of people 25 years and older by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total, 25 years and older	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree and higher
Black or African American						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	22,584	3,644	7,866	4,519	2,067	4,488
Civilian labor force.....	14,941	1,393	5,085	3,250	1,584	3,629
Percent of population.....	66.2	38.2	64.6	71.9	76.6	80.9
Employed.....	13,110	1,096	4,375	2,855	1,422	3,363
Employment-population ratio.....	58.1	30.1	55.6	63.2	68.8	74.9
Unemployed.....	1,831	297	710	394	162	266
Unemployment rate.....	12.3	21.3	14.0	12.1	10.3	7.3
Men						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	9,969	1,639	3,765	1,921	809	1,836
Civilian labor force.....	6,961	724	2,625	1,435	630	1,546
Percent of population.....	69.8	44.2	69.7	74.7	77.9	84.2
Employed.....	5,939	551	2,199	1,225	544	1,419
Employment-population ratio.....	59.6	33.6	58.4	63.8	67.3	77.3
Unemployed.....	1,022	173	427	211	86	126
Unemployment rate.....	14.7	23.9	16.2	14.7	13.6	8.2
Women						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	12,615	2,005	4,101	2,598	1,258	2,652
Civilian labor force.....	7,980	669	2,460	1,814	954	2,083
Percent of population.....	63.3	33.4	60.0	69.8	75.8	78.5
Employed.....	7,171	544	2,176	1,631	877	1,943
Employment-population ratio.....	56.8	27.1	53.1	62.8	69.7	73.3
Unemployed.....	809	125	284	184	77	140
Unemployment rate.....	10.1	18.6	11.5	10.1	8.0	6.7
Asian						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	9,354	1,096	1,828	915	623	4,892
Civilian labor force.....	6,540	489	1,111	636	469	3,836
Percent of population.....	69.9	44.6	60.8	69.5	75.3	78.4
Employed.....	6,110	448	1,028	579	434	3,622
Employment-population ratio.....	65.3	40.8	56.2	63.3	69.6	74.0
Unemployed.....	430	41	83	57	35	214
Unemployment rate.....	6.6	8.4	7.5	8.9	7.5	5.6
Men						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	4,419	429	788	452	296	2,454
Civilian labor force.....	3,525	253	578	352	243	2,100
Percent of population.....	79.8	59.0	73.4	77.9	82.0	85.5
Employed.....	3,272	229	522	312	224	1,984
Employment-population ratio.....	74.0	53.3	66.3	69.2	75.9	80.8
Unemployed.....	253	24	56	39	18	116
Unemployment rate.....	7.2	9.6	9.6	11.2	7.5	5.5
Women						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	4,935	668	1,040	463	327	2,438
Civilian labor force.....	3,015	236	533	284	226	1,736
Percent of population.....	61.1	35.3	51.3	61.3	69.1	71.2
Employed.....	2,838	219	506	266	209	1,638
Employment-population ratio.....	57.5	32.8	48.6	57.5	64.0	67.2
Unemployed.....	176	17	27	17	17	98
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	7.0	5.2	6.2	7.4	5.7

See note at end of table.

Table 4. Employment status of people 25 years and older by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total, 25 years and older	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college, no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree and higher
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	26,145	9,763	7,736	3,421	1,682	3,543
Civilian labor force.....	18,642	6,064	5,658	2,670	1,357	2,894
Percent of population.....	71.3	62.1	73.1	78.0	80.7	81.7
Employed.....	16,687	5,233	5,069	2,414	1,242	2,729
Employment-population ratio.....	63.8	53.6	65.5	70.6	73.8	77.0
Unemployed.....	1,955	831	589	255	115	166
Unemployment rate.....	10.5	13.7	10.4	9.6	8.5	5.7
Men						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	13,430	5,130	4,114	1,707	742	1,737
Civilian labor force.....	11,187	4,048	3,494	1,469	653	1,524
Percent of population.....	83.3	78.9	84.9	86.1	87.9	87.7
Employed.....	9,969	3,508	3,114	1,321	595	1,431
Employment-population ratio.....	74.2	68.4	75.7	77.4	80.1	82.4
Unemployed.....	1,218	539	380	148	58	93
Unemployment rate.....	10.9	13.3	10.9	10.1	8.9	6.1
Women						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	12,714	4,634	3,622	1,714	940	1,805
Civilian labor force.....	7,455	2,016	2,163	1,201	704	1,371
Percent of population.....	58.6	43.5	59.7	70.1	74.9	75.9
Employed.....	6,718	1,724	1,955	1,093	647	1,298
Employment-population ratio.....	52.8	37.2	54.0	63.8	68.9	71.9
Unemployed.....	737	291	208	108	57	73
Unemployment rate.....	9.9	14.5	9.6	9.0	8.1	5.3

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 5. **Employed people by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Occupation and sex	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older (thousands).....	139,877	114,996	15,025	6,635	19,647
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	37.3	38.0	29.2	48.8	19.4
Management, business, and financial operations.....	15.4	16.2	10.1	15.9	8.4
Management occupations.....	11.0	11.8	6.3	10.2	5.9
Business and financial operations occupations.....	4.3	4.4	3.8	5.6	2.5
Professional and related occupations.....	21.9	21.8	19.1	33.0	11.1
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	2.5	2.3	1.5	8.2	1.0
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	2.0	2.0	1.0	4.1	1.0
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	.9	.9	.5	2.5	.4
Community and social services occupations.....	1.7	1.5	3.1	1.0	1.2
Legal occupations.....	1.2	1.3	.7	.9	.4
Education, training, and library occupations.....	6.2	6.4	5.3	5.1	3.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	1.9	2.1	1.2	1.5	1.2
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	5.5	5.3	5.7	9.7	2.5
Service occupations.....	17.6	16.5	25.2	17.0	25.8
Healthcare support occupations.....	2.4	2.0	5.6	2.0	2.3
Protective service occupations.....	2.3	2.1	4.0	.9	2.0
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	5.5	5.4	5.9	6.2	8.5
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	3.8	3.7	4.9	2.3	9.3
Personal care and service occupations.....	3.6	3.3	4.9	5.6	3.7
Sales and office occupations.....	24.2	24.2	25.2	21.2	21.3
Sales and related occupations.....	11.2	11.4	10.0	11.3	9.5
Office and administrative support occupations.....	13.0	12.8	15.3	9.9	11.8
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	9.5	10.3	6.1	4.0	16.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	.7	.7	.3	.2	1.9
Construction and extraction occupations.....	5.3	5.8	3.0	1.5	10.8
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	3.5	3.7	2.8	2.3	3.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	11.4	11.1	14.3	8.9	17.1
Production occupations.....	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.6	8.5
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	5.9	5.7	8.5	3.3	8.6

See note at end of table.

Table 5. **Employed people by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued**

Occupation and sex	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Men, 16 years and older (thousands).....	73,670	61,630	6,817	3,551	11,640
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	34.5	35.0	23.8	50.1	15.9
Management, business, and financial operations.....	16.7	17.7	9.6	16.4	7.9
Management occupations.....	13.1	14.0	7.0	12.2	6.1
Business and financial operations occupations.....	3.6	3.7	2.5	4.2	1.7
Professional and related occupations.....	17.7	17.3	14.2	33.7	8.0
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	3.6	3.3	2.2	11.3	1.2
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	3.2	3.2	1.8	6.5	1.5
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1.0	.9	.6	2.5	.4
Community and social services occupations.....	1.2	1.1	2.5	.8	.8
Legal occupations.....	1.2	1.3	.7	.9	.3
Education, training, and library occupations.....	3.0	3.0	2.4	4.1	1.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.2
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	2.7	2.5	2.2	6.1	1.3
Service occupations.....	14.3	13.4	21.2	13.7	21.2
Healthcare support occupations.....	.5	.4	1.4	.6	.4
Protective service occupations.....	3.3	3.2	5.7	1.2	2.7
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	4.6	4.3	5.9	6.6	8.2
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	4.3	4.2	5.9	2.4	8.6
Personal care and service occupations.....	1.5	1.3	2.4	2.9	1.3
Sales and office occupations.....	17.0	16.8	18.5	18.0	14.2
Sales and related occupations.....	10.7	10.9	8.6	11.6	7.7
Office and administrative support occupations.....	6.3	5.8	10.0	6.4	6.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	17.3	18.4	12.4	7.1	26.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	1.0	1.1	.5	.3	2.6
Construction and extraction occupations.....	9.8	10.6	6.3	2.7	18.0
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	6.4	6.7	5.6	4.1	6.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	17.0	16.5	24.0	11.1	22.2
Production occupations.....	7.5	7.4	8.6	5.8	9.9
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	9.5	9.1	15.5	5.3	12.3

See note at end of table.

Table 5. **Employed people by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued**

Occupation and sex	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Women, 16 years and older (thousands).....	66,208	53,366	8,208	3,084	8,007
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	40.5	41.4	33.7	47.4	24.6
Management, business, and financial operations.....	13.9	14.4	10.5	15.2	9.1
Management occupations.....	8.7	9.3	5.7	7.9	5.5
Business and financial operations occupations.....	5.2	5.1	4.8	7.3	3.6
Professional and related occupations.....	26.6	27.0	23.2	32.2	15.5
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	1.3	1.2	1.0	4.7	.6
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	.6	.6	.3	1.4	.3
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	.9	.9	.5	2.6	.4
Community and social services occupations.....	2.2	2.1	3.6	1.1	1.7
Legal occupations.....	1.3	1.4	.8	1.0	.7
Education, training, and library occupations.....	9.7	10.3	7.7	6.3	6.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	1.9	2.1	.8	1.5	1.2
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	8.7	8.5	8.6	13.7	4.2
Service occupations.....	21.3	20.1	28.5	20.7	32.4
Healthcare support occupations.....	4.5	3.8	9.0	3.5	5.0
Protective service occupations.....	1.1	.9	2.5	.5	1.0
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	6.5	6.6	5.9	5.8	9.0
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	3.3	3.2	4.1	2.2	10.2
Personal care and service occupations.....	5.9	5.6	6.9	8.7	7.1
Sales and office occupations.....	32.2	32.7	30.8	25.0	31.6
Sales and related occupations.....	11.7	11.8	11.1	11.1	12.1
Office and administrative support occupations.....	20.4	20.9	19.7	13.9	19.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	.9	.9	.8	.4	1.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	.3	.3	.1	.1	1.0
Construction and extraction occupations.....	.3	.3	.2	.1	.3
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	.3	.3	.4	.2	.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	5.2	4.9	6.2	6.4	9.8
Production occupations.....	3.3	3.1	3.6	5.5	6.5
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	1.9	1.9	2.6	1.0	3.3

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older	139,877	82.2	10.7	4.7	14.0
Management, professional, and related occupations	52,219	83.6	8.4	6.2	7.3
Management, business, and financial operations.....	21,529	86.3	7.0	4.9	7.6
Management occupations	15,447	87.8	6.2	4.4	7.5
Chief executives	1,631	91.9	2.9	4.2	4.6
General and operations managers	1,004	88.3	5.5	4.6	6.0
Legislators	19	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Advertising and promotions managers.....	78	91.0	6.3	2.7	11.1
Marketing and sales managers	938	90.5	4.4	3.7	7.2
Public relations managers	70	94.3	2.7	3.4	3.3
Administrative services managers	118	85.6	6.8	2.6	9.8
Computer and information systems managers	471	86.0	6.1	7.0	6.2
Financial managers	1,183	83.9	8.5	6.1	9.1
Human resources managers	283	88.0	7.6	3.3	7.6
Industrial production managers	240	91.3	4.4	2.9	11.2
Purchasing managers	198	85.9	8.7	4.0	3.7
Transportation, storage, and distribution managers.....	234	89.3	7.3	2.0	9.4
Farm, ranch, and other agricultural managers.....	226	95.6	1.5	2.0	7.9
Farmers and ranchers	729	97.5	1.4	0.5	1.7
Construction managers	1,099	93.4	3.3	1.7	8.2
Education administrators	808	84.9	10.7	2.6	7.2
Engineering managers	124	87.1	2.9	8.7	5.4
Food service managers	1,003	80.8	6.9	10.4	14.2
Funeral directors	41	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Gaming managers	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Lodging managers	160	74.4	8.4	14.7	9.4
Medical and health services managers.....	533	83.9	9.9	4.6	7.0
Natural sciences managers	13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Postmasters and mail superintendents.....	33	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Property, real estate, and community association managers.....	597	87.3	8.1	2.8	9.3
Social and community service managers.....	343	84.0	11.5	1.5	8.5
Managers, all other	3,249	86.4	6.8	4.7	7.4
Business and financial operations occupations.....	6,082	82.5	9.3	6.1	8.0
Agents and business managers of artists, performers, and athletes.....	42	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Purchasing agents and buyers, farm products.....	10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products.....	167	86.2	4.3	5.8	16.4
Purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail, and farm products.....	239	86.2	6.8	3.3	10.7
Claims adjusters, appraisers, examiners, and investigators.....	280	82.5	13.7	2.7	7.3
Compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety, and transportation.....	200	84.0	12.0	1.7	6.8
Cost estimators.....	117	97.4	1.1	.3	13.5
Human resources, training, and labor relations specialists.....	843	82.3	12.1	3.2	9.6
Logisticians.....	64	75.0	11.9	7.5	13.6
Management analysts	640	86.3	7.4	4.8	5.0
Meeting and convention planners.....	56	82.1	12.9	.8	8.2
Other business operations specialists.....	317	79.8	11.9	5.7	8.7

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Accountants and auditors	1,754	79.7	8.0	10.3	6.3
Appraisers and assessors of real estate.....	99	89.9	5.2	1.7	6.0
Budget analysts.....	57	73.7	14.9	9.2	3.6
Credit analysts	26	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Financial analysts.....	94	83.0	5.8	10.3	6.4
Personal financial advisors.....	400	85.3	6.9	6.4	7.7
Insurance underwriters.....	97	79.4	13.6	3.2	11.5
Financial examiners.....	8	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Loan counselors and officers.....	346	81.5	11.4	5.6	9.9
Tax examiners, collectors, and revenue agents.....	74	78.4	15.6	5.7	3.1
Tax preparers.....	99	79.8	11.8	7.1	10.1
Financial specialists, all other.....	53	75.5	15.2	7.8	12.8
Professional and related occupations.....	30,690	81.7	9.4	7.1	7.1
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	3,481	75.6	6.7	15.7	5.4
Computer scientists and systems analysts.....	759	76.7	7.5	14.7	6.1
Computer programmers.....	498	80.7	5.0	13.0	5.4
Computer software engineers.....	952	65.4	5.3	26.6	3.5
Computer support specialists.....	384	77.1	11.7	8.3	7.5
Database administrators.....	110	79.1	5.1	14.0	7.3
Network and computer systems administrators.....	207	85.5	5.6	7.0	7.6
Network systems and data communications analysts.....	401	82.0	6.2	9.4	5.5
Actuaries.....	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Mathematicians.....	3	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Operations research analysts.....	108	79.6	10.7	8.4	5.8
Statisticians.....	35	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Miscellaneous mathematical science occupations.....	3	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	2,740	83.1	5.5	9.9	7.2
Architects, except naval.....	204	91.2	2.5	4.8	6.9
Surveyors, cartographers, and photogrammetrists.....	53	90.6	6.4	3.1	2.8
Aerospace engineers.....	136	83.8	6.1	7.8	8.3
Agricultural engineers.....	3	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Biomedical engineers.....	16	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Chemical engineers.....	65	80.0	11.0	7.8	2.6
Civil engineers.....	338	84.0	4.1	10.6	7.3
Computer hardware engineers.....	61	65.6	6.2	26.8	7.7
Electrical and electronics engineers.....	314	75.5	5.1	17.0	5.1
Environmental engineers.....	31	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Industrial engineers, including health and safety.....	186	83.3	2.9	12.4	9.5
Marine engineers and naval architects.....	12	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Materials engineers.....	33	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Mechanical engineers.....	302	84.8	4.0	10.1	5.8
Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety engineers.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Nuclear engineers.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Petroleum engineers.....	26	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Engineers, all other.....	346	78.0	6.7	13.9	6.1
Drafters.....	149	89.3	6.8	2.9	9.9
Engineering technicians, except drafters.....	365	84.7	9.4	4.0	8.3

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Surveying and mapping technicians.....	80	95.0	1.4	2.2	10.3
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1,328	79.2	6.0	12.7	5.9
Agricultural and food scientists.....	32	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Biological scientists.....	98	80.6	4.7	13.6	5.1
Conservation scientists and foresters.....	23	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Medical scientists.....	170	60.0	4.5	33.3	4.3
Astronomers and physicists.....	13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Atmospheric and space scientists.....	6	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Chemists and materials scientists.....	113	72.6	7.2	19.6	6.6
Environmental scientists and geoscientists.....	91	92.3	1.0	2.7	1.2
Physical scientists, all other.....	127	77.2	2.1	18.6	4.1
Economists.....	36	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Market and survey researchers.....	127	85.8	4.8	6.7	5.2
Psychologists.....	161	89.4	6.3	3.2	6.2
Sociologists.....	2	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Urban and regional planners.....	23	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Miscellaneous social scientists and related workers.....	43	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Agricultural and food science technicians.....	30	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Biological technicians.....	20	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Chemical technicians.....	54	66.7	18.2	12.7	18.7
Geological and petroleum technicians.....	15	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Nuclear technicians.....	1	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Other life, physical, and social science technicians.....	144	79.9	8.9	9.3	9.2
Community and social services occupations.....	2,341	75.4	19.8	2.7	9.7
Counselors.....	697	72.6	22.9	2.0	9.4
Social workers.....	725	72.7	22.5	2.5	9.6
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists.....	349	72.5	21.4	2.5	15.7
Clergy.....	427	82.7	12.4	4.0	5.3
Directors, religious activities and education.....	66	90.9	4.9	3.4	12.9
Religious workers, all other.....	76	82.9	12.5	4.1	8.3
Legal occupations.....	1,710	88.3	6.5	3.6	5.0
Lawyers.....	1,043	90.0	4.7	4.1	2.8
Judges, magistrates, and other judicial workers.....	73	91.8	4.8	3.2	7.0
Paralegals and legal assistants.....	354	85.9	9.8	1.4	8.3
Miscellaneous legal support workers.....	240	83.3	9.7	4.7	8.8
Education, training, and library occupations.....	8,627	85.1	9.2	3.9	7.8
Postsecondary teachers.....	1,321	82.1	5.3	11.3	4.6
Preschool and kindergarten teachers.....	691	81.8	14.2	2.6	10.3
Elementary and middle school teachers.....	2,862	86.9	9.3	2.4	7.1
Secondary school teachers.....	1,212	88.3	7.8	2.1	6.6
Special education teachers.....	385	90.1	6.8	2.3	4.8
Other teachers and instructors.....	758	84.6	9.5	3.9	8.6
Archivists, curators, and museum technicians.....	41	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Librarians.....	206	89.3	5.3	3.0	6.8
Library technicians.....	50	84.0	7.7	5.3	9.0
Teacher assistants.....	1,006	79.8	14.5	2.4	14.7
Other education, training, and library workers.....	96	83.3	10.4	4.3	5.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	2,724	87.6	6.7	3.6	8.8

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Artists and related workers.....	213	92.0	.8	3.9	9.3
Designers.....	764	88.5	5.1	4.6	7.9
Actors.....	26	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Producers and directors.....	138	81.9	11.6	4.1	10.1
Athletes, coaches, umpires, and related workers.....	258	84.9	10.4	3.1	9.2
Dancers and choreographers.....	18	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Musicians, singers, and related workers.....	168	85.1	12.2	.8	8.3
Entertainers and performers, sports and related workers, all other.....	51	86.3	10.7	2.0	21.9
Announcers.....	52	80.8	15.6	2.7	14.9
News analysts, reporters and correspondents.....	80	93.8	1.8	.9	4.0
Public relations specialists.....	137	89.1	6.2	3.3	6.0
Editors.....	169	89.9	3.7	5.4	1.3
Technical writers.....	51	92.2	3.3	1.7	3.9
Writers and authors.....	178	88.2	7.3	1.3	3.1
Miscellaneous media and communication workers.....	94	79.8	9.0	8.6	37.0
Broadcast and sound engineering technicians and radio operators.....	93	88.2	7.5	2.9	9.9
Photographers.....	188	89.9	4.1	3.9	7.6
Television, video, and motion picture camera operators and editors.....	46	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Media and communication equipment workers, all other.....	—	—	—	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	7,738	78.8	11.1	8.3	6.3
Chiropractors.....	58	96.6	2.2	1.2	3.6
Dentists.....	164	86.0	1.4	10.8	7.9
Dietitians and nutritionists.....	99	72.7	21.8	5.3	7.8
Optometrists.....	26	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Pharmacists.....	267	75.7	8.9	14.7	3.5
Physicians and surgeons.....	914	76.8	5.7	16.4	6.3
Physician assistants.....	91	81.3	11.4	5.8	11.1
Podiatrists.....	16	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Registered nurses.....	2,839	78.5	11.5	8.1	4.6
Audiologists.....	18	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Occupational therapists.....	106	88.7	3.8	6.3	2.6
Physical therapists.....	175	85.1	6.1	8.4	4.5
Radiation therapists.....	14	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Recreational therapists.....	23	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Respiratory therapists.....	119	81.5	11.4	4.6	10.8
Speech-language pathologists.....	140	95.0	2.4	1.7	5.6
Therapists, all other.....	128	82.0	10.8	5.3	6.5
Veterinarians.....	69	94.2	2.4	3.7	3.6
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners, all other.....	25	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians.....	349	72.8	13.2	11.2	8.8
Dental hygienists.....	137	86.9	4.3	6.0	4.5
Diagnostic related technologists and technicians.....	342	84.8	8.0	5.3	6.7
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics.....	156	87.2	7.8	1.2	5.5
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians.....	476	77.9	14.5	6.0	11.1

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses.....	633	71.1	22.4	3.5	8.8
Medical records and health information technicians.....	103	76.7	17.8	4.3	18.6
Opticians, dispensing.....	50	92.0	3.7	3.4	6.1
Miscellaneous health technologists and technicians.....	146	69.2	21.5	9.1	6.9
Other healthcare practitioners and technical occupations.....	52	80.8	8.3	5.7	2.6
Service occupations.....	24,598	77.1	15.4	4.6	20.6
Healthcare support occupations.....	3,309	68.2	25.3	3.9	13.8
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides.....	2,002	59.6	34.0	3.7	12.4
Occupational therapist assistants and aides.....	16	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Physical therapist assistants and aides.....	79	84.8	7.4	5.8	10.9
Massage therapists.....	150	84.0	5.1	8.3	10.0
Dental assistants.....	286	87.1	5.3	5.3	17.9
Medical assistants and other healthcare support occupations.....	776	78.5	16.2	3.1	16.9
Protective service occupations.....	3,164	76.2	18.8	1.8	12.3
First-line supervisors/managers of correctional officers.....	50	82.0	14.1	2.5	8.5
First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives.....	91	80.2	15.0	2.1	5.3
First-line supervisors/managers of fire fighting and prevention workers.....	54	88.9	7.3	.8	7.0
Supervisors, protective service workers, all other.....	94	75.5	18.0	3.8	7.5
Fire fighters.....	284	88.4	7.5	.7	8.8
Fire inspectors.....	18	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Bailiffs, correctional officers, and jailers.....	435	73.3	22.0	1.3	12.9
Detectives and criminal investigators.....	141	78.0	14.9	3.2	10.3
Fish and game wardens.....	4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Parking enforcement workers.....	10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Police and sheriff's patrol officers.....	714	81.7	14.1	1.5	12.7
Transit and railroad police.....	3	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Animal control workers.....	13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Private detectives and investigators.....	76	78.9	16.5	1.6	9.4
Security guards and gaming surveillance officers.....	942	65.7	28.6	2.2	16.2
Crossing guards.....	67	77.6	18.0	3.0	15.9
Lifeguards and other protective service workers.....	167	89.2	5.2	1.0	5.4
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	7,733	80.0	11.4	5.4	21.6
Chefs and head cooks.....	348	71.8	12.6	13.8	20.6
First-line supervisors/managers of food preparation and serving workers.....	597	78.2	15.4	3.6	15.8
Cooks.....	2,004	75.4	15.5	4.8	32.1
Food preparation workers.....	748	79.5	11.2	5.4	22.8
Bartenders.....	404	89.6	5.6	2.1	11.3
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food.....	341	80.1	13.3	4.0	15.4
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop.....	264	81.1	12.7	4.3	12.9
Waiters and waitresses.....	2,005	84.6	6.2	6.4	15.0
Food servers, nonrestaurant.....	169	72.8	18.9	4.9	18.4
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers.....	320	77.2	13.7	6.6	28.8
Dishwashers.....	263	80.6	10.9	3.5	39.5

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Hosts and hostesses, restaurant, lounge, and coffee shop.....	258	87.2	8.0	2.8	12.5
Food preparation and serving related workers, all other.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	5,349	80.5	13.8	2.9	34.1
First-line supervisors/managers of housekeeping janitorial workers.....	276	80.4	13.5	2.8	21.0
First-line supervisors/managers of landscaping, lawn service, and groundskeeping workers.....	263	93.9	3.9	1.2	22.2
Janitors and building cleaners.....	2,149	77.0	17.3	2.9	29.4
Maids and housekeeping cleaners.....	1,428	76.2	16.1	4.3	41.7
Pest control workers.....	55	85.5	9.4	3.7	23.4
Grounds maintenance workers.....	1,178	88.8	7.0	1.5	39.6
Personal care and service occupations.....	5,043	75.4	14.5	7.4	14.3
First-line supervisors/managers of gaming workers.....	154	87.7	4.8	5.4	6.1
First-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers.....	212	74.5	7.6	17.3	6.3
Animal trainers.....	44	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Nonfarm animal caretakers.....	163	89.6	4.4	1.7	11.2
Gaming services workers.....	127	56.7	11.0	26.0	11.2
Motion picture projectionists.....	5	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers.....	34	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Miscellaneous entertainment attendants and related workers.....	163	84.7	8.3	3.2	11.5
Funeral service workers.....	10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Barbers.....	93	61.3	35.0	1.8	19.8
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists.....	800	82.0	11.9	4.3	12.1
Miscellaneous personal appearance workers.....	242	42.1	5.7	49.6	8.3
Baggage porters, bellhops, and concierges.....	74	63.5	27.1	5.7	19.8
Tour and travel guides.....	29	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Transportation attendants.....	133	75.2	17.9	4.3	15.0
Child care workers.....	1,292	78.4	16.8	2.7	18.4
Personal and home care aides.....	926	67.5	21.1	7.3	19.0
Recreation and fitness workers.....	369	85.4	9.0	3.0	10.3
Residential advisors.....	71	67.6	29.6	1.6	5.8
Personal care and service workers, all other.....	103	81.6	12.4	2.2	11.1
Sales and office occupations.....	33,787	82.2	11.2	4.2	12.4
Sales and related occupations.....	15,641	83.5	9.6	4.8	11.9
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers.....	3,311	84.7	7.7	5.8	10.3
First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers.....	1,291	88.1	6.1	4.5	9.0
Cashiers.....	3,056	75.4	15.6	6.3	17.2
Counter and rental clerks.....	142	79.6	14.1	5.4	10.1
Parts salespersons.....	102	91.2	6.9	.2	11.9
Retail salespersons.....	3,182	81.6	10.9	5.0	14.0
Advertising sales agents.....	209	90.4	6.8	1.3	3.5
Insurance sales agents.....	548	89.6	6.3	2.1	9.5
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents.....	329	88.1	5.6	4.5	7.8
Travel agents.....	72	81.9	11.8	3.3	10.7
Sales representatives, services, all other.....	514	85.8	8.6	3.7	11.4
Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing.....	1,317	91.0	4.7	2.6	8.2
Models, demonstrators, and product promoters.....	63	84.1	10.5	1.4	7.1

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Real estate brokers and sales agents.....	860	87.8	5.7	4.8	7.4
Sales engineers.....	29	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Telemarketers.....	122	72.1	21.7	1.1	10.6
Door-to-door sales workers, news and street vendors, and related workers.....	217	85.7	10.0	2.2	19.5
Sales and related workers, all other.....	277	86.3	8.8	2.7	7.8
Office and administrative support occupations.....	18,146	81.1	12.7	3.6	12.7
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers.....	1,632	84.9	9.8	2.9	10.7
Switchboard operators, including answering service.....	47	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Telephone operators.....	41	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Communications equipment operators, all other.....	15	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Bill and account collectors.....	195	75.4	19.9	2.0	15.7
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators.....	481	81.3	13.4	2.9	13.9
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks.....	1,306	87.4	6.6	3.7	7.5
Gaming cage workers.....	8	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Payroll and timekeeping clerks.....	150	80.0	15.1	3.9	14.4
Procurement clerks.....	24	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Tellers.....	432	82.9	10.4	5.0	13.7
Brokerage clerks.....	4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Correspondence clerks.....	8	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Court, municipal, and license clerks.....	105	74.3	18.1	5.0	10.3
Credit authorizers, checkers, and clerks.....	48	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Customer service representatives.....	1,862	74.9	18.0	3.9	15.6
Eligibility interviewers, government programs.....	63	65.1	22.6	5.0	19.2
File clerks.....	324	77.8	14.6	4.5	13.8
Hotel, motel, and resort desk clerks.....	143	74.1	15.9	6.7	13.2
Interviewers, except eligibility and loan.....	145	77.2	14.7	5.0	18.2
Library assistants, clerical.....	129	86.0	8.8	1.8	7.7
Loan interviewers and clerks.....	113	85.8	10.3	3.3	13.2
New accounts clerks.....	25	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Order clerks.....	102	78.4	12.2	8.5	19.6
Human resources assistants, except payroll and timekeeping.....	44	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Receptionists and information clerks.....	1,277	84.8	9.8	2.5	15.1
Reservation and transportation ticket agents and travel clerks.....	111	73.9	16.5	5.5	9.0
Information and record clerks, all other.....	109	75.2	19.5	2.8	10.4
Cargo and freight agents.....	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Couriers and messengers.....	255	78.0	16.0	2.7	16.0
Dispatchers.....	278	81.7	15.4	1.6	14.0
Meter readers, utilities.....	45	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Postal service clerks.....	154	54.5	28.3	13.7	9.4
Postal service mail carriers.....	355	75.8	14.9	7.7	9.1
Postal service mail sorters, processors, and processing machine operators.....	72	65.3	26.4	6.7	7.1
Production, planning, and expediting clerks.....	281	84.7	8.6	4.2	4.9
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks.....	483	81.0	14.4	2.7	23.0
Stock clerks and order fillers.....	1,397	76.4	15.8	4.4	17.5
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers, recordkeeping.....	61	77.0	16.3	6.0	17.9

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Secretaries and administrative assistants.....	3,176	87.7	8.3	1.9	9.2
Computer operators.....	115	70.4	21.5	4.2	14.4
Data entry keyers.....	375	76.3	14.8	5.2	13.3
Word processors and typists.....	163	76.7	17.1	3.7	19.0
Desktop publishers.....	7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks.....	252	79.0	16.7	1.8	12.9
Mail clerks and mail machine operators, except postal service.....	104	67.3	24.3	5.3	10.1
Office clerks, general.....	1,002	78.8	13.1	5.5	13.9
Office machine operators, except computer.....	41	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Proofreaders and copy markers.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Statistical assistants.....	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Office and administrative support workers, all other.....	533	82.2	11.7	3.3	10.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	13,323	88.6	6.8	2.0	24.2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	926	90.1	5.0	1.4	40.7
First-line supervisors/managers of farming, fishing, and forestry workers.....	49	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Agricultural inspectors.....	17	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Animal breeders.....	6	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Graders and sorters, agricultural products.....	70	81.4	14.2	1.2	58.0
Miscellaneous agricultural workers.....	681	92.5	3.2	1.2	45.7
Fishers and related fishing workers.....	31	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Hunters and trappers.....	2	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Forest and conservation workers.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Logging workers.....	59	79.7	12.6	—	6.1
Construction and extraction occupations.....	7,439	89.8	6.0	1.4	28.5
First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers.....	735	93.1	5.0	.8	16.1
Boilermakers.....	22	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Brickmasons, blockmasons, and stonemasons	151	87.4	10.3	1.1	31.3
Carpenters	1,264	91.1	4.5	1.5	24.2
Carpet, floor, and tile installers and finishers.....	223	93.3	2.3	1.8	44.5
Cement masons, concrete finishers, and terrazzo workers.....	74	93.2	4.9	—	51.5
Construction laborers.....	1,427	87.5	7.4	1.9	44.2
Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators.....	19	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Pile-driver operators.....	2	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators.....	377	89.4	5.5	.8	13.7
Drywall installers, ceiling tile installers, and tapers.....	170	92.4	3.2	—	56.6
Electricians.....	776	89.4	6.7	1.7	15.3
Glaziers.....	46	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Insulation workers.....	36	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Painters, construction and maintenance.....	522	88.5	6.6	1.6	39.9
Paperhangers.....	6	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Pipelayers, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters.....	536	90.3	6.5	1.4	18.0
Plasterers and stucco masons.....	39	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Reinforcing iron and rebar workers.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Roofers.....	216	88.4	4.4	0.9	47.7

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Sheet metal workers.....	132	87.9	7.5	1.5	11.1
Structural iron and steel workers.....	63	90.5	2.7	1.2	9.0
Helpers, construction trades.....	64	93.8	5.9	.3	48.6
Construction and building inspectors.....	99	87.9	7.3	2.6	10.8
Elevator installers and repairers.....	33	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Fence erectors.....	31	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Hazardous materials removal workers.....	32	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Highway maintenance workers.....	108	82.4	13.6	.1	12.3
Rail-track laying and maintenance equipment operators.....	12	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners.....	8	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Miscellaneous construction and related workers.....	40	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Derrick, rotary drill, and service unit operators, oil, gas, and mining.....	30	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Earth drillers, except oil and gas.....	15	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Explosives workers, ordnance handling experts, and blasters.....	11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Mining machine operators.....	54	90.7	7.3	.1	14.9
Roof bolters, mining.....	5	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Roustabouts, oil and gas.....	6	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Helpers—extraction workers.....	6	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Other extraction workers.....	40	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	4,957	86.5	8.4	3.1	14.6
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers.....	342	89.5	7.0	2.0	9.8
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers.....	329	84.5	9.9	4.9	11.4
Radio and telecommunications equipment installers and repairers.....	179	82.1	12.6	3.3	12.5
Avionics technicians.....	14	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electric motor, power tool, and related repairers.....	34	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment.....	7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electrical and electronics repairers, industrial and utility.....	13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles.....	23	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electronic home entertainment equipment installers and repairers.....	64	79.7	9.0	7.7	19.8
Security and fire alarm systems installers.....	71	94.4	2.9	—	13.0
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians.....	142	84.5	7.0	6.9	15.5
Automotive body and related repairers.....	163	87.7	7.3	1.1	30.5
Automotive glass installers and repairers.....	24	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Automotive service technicians and mechanics.....	799	87.0	8.0	3.3	18.7
Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists.....	330	86.7	7.1	3.3	13.0
Heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics.....	223	91.5	5.8	1.4	9.7
Small engine mechanics.....	58	89.7	4.4	2.5	7.0
Miscellaneous vehicle and mobile equipment mechanics, installers, and repairers.....	91	84.6	10.0	.8	19.1
Control and valve installers and repairers.....	25	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers.....	376	91.0	6.1	1.8	18.7
Home appliance repairers.....	49	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Industrial and refractory machinery mechanics.....	418	85.6	9.2	3.2	11.3
Maintenance and repair workers, general.....	415	83.6	11.0	2.9	15.2
Maintenance workers, machinery.....	34	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Millwrights.....	54	96.3	2.1	.5	2.1
Electrical power-line installers and repairers.....	126	88.1	10.0	.7	10.8
Telecommunications line installers and repairers.....	183	80.3	14.2	3.0	15.4
Precision instrument and equipment repairers.....	55	78.2	13.2	7.5	8.2
Coin, vending, and amusement machine servicers and repairers.....	41	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Commercial divers.....	5	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Locksmiths and safe repairers.....	32	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Manufactured building and mobile home installers.....	7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Riggers.....	7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Signal and track switch repairers.....	7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Helpers—installation, maintenance, and repair workers.....	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Other installation, maintenance, and repair workers.....	195	85.1	7.9	4.0	16.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	15,951	80.3	13.5	3.7	21.1
Production occupations.....	7,654	81.3	11.5	4.9	21.9
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers.....	739	84.7	9.3	4.9	14.8
Aircraft structure, surfaces, rigging, and systems assemblers.....	23	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Electrical, electronics, and electromechanical assemblers.....	147	71.4	11.6	13.2	28.8
Engine and other machine assemblers.....	18	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Structural metal fabricators and fitters.....	21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Miscellaneous assemblers and fabricators.....	845	76.7	14.0	6.6	18.7
Bakers.....	193	87.0	6.3	4.5	32.7
Butchers and other meat, poultry, and fish processing workers.....	302	72.8	16.7	7.8	35.9
Food and tobacco roasting, baking, and drying machine operators and tenders.....	15	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Food batchmakers.....	87	87.4	7.0	1.8	32.5
Food cooking machine operators and tenders.....	9	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Computer control programmers and operators.....	64	85.9	5.9	5.5	9.9
Extruding and drawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	5	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Forging machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	9	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Rolling machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	9	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	81	86.4	10.0	1.6	18.1
Drilling and boring machine tool setters, operator, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	48	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Lathe and turning machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	16	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Milling and planning machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Machinists.....	372	86.6	5.1	5.7	15.0
Metal furnace and kiln operators and tenders.....	19	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Model makers and patternmakers, metal and plastic.....	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Molders and molding machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	40	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Multiple machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Tool and die makers.....	54	98.1	(2)	.4	11.6
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers.....	459	85.4	9.0	3.4	18.1
Heat treating equipment setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Lay-out workers, metal and plastic.....	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plating and coating machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	13	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Tool grinders, filers, and sharpeners.....	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Metalworkers and plastic workers, all other.....	284	82.4	9.9	5.8	27.5
Bookbinders and bindery workers.....	25	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Job printers.....	50	76.0	15.3	7.5	11.0
Prepress technicians and workers.....	44	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Printing machine operators.....	155	87.7	7.7	2.9	18.6
Laundry and dry-cleaning workers.....	192	69.8	17.8	9.3	30.6
Pressers, textile, garment, and related materials.....	55	70.9	21.3	4.2	35.7
Sewing machine operators.....	197	75.6	10.0	13.3	41.7
Shoe and leather workers and repairers.....	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Shoe machine operators and tenders.....	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Tailors, dressmakers, and sewers.....	74	74.3	8.6	16.5	24.3
Textile bleaching and dyeing machine operators and tenders.....	3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Textile cutting machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Textile knitting and weaving machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Textile winding, twisting, and drawing out machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	16	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Extruding and forming machine setters, operator, and tenders, synthetic and glass fibers.....	—	—	—	—	—
Fabric and apparel patternmakers.....	2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Upholsterers.....	47	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Textile, apparel, and furnishings workers, all other.....	14	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters.....	50	94.0	4.7	.9	24.1
Furniture finishers.....	13	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Model makers and patternmakers, wood.....	—	—	—	—	—
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, wood.....	27	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Woodworking machine setters, operators, and tenders, except sawing.....	27	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Woodworkers, all other.....	29	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Power plant operators, distributors, and dispatchers.....	41	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Stationary engineers and boiler operators.....	98	83.7	10.4	3.1	12.0
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators.....	72	75.0	18.9	2.9	6.3
Miscellaneous plant and system operators.....	38	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Chemical processing machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	48	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Crushing, grinding, polishing, mixing, and blending workers.....	108	84.3	11.5	2.1	27.2
Cutting workers.....	81	82.7	10.6	5.3	29.9
Extruding, forming, pressing, and compacting machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	33	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Furnace, kiln, oven, drier, and kettle operators and tenders.....	10	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers.....	612	81.4	11.0	4.5	14.5
Jewelers and precious stone and metal workers.....	39	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Medical, dental, and ophthalmic laboratory technicians.....	96	86.5	6.7	5.9	16.4
Packaging and filling machine operators and tenders.....	237	77.6	15.8	4.0	45.1
Painting workers.....	153	80.4	14.8	.7	22.1
Photographic process workers and processing machine operators.....	54	72.2	23.1	2.2	10.5
Semiconductor processors.....	3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cementing and gluing machine operators and tenders.....	11	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cleaning, washing, and metal pickling equipment operators and tenders.....	5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cooling and freezing equipment operators and tenders.....	3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Etchers and engravers.....	11	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Molders, shapers, and casters, except metal and plastic.....	38	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Paper goods machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	40	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Tire builders.....	18	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Helpers—production workers.....	40	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Production workers, all other.....	807	79.8	14.9	3.1	23.9
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	8,297	79.4	15.3	2.6	20.4
Supervisors, transportation and material moving workers.....	221	80.5	13.2	2.2	15.0
Aircraft pilots and flight engineers.....	126	92.1	2.3	1.6	3.9
Air traffic controllers and airfield operations specialists.....	40	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Ambulance drivers and attendants, except emergency medical technicians.....	13	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bus drivers.....	655	70.7	24.9	2.0	13.3
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	3,151	82.5	13.4	1.8	18.7
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs.....	377	59.2	25.7	12.6	15.3
Motor vehicle operators, all other.....	61	90.2	6.2	.5	17.3
Locomotive engineers and operators.....	57	87.7	8.5	.5	4.9
Railroad brake, signal, and switch operators.....	5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Railroad conductors and yardmasters.....	50	86.0	10.7	—	13.7
Subway, streetcar, and other rail transportation workers.....	11	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Sailors and marine oilers.....	21	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Ship and boat captains and operators.....	35	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Ship engineers.....	7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bridge and lock tenders.....	4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

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Table 6. **Employed people by detailed occupation, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Occupation	Total (In thousands)	Percent of total employed			
		White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Parking lot attendants	84	63.1	24.4	8.5	22.2
Service station attendants	89	84.3	9.3	4.7	14.1
Transportation inspectors	54	87.0	11.7	2.3	9.9
Other transportation workers	15	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Conveyor operators and tenders	10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Crane and tower operators	61	83.6	12.8	.3	14.0
Dredge, excavating, and loading machine operators	50	94.0	3.3	—	13.0
Hoist and winch operators.....	4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Industrial truck and tractor operators	507	72.8	22.4	1.7	26.6
Cleaners of vehicles and equipment	316	80.4	16.4	1.7	37.1
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	1,707	80.4	14.0	2.7	21.9
Machine feeders and offbearers	29	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Packers and packagers, hand	378	80.4	12.3	4.8	43.7
Pumping station operators	22	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Refuse and recyclable material collectors	83	77.1	17.0	.2	25.9
Shuttle car operators.....	3	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Tank car, truck, and ship loaders	4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Material moving workers, all other.....	46	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)

¹ Percents are not shown where base is less than 50,000.

NOTE: Dashes indicate no data or data that do not meet publication criteria. Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 7. **Employed people by industry, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Industry and sex	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older (thousands).....	139,877	114,996	15,025	6,635	19,647
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing.....	1.5	1.7	.4	.4	2.2
Mining.....	.5	.6	.2	.1	.6
Construction.....	6.9	7.7	3.4	2.3	11.6
Manufacturing.....	10.2	10.3	8.4	11.8	11.1
Durable goods.....	6.4	6.6	4.5	7.9	5.8
Nondurable goods.....	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	5.2
Wholesale and retail trade.....	14.1	14.3	12.7	14.0	14.0
Wholesale trade.....	2.7	2.9	1.8	2.4	2.8
Retail trade.....	11.4	11.4	10.9	11.6	11.2
Transportation and utilities.....	5.2	4.9	7.6	4.2	5.1
Information.....	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.6	1.6
Financial activities.....	6.9	7.0	5.9	6.8	5.0
Professional and business services.....	10.7	10.8	8.9	13.0	10.6
Education and health services.....	22.7	21.9	29.7	22.8	16.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	9.1	8.9	8.8	12.1	12.4
Other services.....	5.0	5.0	4.5	6.0	6.2
Other services, except private households.....	4.4	4.4	4.1	5.6	4.7
Private households.....	.6	.6	.4	.4	1.5
Public administration.....	4.9	4.6	7.1	3.8	3.5
Men, 16 years and older (thousands).....	73,670	61,630	6,817	3,551	11,640
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing.....	2.2	2.4	.8	.4	3.0
Mining.....	.8	.9	.4	.2	.8
Construction.....	11.9	12.9	6.8	3.8	18.9
Manufacturing.....	13.8	13.9	12.6	14.4	12.9
Durable goods.....	9.1	9.3	7.1	10.4	7.4
Nondurable goods.....	4.6	4.6	5.5	4.0	5.5
Wholesale and retail trade.....	14.6	14.7	14.2	14.7	13.6
Wholesale trade.....	3.7	3.8	3.1	2.9	3.5
Retail trade.....	11.0	10.9	11.1	11.8	10.1
Transportation and utilities.....	7.6	7.1	12.5	6.0	6.8
Information.....	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.3	1.6
Financial activities.....	6.0	6.1	5.0	6.6	3.9
Professional and business services.....	11.9	11.8	10.5	15.4	11.4
Education and health services.....	10.7	10.1	13.8	14.7	6.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	8.4	8.0	9.1	12.3	11.7
Other services.....	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.6	5.4
Other services, except private households.....	4.4	4.3	5.0	4.5	5.2
Private households.....	.1	.1	.0	.1	.2
Public administration.....	5.1	5.0	6.7	3.7	3.2

See note at end of table.

Table 7. **Employed people by industry, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**
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Industry and sex	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Women, 16 years and older (thousands).....	66,208	53,366	8,208	3,084	8,007
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing.....	.7	.9	.1	.3	1.0
Mining.....	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1
Construction.....	1.4	1.6	.6	.5	1.0
Manufacturing.....	6.1	6.2	4.8	8.9	8.5
Durable goods.....	3.3	3.4	2.3	4.9	3.6
Nondurable goods.....	2.8	2.8	2.6	4.0	4.9
Wholesale and retail trade.....	13.5	13.8	11.5	13.3	14.5
Wholesale trade.....	1.7	1.8	.8	1.8	1.8
Retail trade.....	11.8	12.0	10.7	11.4	12.7
Transportation and utilities.....	2.5	2.4	3.6	2.1	2.8
Information.....	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.5
Financial activities.....	7.8	8.1	6.7	7.0	6.5
Professional and business services.....	9.5	9.7	7.5	10.2	9.4
Education and health services.....	36.1	35.5	42.9	32.1	29.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	9.9	9.9	8.7	11.9	13.4
Other services.....	5.5	5.6	4.0	7.7	7.3
Other services, except private households.....	4.4	4.4	3.3	6.9	4.0
Private households.....	1.1	1.2	.6	.8	3.3
Public administration.....	4.7	4.3	7.5	4.0	4.0

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 8. Employment and unemployment in families by type of family, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Family type and employment status of family members	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total families	78,361	63,774	9,318	3,471	10,489
With employed member(s)	63,010	51,494	7,022	3,057	8,852
As a percent of total families	80.4	80.7	75.4	88.1	84.4
With unemployed member(s)	9,381	7,089	1,624	394	1,770
As a percent of total families	12.0	11.1	17.4	11.4	16.9
Some member(s) employed	6,438	5,072	886	306	1,228
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	68.6	71.5	54.6	77.7	69.4
Some usually work full time	5,460	4,294	748	272	1,021
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	58.2	60.6	46.1	69.0	57.7
Married-couple families	58,124	49,970	4,260	2,776	6,741
With employed member(s)	47,876	40,913	3,551	2,462	5,951
As a percent of total families	82.4	81.9	83.4	88.7	88.3
With unemployed member(s)	6,056	4,972	626	304	1,109
As a percent of total families	10.4	9.9	14.7	11.0	16.5
Some member(s) employed	4,838	3,986	483	252	864
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	79.9	80.2	77.2	82.9	77.9
Some usually work full time	4,182	3,432	424	224	736
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	69.1	69.0	67.7	73.7	66.4
Families maintained by women	14,610	9,590	4,086	447	2,608
With employed member(s)	10,642	7,169	2,764	377	1,917
As a percent of total families	72.8	74.8	67.6	84.3	73.5
With unemployed member(s)	2,309	1,399	774	51	442
As a percent of total families	15.8	14.6	18.9	11.4	16.9
Some member(s) employed	1,065	705	293	30	232
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	46.1	50.4	37.9	58.8	52.5
Some usually work full time	823	541	228	26	171
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	35.6	38.7	29.5	51.0	38.7
Families maintained by men	5,627	4,214	972	248	1,140
With employed member(s)	4,492	3,412	707	218	984
As a percent of total families	79.8	81.0	72.7	87.9	86.3
With unemployed member(s)	1,016	717	224	38	219
As a percent of total families	18.1	17.0	23.0	15.3	19.2
Some member(s) employed	535	381	110	24	132
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	52.7	53.1	49.1	63.2	60.3
Some usually work full time	455	321	96	22	113
As a percent of families with unemployed member(s).....	44.8	44.8	42.9	57.9	51.6

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 9. Labor force participation rates by presence and age of youngest child, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1996–2009 annual averages

(Percent)

Year	Total, both sexes			White			Black or African American		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
With no children under 18 years									
1996.....	60.1	66.8	53.5	60.5	67.6	53.6	56.9	61.5	52.3
1997.....	60.4	67.0	53.8	60.8	67.8	53.8	57.3	61.2	53.5
1998.....	60.3	67.0	53.9	60.6	67.6	53.8	58.0	62.0	54.2
1999.....	60.4	66.8	54.1	60.7	67.5	53.9	58.3	62.1	54.6
2000.....	60.6	67.0	54.3	60.9	67.7	54.3	58.4	62.5	54.5
2001.....	60.4	66.7	54.3	60.8	67.4	54.3	57.9	61.7	54.4
2002.....	60.0	66.2	53.9	60.4	66.8	54.0	56.8	61.0	52.7
2003.....	59.7	65.4	54.1	60.1	66.1	54.1	56.5	60.0	53.2
2004.....	59.6	65.3	54.0	60.0	66.1	54.0	56.4	59.5	53.5
2005.....	59.8	65.5	54.2	60.1	66.2	54.1	57.3	60.8	53.9
2006.....	60.0	65.8	54.2	60.4	66.5	54.2	57.1	60.5	53.9
2007.....	59.8	65.6	54.0	60.3	66.4	54.1	56.5	60.1	53.0
2008.....	59.9	65.6	54.3	60.3	66.3	54.3	56.9	60.4	53.6
2009.....	59.3	64.6	54.0	59.9	65.4	54.3	55.9	59.3	52.7
With children under 18 years									
1996.....	81.1	94.5	70.8	81.8	95.3	70.7	78.5	89.7	73.3
1997.....	81.8	94.6	71.9	82.4	95.4	71.7	79.6	89.6	75.0
1998.....	81.8	94.6	71.8	82.2	95.3	71.3	81.0	90.4	76.7
1999.....	82.0	94.6	72.2	82.3	95.4	71.5	82.0	89.3	78.5
2000.....	82.1	94.7	72.3	82.3	95.3	71.6	82.2	90.3	78.2
2001.....	81.9	94.6	72.1	82.2	95.3	71.5	81.8	89.7	77.9
2002.....	81.6	94.3	71.8	81.9	94.8	71.1	81.9	90.3	77.7
2003.....	81.2	94.1	71.1	81.4	94.7	70.3	81.5	89.7	77.5
2004.....	80.7	94.1	70.4	81.1	94.8	69.8	80.5	88.4	76.5
2005.....	80.7	94.1	70.5	81.1	94.8	69.8	80.4	88.7	76.3
2006.....	81.0	94.1	70.9	81.4	94.9	70.2	80.5	88.1	76.9
2007.....	81.4	94.3	71.0	81.7	95.0	70.3	81.2	89.6	76.6
2008.....	81.5	94.1	71.4	81.8	94.8	70.8	81.1	89.7	76.7
2009.....	81.3	93.8	71.4	81.8	94.5	70.9	80.2	87.7	76.3
With children 6 to 17 years, none younger									
1996.....	84.5	93.5	77.5	85.3	94.4	77.7	81.3	87.9	78.1
1997.....	84.7	93.6	77.9	85.4	94.4	78.0	81.8	88.1	78.7
1998.....	84.5	93.5	77.6	84.9	94.2	77.3	83.1	88.2	80.6
1999.....	84.8	93.4	78.2	85.4	94.4	78.1	83.2	86.7	81.4
2000.....	85.1	93.5	78.7	85.7	94.3	78.6	83.3	87.8	81.0
2001.....	85.0	93.6	78.3	85.5	94.5	78.1	83.3	87.5	81.1
2002.....	84.8	93.3	78.2	85.1	94.0	77.8	84.3	89.2	81.8
2003.....	84.5	93.1	77.8	84.7	93.7	77.3	84.0	88.0	82.1
2004.....	84.1	93.1	77.3	84.5	93.9	76.9	82.7	86.3	80.9
2005.....	83.7	93.0	76.5	84.1	93.8	76.3	82.4	86.9	80.2
2006.....	83.8	93.1	76.7	84.3	94.0	76.3	82.4	85.7	80.8
2007.....	84.3	93.2	77.2	84.6	94.0	76.7	83.7	87.7	81.5
2008.....	84.3	93.1	77.3	84.7	93.9	77.0	83.1	87.8	80.6
2009.....	84.2	92.7	77.3	84.7	93.7	77.0	82.2	85.7	80.3

See note at end of table.

Table 9. Labor force participation rates by presence and age of youngest child, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1996–2009 annual averages—Continued

(Percent)

Year	Total, both sexes			White			Black or African American		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
With children under 6 years									
1996.....	77.2	95.6	63.2	77.9	96.3	62.7	75.4	91.9	68.2
1997.....	78.3	95.8	64.8	78.8	96.5	64.1	77.1	91.3	70.8
1998.....	78.6	96.1	64.9	78.9	96.6	64.1	78.5	93.0	72.0
1999.....	78.5	96.1	64.8	78.5	96.7	63.4	80.6	92.5	74.9
2000.....	78.4	96.1	64.6	78.2	96.5	63.0	80.9	93.3	74.9
2001.....	78.1	95.8	64.3	78.1	96.2	63.0	80.0	92.5	73.9
2002.....	77.7	95.5	63.7	77.9	95.9	62.7	78.9	91.8	72.5
2003.....	77.2	95.4	62.8	77.3	96.0	61.5	78.2	92.1	71.8
2004.....	76.5	95.4	61.8	76.8	96.0	60.7	77.6	91.1	70.8
2005.....	77.0	95.4	62.8	77.2	96.1	61.6	77.8	91.2	71.4
2006.....	77.5	95.4	63.5	77.7	95.9	62.5	78.0	91.1	71.8
2007.....	77.8	95.7	63.3	77.9	96.2	62.3	77.9	92.3	70.4
2008.....	77.9	95.4	64.0	78.0	95.9	62.9	78.6	92.4	71.7
2009.....	77.8	95.1	64.2	78.1	95.6	63.3	77.7	90.4	71.4
With children under 3 years									
1996.....	75.4	95.8	59.4	76.2	96.5	59.2	72.1	92.2	63.1
1997.....	76.6	95.9	61.4	77.5	96.5	61.4	73.6	92.1	65.1
1998.....	77.2	96.2	61.9	77.7	96.7	61.5	75.8	93.2	67.5
1999.....	77.0	96.4	61.5	77.0	97.0	60.1	78.7	92.4	72.0
2000.....	76.3	96.4	60.4	76.3	96.7	59.0	77.6	93.6	69.8
2001.....	76.0	95.9	60.2	76.1	96.4	58.9	77.3	92.6	69.7
2002.....	76.1	95.8	60.2	76.3	96.2	59.2	76.9	93.2	68.6
2003.....	75.2	95.7	58.9	75.6	96.2	57.8	74.7	91.4	67.0
2004.....	74.4	95.7	57.5	74.9	96.3	56.8	74.7	91.0	66.4
2005.....	74.8	95.5	58.4	75.1	96.4	57.2	74.7	90.6	67.0
2006.....	75.8	95.5	60.2	76.2	96.2	59.3	75.0	90.6	67.2
2007.....	75.6	95.9	59.2	76.0	96.4	58.3	74.8	92.8	65.7
2008.....	76.1	95.7	60.4	76.4	96.2	59.4	75.0	92.4	66.7
2009.....	76.1	95.0	61.1	76.6	95.5	60.5	74.5	90.2	66.6

See note at end of table.

Table 9. Labor force participation rates by presence and age of youngest child, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1996–2009 annual averages—Continued

(Percent)

Year	Asian			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
With no children under 18 years						
1996.....	—	—	—	61.6	71.3	50.5
1997.....	—	—	—	62.6	72.1	51.4
1998.....	—	—	—	62.8	72.1	51.7
1999.....	—	—	—	62.5	71.6	52.2
2000.....	—	—	—	63.7	73.2	52.6
2001.....	—	—	—	63.0	72.4	52.6
2002.....	61.2	67.8	55.0	63.9	72.7	53.2
2003.....	59.7	66.4	53.7	62.8	72.1	51.5
2004.....	59.1	65.0	53.5	63.5	72.6	52.5
2005.....	59.9	66.0	54.3	63.0	72.1	51.9
2006.....	60.0	66.2	54.1	63.7	73.0	52.2
2007.....	60.2	66.6	54.0	63.7	72.8	52.4
2008.....	60.3	66.6	54.4	63.5	72.7	52.1
2009.....	59.0	65.3	53.1	62.6	70.7	52.8
With children under 18 years						
1996.....	—	—	—	72.3	93.7	56.7
1997.....	—	—	—	74.0	93.4	59.6
1998.....	—	—	—	74.2	92.9	60.2
1999.....	—	—	—	74.6	93.8	60.3
2000.....	—	—	—	75.7	93.8	62.0
2001.....	—	—	—	75.7	93.6	62.0
2002.....	78.3	93.2	66.6	75.8	93.2	62.7
2003.....	78.9	93.5	67.0	75.1	93.4	61.2
2004.....	77.9	93.8	64.9	74.9	93.9	60.4
2005.....	77.9	93.1	65.6	74.5	94.2	59.6
2006.....	78.3	93.2	66.3	75.3	94.2	60.9
2007.....	78.9	93.1	67.1	76.5	94.8	61.4
2008.....	80.0	93.0	68.8	76.4	94.4	61.4
2009.....	80.1	94.1	68.0	76.5	94.2	61.5
With children 6 to 17 years, none younger						
1996.....	—	—	—	77.3	92.3	66.7
1997.....	—	—	—	77.6	91.2	68.2
1998.....	—	—	—	77.5	90.6	68.1
1999.....	—	—	—	78.6	91.2	69.5
2000.....	—	—	—	79.3	91.5	70.5
2001.....	—	—	—	79.6	91.7	70.9
2002.....	82.6	91.6	75.7	79.0	91.1	70.2
2003.....	82.9	93.5	74.3	78.8	91.5	69.4
2004.....	82.6	93.8	73.4	79.6	92.8	70.2
2005.....	80.7	92.3	71.2	78.8	92.9	68.7
2006.....	80.8	91.8	72.0	79.1	92.6	69.4
2007.....	81.8	91.7	73.6	80.5	93.1	70.4
2008.....	82.7	91.8	74.9	80.4	93.2	70.0
2009.....	82.7	92.9	74.0	80.7	93.6	69.9

See note at end of table.

Table 9. Labor force participation rates by presence and age of youngest child, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1996–2009 annual averages—Continued

(Percent)

Year	Asian			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
With children under 6 years						
1996.....	—	—	—	68.5	94.8	48.7
1997.....	—	—	—	70.9	95.1	52.3
1998.....	—	—	—	71.3	94.9	53.0
1999.....	—	—	—	71.2	95.9	52.1
2000.....	—	—	—	72.5	95.7	54.5
2001.....	—	—	—	72.2	95.2	53.8
2002.....	73.5	94.8	56.3	73.1	94.8	56.1
2003.....	74.2	93.4	58.5	71.9	94.9	53.4
2004.....	73.1	93.8	56.0	70.6	94.8	51.2
2005.....	74.9	94.0	59.3	70.6	95.4	50.9
2006.....	75.6	94.8	59.9	71.7	95.6	52.7
2007.....	75.8	94.8	59.9	72.9	96.1	53.0
2008.....	77.1	94.3	61.9	72.7	95.5	53.0
2009.....	77.3	95.4	61.4	72.4	94.9	53.1
With children under 3 years						
1996.....	—	—	—	66.2	94.6	44.7
1997.....	—	—	—	68.6	94.6	48.0
1998.....	—	—	—	69.5	95.0	48.9
1999.....	—	—	—	68.8	96.2	47.4
2000.....	—	—	—	70.4	96.2	50.0
2001.....	—	—	—	69.7	95.3	48.7
2002.....	72.1	95.4	53.5	70.3	95.1	50.3
2003.....	73.0	94.5	55.1	69.5	95.2	47.9
2004.....	70.2	93.8	50.4	68.2	95.2	46.0
2005.....	72.4	92.9	55.8	67.7	96.0	45.0
2006.....	73.4	94.2	56.8	69.5	95.9	48.6
2007.....	73.6	94.2	56.2	69.9	96.0	47.6
2008.....	75.9	94.4	59.5	70.3	95.9	47.9
2009.....	76.1	95.9	58.2	70.0	94.4	49.1

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for White, Black or African American, and Asian race groups include people who selected that race group only; previously, those respondents with a multiracial background were included in the group they identified as the main race. Asian estimates for 2000–02 include Asian and Pacific Islanders; beginning in 2003, Asians are a separate category. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Children are "own" children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Dash indicates data not available.

Table 10. Unemployment rates by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1972–2009 annual averages

(Percent)

Year	Total			White			Black or African American			Asian			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1972.....	5.6	5.0	6.6	5.1	4.5	5.9	10.4	9.3	11.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
1973.....	4.9	4.2	6.0	4.3	3.8	5.3	9.4	8.0	11.1	—	—	—	7.5	6.7	9.0
1974.....	5.6	4.9	6.7	5.0	4.4	6.1	10.5	9.8	11.3	—	—	—	8.1	7.3	9.4
1975.....	8.5	7.9	9.3	7.8	7.2	8.6	14.8	14.8	14.8	—	—	—	12.2	11.4	13.5
1976.....	7.7	7.1	8.6	7.0	6.4	7.9	14.0	13.7	14.3	—	—	—	11.5	10.8	12.7
1977.....	7.1	6.3	8.2	6.2	5.5	7.3	14.0	13.3	14.9	—	—	—	10.1	9.0	11.9
1978.....	6.1	5.3	7.2	5.2	4.6	6.2	12.8	11.8	13.8	—	—	—	9.1	7.7	11.3
1979.....	5.8	5.1	6.8	5.1	4.5	5.9	12.3	11.4	13.3	—	—	—	8.3	7.0	10.3
1980.....	7.1	6.9	7.4	6.3	6.1	6.5	14.3	14.5	14.0	—	—	—	10.1	9.7	10.7
1981.....	7.6	7.4	7.9	6.7	6.5	6.9	15.6	15.7	15.6	—	—	—	10.4	10.2	10.8
1982.....	9.7	9.9	9.4	8.6	8.8	8.3	18.9	20.1	17.6	—	—	—	13.8	13.6	14.1
1983.....	9.6	9.9	9.2	8.4	8.8	7.9	19.5	20.3	18.6	—	—	—	13.7	13.6	13.8
1984.....	7.5	7.4	7.6	6.5	6.4	6.5	15.9	16.4	15.4	—	—	—	10.7	10.5	11.1
1985.....	7.2	7.0	7.4	6.2	6.1	6.4	15.1	15.3	14.9	—	—	—	10.5	10.2	11.0
1986.....	7.0	6.9	7.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	14.5	14.8	14.2	—	—	—	10.6	10.5	10.8
1987.....	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.4	5.2	13.0	12.7	13.2	—	—	—	8.8	8.7	8.9
1988.....	5.5	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	—	—	—	8.2	8.1	8.3
1989.....	5.3	5.2	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	11.4	11.5	11.4	—	—	—	8.0	7.6	8.8
1990.....	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.8	4.9	4.7	11.4	11.9	10.9	—	—	—	8.2	8.0	8.4
1991.....	6.8	7.2	6.4	6.1	6.5	5.6	12.5	13.0	12.0	—	—	—	10.0	10.3	9.6
1992.....	7.5	7.9	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.1	14.2	15.2	13.2	—	—	—	11.6	11.7	11.4
1993.....	6.9	7.2	6.6	6.1	6.3	5.7	13.0	13.8	12.1	—	—	—	10.8	10.6	11.0
1994.....	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.3	5.4	5.2	11.5	12.0	11.0	—	—	—	9.9	9.4	10.7
1995.....	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	10.4	10.6	10.2	—	—	—	9.3	8.8	10.0
1996.....	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.7	10.5	11.1	10.0	—	—	—	8.9	7.9	10.2
1997.....	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	10.0	10.2	9.9	—	—	—	7.7	7.0	8.9
1998.....	4.5	4.4	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	—	—	—	7.2	6.4	8.2
1999.....	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.8	8.0	8.2	7.8	—	—	—	6.4	5.6	7.6
2000.....	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.5	3.4	3.6	7.6	8.0	7.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	5.7	5.0	6.8
2001.....	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	8.6	9.3	8.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	6.6	5.9	7.5
2002.....	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.1	5.3	4.9	10.2	10.7	9.8	5.9	6.1	5.7	7.5	7.2	8.0
2003.....	6.0	6.3	5.7	5.2	5.6	4.8	10.8	11.6	10.2	6.0	6.2	5.7	7.7	7.2	8.4
2004.....	5.5	5.6	5.4	4.8	5.0	4.7	10.4	11.1	9.8	4.4	4.5	4.3	7.0	6.5	7.6
2005.....	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	10.0	10.5	9.5	4.0	4.0	3.9	6.0	5.4	6.9
2006.....	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.9	9.5	8.4	3.0	3.0	3.1	5.2	4.8	5.9
2007.....	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	8.3	9.1	7.5	3.2	3.1	3.4	5.6	5.3	6.1
2008.....	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.5	4.9	10.1	11.4	8.9	4.0	4.1	3.7	7.6	7.6	7.7
2009.....	9.3	10.3	8.1	8.5	9.4	7.3	14.8	17.5	12.4	7.3	7.9	6.6	12.1	12.5	11.5

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for White, Black or African American, and Asian race groups include people who selected that race group only; previously, those respondents with a multiracial background were included in the group they identified as the main race. Asian estimates for 2000–02 include Asian and Pacific Islanders; beginning in 2003, Asians are a separate category. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash indicates data not available.

Table 11. Unemployed people by duration of unemployment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages

Duration of unemployment	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	14,265	10,648	2,606	522	2,706
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	22.2	23.5	16.6	20.6	24.9
5 to 14 weeks.....	26.8	27.3	24.8	25.8	27.7
15 to 26 weeks.....	19.5	19.5	19.7	18.4	19.1
27 weeks and over.....	31.5	29.7	38.9	35.1	28.2
Average (mean) duration, in weeks.....	24.4	23.3	28.9	26.9	22.6
Median duration, in weeks.....	15.1	14.2	19.7	16.6	13.5
Men, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	8,453	6,421	1,448	306	1,670
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	21.7	22.9	16.5	20.3	25.2
5 to 14 weeks.....	26.6	27.1	24.5	24.9	28.8
15 to 26 weeks.....	20.0	20.1	19.6	18.6	19.6
27 weeks and over.....	31.7	29.9	39.4	36.2	26.4
Average (mean) duration, in weeks.....	24.6	23.5	29.3	27.5	21.5
Median duration, in weeks.....	15.5	14.5	19.8	17.4	13.0
Women, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	5,811	4,227	1,159	216	1,036
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	22.9	24.4	16.7	21.0	24.4
5 to 14 weeks.....	27.2	27.7	25.2	27.1	26.1
15 to 26 weeks.....	18.7	18.5	19.8	18.2	18.4
27 weeks and over.....	31.2	29.4	38.3	33.7	31.2
Average (mean) duration, in weeks.....	24.1	23.0	28.4	25.9	24.3
Median duration, in weeks.....	14.5	13.7	19.5	15.6	14.3

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 12. **Unemployed people by reason for unemployment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Reason for unemployment	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	14,265	10,648	2,606	522	2,706
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	64.2	66.2	58.4	61.7	65.8
On temporary layoff.....	11.4	13.0	6.0	7.3	12.2
Not on temporary layoff.....	52.8	53.1	52.3	54.4	53.6
Permanent job losers.....	43.0	43.6	41.1	46.6	40.5
Persons who completed temporary jobs.....	9.8	9.5	11.2	7.8	13.1
Job leavers.....	6.2	6.2	5.4	7.5	4.9
Reentrants.....	22.3	21.0	27.0	21.2	20.7
New entrants.....	7.3	6.7	9.2	9.6	8.7
Men, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	8,453	6,421	1,448	306	1,670
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	70.6	72.8	63.6	66.7	74.3
On temporary layoff.....	13.6	15.4	6.9	7.5	14.4
Not on temporary layoff.....	57.0	57.3	56.7	58.8	60.0
Permanent job losers.....	45.8	46.6	43.4	50.3	44.9
Persons who completed temporary jobs.....	11.2	10.8	13.3	8.5	15.1
Job leavers.....	5.2	5.2	4.5	6.9	3.8
Reentrants.....	17.8	6.3	23.0	18.0	14.6
New entrants.....	6.4	5.8	8.9	8.5	7.2
Women, 16 years and older (In thousands).....	5,811	4,227	1,159	216	1,036
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	54.9	56.1	51.8	54.6	51.9
On temporary layoff.....	8.3	9.4	4.9	6.9	8.7
Not on temporary layoff.....	46.7	46.7	46.9	47.7	43.2
Permanent job losers.....	38.9	39.1	38.3	41.2	33.4
Persons who completed temporary jobs.....	7.8	7.7	8.5	6.5	9.8
Job leavers.....	7.6	7.7	6.6	8.3	6.6
Reentrants.....	29.0	28.1	32.0	25.5	30.5
New entrants.....	8.4	8.0	9.7	11.1	11.0

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 13. People in the labor force and not in the labor force by selected characteristics, 2009 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Race, age, sex, and Hispanic origin	Civilian labor force ¹	Not in the labor force						Do not want a job now
		Total	Want a job				Do not want a job now	
			Total ²	Searched for work in the prior year				
				Total	Available for work now ³			
Total	Discouraged workers ⁴	Other						
Total								
Total, 16 years and older.....	154,142	81,659	5,894	2,818	2,226	778	1,449	75,765
16 to 24 years.....	21,361	16,207	1,944	983	708	200	509	14,263
25 to 54 years.....	103,742	21,823	2,624	1,383	1,127	427	699	19,199
55 years and older.....	29,040	43,629	1,325	452	391	151	240	42,303
Men, 16 years and older.....	82,123	32,013	2,779	1,435	1,184	485	699	29,234
16 to 24 years.....	11,066	7,861	1,028	538	402	139	263	6,833
25 to 54 years.....	55,730	6,367	1,138	676	588	265	323	5,229
55 years and older.....	15,327	17,784	612	220	194	81	113	17,172
Women, 16 years and older.....	72,019	49,646	3,115	1,384	1,043	293	749	46,531
16 to 24 years.....	10,295	8,346	915	445	307	61	246	7,431
25 to 54 years.....	48,012	15,456	1,486	707	539	162	376	13,970
55 years and older.....	13,712	25,844	713	231	197	70	127	25,131
White								
Total, 16 years and older.....	125,644	65,258	4,229	1,967	1,530	512	1,018	61,030
16 to 24 years.....	17,290	11,709	1,365	677	472	125	347	10,343
25 to 54 years.....	83,444	16,571	1,814	937	755	275	480	14,757
55 years and older.....	24,911	36,979	1,049	353	304	113	191	35,930
Men, 16 years and older.....	68,051	25,382	2,014	1,008	822	329	494	23,368
16 to 24 years.....	9,026	5,694	727	373	271	88	183	4,967
25 to 54 years.....	45,678	4,548	791	463	401	178	223	3,758
55 years and older.....	13,346	15,140	496	172	150	63	88	14,643
Women, 16 years and older.....	57,593	39,876	2,215	959	708	184	524	37,662
16 to 24 years.....	8,264	6,015	638	304	201	37	164	5,376
25 to 54 years.....	37,765	12,022	1,023	474	354	96	257	10,999
55 years and older.....	11,564	21,839	553	181	154	51	103	21,286
Black or African American								
Total, 16 years and older.....	17,632	10,609	1,135	595	508	197	310	9,474
16 to 24 years.....	2,691	2,966	412	221	181	61	119	2,554
25 to 54 years.....	12,451	3,298	541	309	267	111	155	2,757
55 years and older.....	2,490	4,345	182	66	60	25	36	4,163
Men, 16 years and older.....	8,265	4,441	533	301	263	116	147	3,908
16 to 24 years.....	1,304	1,433	218	119	99	41	58	1,215
25 to 54 years.....	5,825	1,291	240	151	137	64	73	1,051
55 years and older.....	1,135	1,717	75	30	28	11	17	1,642
Women, 16 years and older.....	9,367	6,169	603	295	244	81	163	5,566
16 to 24 years.....	1,387	1,534	194	102	82	21	61	1,339
25 to 54 years.....	6,626	2,007	301	157	130	47	83	1,706
55 years and older.....	1,355	2,628	108	36	33	14	19	2,521

See notes at end of table.

Table 13. **People in the labor force and not in the labor force by selected characteristics, 2009 annual averages—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Race, age, sex, and Hispanic origin	Civilian labor force ¹	Not in the labor force						Do not want a job now
		Total	Want a job					
			Total ²	Searched for work in the prior year				
				Total	Available for work now ³			
Total	Discouraged workers ⁴	Other						
Asian								
Total, 16 years and older.....	7,156	3,685	292	141	98	37	61	3,393
16 to 24 years.....	616	871	75	40	24	5	19	796
25 to 54 years.....	5,364	1,225	161	79	56	22	33	1,064
55 years and older.....	1,175	1,589	57	23	18	10	8	1,533
Men, 16 years and older.....	3,857	1,314	130	72	53	22	31	1,184
16 to 24 years.....	331	420	42	25	16	4	12	379
25 to 54 years.....	2,908	273	65	36	27	13	15	208
55 years and older.....	617	621	24	11	9	5	4	597
Women, 16 years and older.....	3,300	2,371	162	69	45	15	30	2,209
16 to 24 years.....	285	451	33	15	8	1	7	418
25 to 54 years.....	2,456	952	96	43	28	10	19	856
55 years and older.....	559	969	33	12	9	5	4	935
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity								
Total, 16 years and older.....	22,352	10,539	1,024	473	381	144	236	9,515
16 to 24 years.....	3,710	3,036	359	177	129	41	88	2,677
25 to 54 years.....	16,303	4,065	527	250	211	85	126	3,538
55 years and older.....	2,339	3,437	138	46	40	18	22	3,300
Men, 16 years and older.....	13,310	3,588	438	232	196	86	110	3,150
16 to 24 years.....	2,122	1,345	174	91	68	27	42	1,171
25 to 54 years.....	9,868	919	202	120	109	51	58	718
55 years and older.....	1,319	1,324	62	21	18	8	10	1,261
Women, 16 years and older.....	9,043	6,951	586	241	185	58	126	6,365
16 to 24 years.....	1,588	1,691	185	86	61	14	46	1,505
25 to 54 years.....	6,435	3,146	325	130	102	34	68	2,821
55 years and older.....	1,020	2,114	75	25	22	10	12	2,038

¹ The sum of the employed plus the unemployed.

² Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as school or family responsibilities, ill health, and transportation problems, as well as a small number for whom reason for nonparticipation was not determined.

³ Refers to people who have searched for work during the prior 12 months (but not during the prior 4 weeks) and were available to take a job during the reference week, also referred to as "marginally attached to the labor force."

⁴ Includes the following reasons for not actively looking for work in the prior 4 weeks: Thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 14. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1979–2009 annual averages

Years	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, both sexes					
1979.....	\$241	\$248	\$199	—	\$194
1980.....	262	269	212	—	209
1981.....	284	291	235	—	223
1982.....	302	310	245	—	240
1983.....	313	320	261	—	250
1984.....	326	336	269	—	259
1985.....	344	356	277	—	270
1986.....	359	371	291	—	277
1987.....	374	384	301	—	285
1988.....	385	395	314	—	290
1989.....	399	409	319	—	298
1990.....	412	424	329	—	304
1991.....	426	442	348	—	312
1992.....	440	458	357	—	321
1993.....	459	475	369	—	331
1994.....	467	484	371	—	324
1995.....	479	494	383	—	329
1996.....	490	506	387	—	339
1997.....	503	519	400	—	351
1998.....	523	545	426	—	370
1999.....	549	573	445	—	385
2000.....	576	590	474	\$615	399
2001.....	596	610	491	639	417
2002.....	608	623	498	658	424
2003.....	620	636	514	693	440
2004.....	638	657	525	708	456
2005.....	651	672	520	753	471
2006.....	671	690	554	784	486
2007.....	695	716	569	830	503
2008.....	722	742	589	861	529
2009.....	739	757	601	880	541

See note at end of table.

Table 14. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1979–2009 annual averages—Continued

Years	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Men					
1979.....	\$292	\$298	\$227	—	\$219
1980.....	313	320	244	—	234
1981.....	340	350	268	—	251
1982.....	364	375	278	—	269
1983.....	379	387	294	—	274
1984.....	392	401	303	—	287
1985.....	407	418	305	—	296
1986.....	419	433	319	—	299
1987.....	434	450	327	—	306
1988.....	449	465	348	—	308
1989.....	468	482	348	—	315
1990.....	481	494	361	—	318
1991.....	493	506	375	—	323
1992.....	501	514	380	—	339
1993.....	510	524	392	—	346
1994.....	522	547	400	—	343
1995.....	538	566	411	—	350
1996.....	557	580	412	—	356
1997.....	579	595	432	—	371
1998.....	598	615	468	—	390
1999.....	618	638	488	—	406
2000.....	641	662	510	\$685	417
2001.....	670	689	529	732	440
2002.....	679	702	524	756	451
2003.....	695	715	555	772	464
2004.....	713	732	569	802	480
2005.....	722	743	559	825	489
2006.....	743	761	591	882	505
2007.....	766	788	600	936	520
2008.....	798	825	620	966	559
2009.....	819	845	621	952	569

See note at end of table.

Table 14. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1979–2009 annual averages—Continued

Years	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Women					
1979.....	\$182	\$184	\$169	—	\$157
1980.....	201	203	185	—	172
1981.....	219	221	206	—	190
1982.....	239	242	217	—	203
1983.....	252	254	232	—	215
1984.....	265	268	241	—	223
1985.....	277	281	252	—	230
1986.....	291	294	264	—	241
1987.....	303	307	276	—	251
1988.....	315	318	288	—	260
1989.....	328	334	301	—	269
1990.....	346	353	308	—	278
1991.....	366	373	323	—	292
1992.....	380	387	335	—	302
1993.....	393	401	348	—	313
1994.....	399	408	346	—	305
1995.....	406	415	355	—	305
1996.....	418	428	362	—	316
1997.....	431	444	375	—	318
1998.....	456	468	400	—	337
1999.....	473	483	409	—	348
2000.....	493	502	429	\$547	366
2001.....	512	522	454	563	388
2002.....	529	547	473	566	397
2003.....	552	567	491	598	410
2004.....	573	584	505	613	419
2005.....	585	596	499	665	429
2006.....	600	609	519	699	440
2007.....	614	626	533	731	473
2008.....	638	654	554	753	501
2009.....	657	669	582	779	509

See note at end of table.

Table 14. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1979–2009 annual averages—Continued

Years	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Women's earnings as a percent of men's					
1979.....	62.3	61.7	74.4	—	71.7
1980.....	64.2	63.4	75.8	—	73.5
1981.....	64.4	63.1	76.9	—	75.7
1982.....	65.7	64.5	78.1	—	75.5
1983.....	66.5	65.6	78.9	—	78.5
1984.....	67.6	66.8	79.5	—	77.7
1985.....	68.1	67.2	82.6	—	77.7
1986.....	69.5	67.9	82.8	—	80.6
1987.....	69.8	68.2	84.4	—	82.0
1988.....	70.2	68.4	82.8	—	84.4
1989.....	70.1	69.3	86.5	—	85.4
1990.....	71.9	71.5	85.3	—	87.4
1991.....	74.2	73.7	86.1	—	90.4
1992.....	75.8	75.3	88.2	—	89.1
1993.....	77.1	76.5	88.8	—	90.5
1994.....	76.4	74.6	86.5	—	88.9
1995.....	75.5	73.3	86.4	—	87.1
1996.....	75.0	73.8	87.9	—	88.8
1997.....	74.4	74.6	86.8	—	85.7
1998.....	76.3	76.1	85.5	—	86.4
1999.....	76.5	75.7	83.8	—	85.7
2000.....	76.9	75.8	84.1	79.9	87.8
2001.....	76.4	75.8	85.8	76.9	88.2
2002.....	77.9	77.9	90.3	74.9	88.0
2003.....	79.4	79.3	88.5	77.5	88.4
2004.....	80.4	79.8	88.8	76.4	87.3
2005.....	81.0	80.2	89.3	80.6	87.7
2006.....	80.8	80.0	87.8	79.3	87.1
2007.....	80.2	79.4	88.8	78.1	91.0
2008.....	79.9	79.3	89.4	78.0	89.6
2009.....	80.2	79.2	93.7	81.8	89.5

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for White, Black or African American, and Asian race groups include people who selected that race group only; previously, those respondents with a multiracial background were included in the group they identified as the main race. Asian estimates for 2000–02 include Asian and Pacific Islanders; beginning in 2003, Asians are a separate category. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash indicates data not available.

Table 15. **Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Educational attainment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 25 years and older.....	\$774	\$799	\$621	\$907	\$576
Less than a high school diploma.....	454	464	413	421	421
High school graduates, no college ¹	626	651	533	592	555
Some college, no degree.....	699	727	593	713	644
Associate degree.....	761	781	647	710	685
Bachelor's degree and higher ²	1,137	1,152	921	1,168	985
Men, 25 years and older.....	\$873	\$898	\$656	\$980	\$598
Less than a high school diploma.....	500	504	453	487	469
High school graduates, no college ¹	716	740	588	632	594
Some college, no degree.....	810	845	623	780	716
Associate degree.....	878	902	713	764	756
Bachelor's degree and higher ²	1,327	1,352	987	1,326	1,106
Women, 25 years and older.....	\$687	\$702	\$600	\$809	\$529
Less than a high school diploma.....	382	378	391	390	355
High school graduates, no college ¹	542	556	497	515	495
Some college, no degree.....	608	618	567	631	579
Associate degree.....	674	689	604	619	615
Bachelor's degree and higher ²	970	976	886	1,045	884

¹ Includes people with a high school diploma or equivalent.

² Includes people with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

NOTE: People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 16. **Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages**

Occupation	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Total, 16 years and older.....	\$739	\$757	\$601	\$880	\$541
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	1,044	1,061	844	1,227	891
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	1,138	1,154	905	1,247	926
Management occupations.....	1,208	1,234	935	1,428	974
Business and financial operations occupations.....	996	1,012	864	1,102	798
Professional and related occupations.....	994	1,005	803	1,218	859
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	1,253	1,255	1,021	1,343	1,033
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	1,266	1,269	1,064	1,357	1,197
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1,059	1,094	756	1,115	977
Community and social services occupations.....	783	805	733	911	745
Legal occupations.....	1,200	1,213	947	1,542	899
Education, training, and library occupations.....	887	899	767	1,016	803
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	888	887	876	996	718
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	970	983	768	1,169	848
Service occupations.....	470	475	447	486	410
Healthcare support occupations.....	472	482	440	522	473
Protective service occupations.....	747	811	579	955	667
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	398	397	392	434	380
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	444	443	424	498	400
Personal care and service occupations.....	440	439	448	450	406
Sales and office occupations.....	624	635	578	671	556
Sales and related occupations.....	665	698	497	648	521
Office and administrative support occupations.....	612	613	596	690	566
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	719	727	615	783	553
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	416	417	398	377	388
Construction and extraction occupations.....	718	724	622	715	576
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	781	791	634	865	621
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	605	618	540	566	485
Production occupations.....	610	622	539	575	475
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	599	613	540	532	495

See note at end of table.

Table 16. **Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued**

Occupation	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Men, 16 years and older.....	\$819	\$845	\$621	\$952	\$569
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	1,248	1,266	922	1,357	1,017
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	1,334	1,356	940	1,429	1,035
Management occupations.....	1,384	1,406	942	1,542	1,066
Business and financial operations occupations.....	1,171	1,211	932	1,173	987
Professional and related occupations.....	1,191	1,213	910	1,338	1,000
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	1,304	1,316	1,026	1,349	1,004
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	1,318	1,324	1,144	1,398	1,202
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1,190	1,226	714	1,167	983
Community and social services occupations.....	897	946	732	962	902
Legal occupations.....	1,741	1,761	1,131	1,748	965
Education, training, and library occupations.....	1,068	1,081	992	1,162	1,051
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	960	965	874	1,068	761
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	1,184	1,253	793	1,400	976
Service occupations.....	524	538	499	533	442
Healthcare support occupations.....	544	566	506	780	596
Protective service occupations.....	798	849	600	948	704
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	416	416	400	487	401
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	488	490	466	513	425
Personal care and service occupations.....	546	553	554	512	503
Sales and office occupations.....	737	759	602	705	576
Sales and related occupations.....	793	832	591	716	601
Office and administrative support occupations.....	657	666	613	678	554
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	727	736	617	803	563
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	428	433	393	395	401
Construction and extraction occupations.....	719	726	620	717	577
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	787	796	634	895	623
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	648	666	582	617	516
Production occupations.....	678	689	613	646	518
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	618	637	554	577	514

See note at end of table.

Table 16. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2009 annual averages—Continued

Occupation	Total	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
Women, 16 years and older.....	\$657	\$669	\$582	\$779	\$509
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	907	913	800	1,097	774
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	955	960	882	1,083	807
Management occupations.....	1,002	1,012	929	1,205	897
Business and financial operations occupations.....	894	893	832	1,045	740
Professional and related occupations.....	880	886	763	1,101	760
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	1,149	1,132	1,018	1,330	1,082
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	1,061	1,086	873	1,021	1,181
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	940	949	761	954	957
Community and social services occupations.....	741	742	734	850	701
Legal occupations.....	985	984	896	1,374	736
Education, training, and library occupations.....	836	847	736	921	753
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	775	776	879	836	667
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations.....	924	935	766	1,132	780
Service occupations.....	418	417	418	450	378
Healthcare support occupations.....	464	476	429	504	455
Protective service occupations.....	599	649	521	988	523
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	378	376	383	398	342
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	388	381	402	481	358
Personal care and service occupations.....	415	417	408	429	383
Sales and office occupations.....	590	593	558	649	543
Sales and related occupations.....	525	552	436	528	456
Office and administrative support occupations.....	602	602	591	693	572
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	542	544	557	491	385
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	372	369	415	361	335
Construction and extraction occupations.....	673	678	665	613	552
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	644	658	633	484	562
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	472	477	453	481	374
Production occupations.....	472	477	438	486	378
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	472	475	475	428	368

NOTE: People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Technical Note

The estimates in this report were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national monthly sample survey of approximately 60,000 households, that provides a wide range of information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. Earnings data are collected from one-fourth of the CPS monthly sample. The survey is conducted for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau, using a scientifically selected national sample with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia.

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Concepts and definitions

Civilian noninstitutional population. Included are persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 States and the District of Columbia who are not confined to institutions, such as nursing homes and prisons, and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Employed persons. All persons who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs.

Unemployed persons. All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, (except for temporary illness), and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Duration of unemployment. This represents the length of time (through the reference week) that persons classified as unemployed had been looking for work. For persons on lay-off, duration of unemployment represents the number of full

weeks they had been on layoff. Mean duration is the arithmetic average computed from single weeks of unemployment; median duration is the midpoint of a distribution of weeks of unemployment.

Reason for unemployment. Unemployment also is categorized according to the status of individuals at the time they began to look for work. The reasons for unemployment are divided into four major groups:

1. *Job losers*, comprising (a) persons on temporary layoff, who have been given a date to return to work or who expect to return within 6 months (persons on layoff need not be looking for work to qualify as unemployed), (b) permanent job losers, whose employment ended involuntarily and who began looking for work, and (c) persons who completed temporary jobs, who began looking for work after the jobs ended.
2. *Job leavers*, persons who quit or otherwise terminated their employment voluntarily and immediately began looking for work.
3. *Reentrants*, persons who previously worked but who were out of the labor force prior to beginning their job search.
4. *New entrants*, persons who had never worked.

Labor force. This group comprises all persons classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Unemployment rate. This represents the number of unemployed person as a percent of the labor force.

Participation rate. This represents the proportion of the population that is in the labor force.

Employment-population ratio. This represents the proportion of the population that is employed.

Not in the labor force. Included in this group are all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population who are neither employed nor unemployed. The marginally attached are persons not in the labor force who wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months (or since the end of their last job if they held one within the past 12 months). They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks

preceding the survey. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, were not looking for work because they believed no jobs were available for them.

Occupation, industry, and class of worker. This information for the employed applies to the job held in the reference week. Persons with two or more jobs are classified in the job at which they worked the greatest number of hours. The unemployed are classified according to their last job. Beginning in 2003, the occupational and industrial classification of CPS data is based on the 2002 Census Bureau occupational and industrial classification systems, which are derived from the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) and the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). (Consistent data are available back to 2000. Earlier data use a different classification system.)

White, Black or African American, and Asian. These are terms used to describe the race of persons. Beginning in 2003, people in these categories are those who selected that race group only. (Previously, respondents identified a group as their main race.) People in the remaining race categories—American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders, and people who selected more than one race category—are included in the estimates of total employment and unemployment but are not shown separately because the number of survey respondents is too small to develop estimates of sufficient quality. In the enumeration process, race is determined by the household respondent. More information on the 2003 changes in questions on race and Hispanic ethnicity is available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/rvcps03.pdf>.

Hispanic or Latino ethnicity. This refers to persons who identified themselves in the enumeration process as being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. More information on the 2003 changes in questions on race and Hispanic ethnicity is available online at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/rvcps03.pdf>.

Usual weekly earnings. Data represent earnings before taxes and other deductions, and include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received (at the main job, in the case of multiple jobholders). Earnings reported on a basis other than weekly (for example, annual, monthly, hourly) are converted to weekly. The term “usual” is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of usual, interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months. Data refer to the

sole or primary job of wage and salary workers (excluding all self-employed persons regardless of whether their businesses were incorporated).

Median earnings. These figures indicate the value that divides the earnings distribution into two equal parts, one part having values above the median and the other having values below the median. The medians shown in this publication are calculated by linear interpolation of the \$50 centered interval within which each median falls.

Family. A family is defined as a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption; all such persons are considered as members of one family. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses. A family maintained by a woman or a man is one in which the householder is never married, or is widowed, divorced, or separated.

Children. Data on children refer to one’s own children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Reliability of the Estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than an entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the “true” population values they represent. The exact difference, or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the “true” population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

All other types of error are referred to as *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of data.

A full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors is available at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability>.

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