

TABLE B-39. Civilian labor force participation rate and employment/population ratio, 1962-2009

(Percent 1; monthly data seasonally adjusted)

Year or month	Labor force participation rate						Employment/population ratio							
	All civilian workers	Males	Females	Both sexes 16-19 years	White ²	Black and other ²	Black or African American ²	All civilian workers	Males	Females	Both sexes 16-19 years	White ²	Black and other ²	Black or African American ²
1962	58.8	82.0	37.9	46.1	58.3	63.2	55.5	77.7	35.6	39.4	55.4	56.3	56.3	56.3
1963	58.7	81.4	38.3	45.2	58.2	63.0	55.4	77.1	35.8	37.4	55.3	56.2	56.2	56.2
1964	58.7	81.0	38.7	44.5	58.2	63.1	55.7	77.3	36.3	37.3	55.5	57.0	57.0	57.0
1965	58.9	80.7	39.3	45.7	58.4	62.9	56.2	77.5	37.1	38.9	56.0	57.8	57.8	57.8
1966	59.2	80.4	40.3	48.2	58.7	63.0	56.9	77.9	38.3	42.1	56.8	58.4	58.4	58.4
1967	59.6	80.4	41.1	48.4	59.2	62.8	57.3	78.0	39.0	42.2	57.2	58.2	58.2	58.2
1968	59.6	80.1	41.6	48.3	59.3	62.2	57.5	77.8	39.6	42.2	57.4	58.0	58.0	58.0
1969	60.1	79.8	42.7	49.4	59.9	62.1	58.0	77.6	40.7	43.4	58.0	58.1	58.1	58.1
1970	60.4	79.7	43.3	49.9	60.2	61.8	57.4	76.2	40.8	42.3	57.5	56.8	56.8	56.8
1971	60.2	79.1	43.4	49.7	60.1	60.9	56.6	74.9	40.4	41.3	56.8	54.9	54.9	54.9
1972	60.4	78.9	43.9	51.9	60.4	60.2	59.9	57.0	41.0	43.5	57.4	54.1	54.1	53.7
1973	60.8	78.8	44.7	53.7	60.8	60.5	60.2	57.8	42.0	45.9	58.2	55.0	55.0	54.5
1974	61.3	78.7	45.7	54.8	61.4	60.3	59.8	57.8	42.6	46.0	58.3	54.3	54.3	53.5
1975	61.2	77.9	46.3	54.0	61.5	59.6	58.8	56.1	43.0	43.3	56.7	51.4	51.4	50.1
1976	61.6	77.5	47.3	54.5	61.8	59.8	59.0	56.8	43.2	44.2	57.5	52.0	52.0	50.8
1977	62.3	77.7	48.4	56.0	62.5	60.4	59.8	57.9	44.5	46.1	58.6	52.5	52.5	51.4
1978	63.2	77.9	50.0	57.8	63.3	62.2	61.5	59.3	46.4	48.3	60.0	54.7	54.7	53.6
1979	63.7	77.8	50.9	57.9	63.9	62.2	61.4	59.9	47.5	48.5	60.6	55.2	55.2	53.8
1980	63.8	77.4	51.5	56.7	64.1	61.7	61.0	59.2	47.7	46.6	60.0	53.6	53.6	52.3
1981	63.9	77.0	52.1	55.4	64.3	61.3	60.8	59.0	48.0	44.6	60.0	52.6	52.6	51.3
1982	64.0	76.6	52.6	54.1	64.3	61.6	61.0	57.8	47.7	41.5	58.8	50.9	50.9	49.4
1983	64.0	76.4	52.9	53.5	64.3	62.1	61.5	57.9	48.0	41.5	58.9	51.0	51.0	49.5
1984	64.4	76.4	53.6	53.9	64.6	62.6	62.2	59.5	49.5	43.7	60.5	53.6	53.6	52.3
1985	64.8	76.3	54.5	54.5	65.0	63.3	62.9	60.1	50.4	44.4	61.0	54.7	54.7	53.4
1986	65.3	76.3	55.3	54.7	65.5	63.7	63.3	60.7	51.4	44.6	61.5	55.4	55.4	54.1
1987	65.6	76.2	56.0	54.7	65.8	64.3	63.8	61.5	52.5	45.5	62.3	56.8	56.8	55.6
1988	65.9	76.2	56.6	55.3	66.2	64.0	63.8	62.3	53.4	46.8	63.1	57.4	57.4	56.3
1989	66.5	76.4	57.4	55.9	66.7	64.7	64.2	63.0	54.3	47.5	63.8	58.2	58.2	56.9
1990	66.5	76.4	57.5	53.7	66.9	64.4	64.0	62.8	54.3	45.3	63.7	57.9	57.9	56.7
1991	66.2	75.8	57.4	51.6	66.6	63.8	63.3	61.7	53.7	42.0	62.6	56.7	56.7	55.4
1992	66.4	75.8	57.8	51.3	66.8	64.6	63.9	61.5	53.8	41.0	62.4	56.4	56.4	54.9
1993	66.3	75.4	57.9	51.5	66.8	63.8	63.2	61.7	54.1	41.7	62.7	56.3	56.3	55.0
1994	66.6	75.1	58.8	52.7	67.1	63.9	63.4	62.5	55.3	43.4	63.5	57.2	57.2	56.1
1995	66.6	75.0	58.9	53.5	67.1	64.3	63.7	62.9	56.6	44.2	63.8	58.1	58.1	57.1
1996	66.8	74.9	59.3	52.3	67.2	64.6	64.1	63.2	56.0	43.5	64.1	58.6	58.6	57.4
1997	67.1	75.0	59.8	51.6	67.5	65.2	64.7	63.8	58.8	43.4	64.6	59.4	59.4	58.2
1998	67.1	74.9	59.8	52.8	67.3	66.0	65.6	64.1	57.1	45.1	64.7	60.9	60.9	59.7
1999	67.1	74.7	60.0	52.0	67.3	65.9	65.8	64.3	57.4	44.7	64.8	61.3	61.3	60.6
2000	67.1	74.8	59.9	52.0	67.3	65.8	65.8	64.4	57.5	45.2	64.9	60.9	60.9	60.9
2001	66.8	74.4	59.8	49.6	67.0	65.3	63.7	60.9	57.0	42.3	64.2	59.7	59.7	59.7
2002	66.6	74.1	59.6	47.4	66.8	64.8	62.7	69.7	56.3	39.6	63.4	58.1	58.1	58.1
2003	66.2	73.5	59.5	44.5	66.5	64.3	62.3	68.9	56.1	36.8	63.0	57.4	57.4	57.4
2004	66.0	73.3	59.2	43.9	66.3	63.8	62.3	69.2	56.0	36.4	63.1	57.2	57.2	57.2
2005	66.0	73.3	59.3	43.7	66.3	64.2	62.7	69.6	56.2	36.5	63.4	57.7	57.7	57.7
2006	66.2	73.5	59.4	43.7	66.5	64.1	63.1	70.1	56.6	36.9	63.8	58.4	58.4	58.4
2007	66.0	73.2	59.3	41.3	66.4	63.7	63.0	69.8	56.6	34.8	63.6	58.4	58.4	58.4
2008	66.0	73.0	59.5	40.2	66.3	63.7	62.2	68.5	56.2	32.6	63.8	57.3	57.3	57.3
2009	65.4	72.0	59.2	37.5	65.8	62.4	59.3	64.5	54.4	28.4	60.2	53.2	53.2	53.2
2008: Jan	66.2	73.3	59.6	41.2	66.5	64.0	62.9	69.6	56.7	33.9	63.5	58.2	58.2	58.2
2008: Feb	66.0	73.1	59.3	40.0	66.2	63.7	62.8	69.5	56.5	33.4	63.3	58.4	58.4	58.4
2008: Mar	66.1	73.1	59.5	40.1	66.3	64.0	62.7	69.3	56.6	33.7	63.3	58.2	58.2	58.2
2008: Apr	66.0	73.0	59.5	41.0	66.2	64.0	62.7	69.2	56.6	34.6	63.3	58.5	58.5	58.5
2008: May	66.2	73.1	59.6	42.1	66.4	63.8	62.6	69.0	56.5	34.1	63.2	57.7	57.7	57.7
2008: June	66.1	73.0	59.5	40.4	66.3	63.6	62.4	68.8	56.4	32.7	63.1	57.6	57.6	57.6
2008: July	66.0	73.2	59.3	40.5	66.4	63.6	62.2	68.6	56.2	32.1	63.0	57.4	57.4	57.4
2008: Aug	66.1	73.0	59.6	39.9	66.4	64.4	62.0	68.4	56.1	32.4	62.7	57.3	57.3	57.3
2008: Sept	66.0	73.0	59.4	40.0	66.3	63.6	61.9	68.1	56.1	32.3	62.7	56.3	56.3	56.3
2008: Oct	66.0	72.9	59.5	39.8	66.4	63.6	61.7	67.7	56.0	31.8	62.4	56.4	56.4	56.4
2008: Nov	65.8	72.6	59.4	38.5	66.2	63.2	61.3	67.2	55.7	30.7	62.0	55.9	55.9	55.9
2008: Dec	65.8	72.5	59.5	38.4	66.1	63.4	60.9	66.6	55.6	30.4	61.6	55.8	55.8	55.8
2009: Jan	65.7	72.3	59.5	38.5	66.0	63.2	60.6	66.1	55.4	30.4	61.4	55.1	55.1	55.1
2009: Feb	65.7	72.3	59.6	38.8	66.1	63.0	60.3	65.8	55.2	30.3	61.2	54.5	54.5	54.5
2009: Mar	65.6	72.0	59.5	38.1	66.0	62.4	59.9	65.1	55.0	29.7	60.7	54.0	54.0	54.0
2009: Apr	65.8	72.4	59.6	38.1	66.2	63.2	59.9	65.1	55.0	29.8	60.8	53.7	53.7	53.7
2009: May	65.8	72.5	59.5	38.4	66.3	62.9	59.6	64.9	54.7	29.5	60.6	53.5	53.5	53.5
2009: June	65.7	72.3	59.4	38.3	66.1	62.6	59.4	64.6	54.5	29.0	60.3	53.3	53.3	53.3
2009: July	65.4	72.0	59.2	37.9	65.9	62.5	59.3	64.5	54.4	28.6	60.2	53.3	53.3	53.3
2009: Aug	65.4	72.2	59.1	37.5	65.9	62.2	59.1	64.3	54.2	27.8	60.1	52.7	52.7	52.7
2009: Sept	65.1	71.8	58.8	36.8	65.7	61.6	58.7	63.9	53.8	27.2	59.7	52.1	52.1	52.1
2009: Oct	65.0	71.8	58.7	36.1	65.6	61.7	58.4	63.6	53.6	26.1	59.4	52.0	52.0	52.0
2009: Nov	64.9	71.5	58.8	35.8	65.4	62.2	58.5	63.5	53.7	26.2	59.4	52.5	52.5	52.5
2009: Dec	64.6	71.0	58.6	35.6	65.0	61.9	58.2	63.2	53.4	25.9	59.1	51.9	51.9	51.9

¹ Civilian labor force or civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population in group specified.

² See footnote 1, Table B-37.

Note: Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-35.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).