

Table 17.5—GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION: 1962–2005

Year	Government employment							Population	
	Federal ¹				State and local governments (thousands)	All government units (thousands)	Federal Executive Branch civilian as a percent of all governmental units	Total United States (thousands)	Federal Executive Branch civilian employment per 1,000 population
	Executive branch civilians (thousands)	Uniformed military personnel (thousands)	Legislative and judicial branch personnel (thousands)	Total Federal personnel (thousands)					
1962	2,485	2,840	30	5,354	6,550	11,904	20.9	186,538	13.3
1963 ²	2,498	2,732	30	5,260	6,868	12,128	20.6	189,242	13.2
1964 ²	2,470	2,719	31	5,220	7,248	12,468	19.8	191,889	12.9
1965	2,496	2,687	32	5,215	7,696	12,911	19.3	194,303	12.8
1966	2,726	3,129	33	5,888	8,221	14,109	19.3	196,560	13.9
1967	2,968	3,413	34	6,416	8,673	15,089	19.7	198,712	14.9
1968	3,020	3,584	35	6,639	9,102	15,741	19.2	200,706	15.0
1969 ³	3,040	3,499	36	6,575	9,437	16,012	19.0	202,677	15.0
1970 ⁴	2,944	3,104	38	6,085	9,822	15,907	18.5	205,052	14.4
1971 ⁴	2,883	2,752	40	5,675	10,184	15,859	18.2	207,661	13.9
1972	2,823	2,360	42	5,225	10,649	15,874	17.8	209,896	13.4
1973	2,781	2,289	44	5,113	11,069	16,182	17.2	211,909	13.1
1974	2,847	2,198	46	5,091	11,446	16,537	17.2	213,854	13.3
1975	2,848	2,164	49	5,061	11,937	16,998	16.8	215,973	13.2
1976	2,833	2,119	50	5,002	12,138	17,140	16.5	218,035	13.0
1977	2,840	2,112	53	5,005	12,400	17,405	16.3	220,239	12.9
1978	2,875	2,099	55	5,028	12,920	17,948	16.0	222,585	12.9
1979	2,823	2,063	53	4,939	13,174	18,113	15.6	225,055	12.5
1980 ⁴	2,821	2,090	55	4,965	13,375	18,340	15.4	227,726	12.4
1981 ⁴	2,806	2,122	54	4,982	13,259	18,241	15.4	229,966	12.2
1982	2,770	2,147	55	4,972	13,098	18,070	15.3	232,188	11.9
1983	2,820	2,163	56	5,039	13,096	18,135	15.6	234,307	12.0
1984	2,854	2,178	56	5,088	13,216	18,304	15.6	236,348	12.1
1985	3,008	2,190	58	5,256	13,519	18,775	16.0	238,466	12.6
1986	2,966	2,206	55	5,228	13,794	19,022	15.6	240,651	12.3
1987	3,030	2,213	58	5,301	14,067	19,368	15.6	242,804	12.5
1988	3,054	2,176	59	5,289	14,415	19,704	15.5	245,021	12.5
1989	3,064	2,168	60	5,292	14,791	20,083	15.3	247,342	12.4
1990 ⁴	3,067	2,106	61	5,234	15,219	20,453	15.0	249,623	12.3
1991 ⁴	3,048	2,040	64	5,152	15,436	20,588	14.8	252,981	12.0
1992	3,017	1,848	66	4,931	15,675	20,606	14.6	256,514	11.8
1993	2,947	1,744	66	4,758	15,926	20,684	14.2	259,919	11.3
1994	2,908	1,648	63	4,620	16,258	20,878	13.9	263,126	11.1
1995	2,858	1,555	62	4,475	16,484	20,959	13.6	266,278	10.7
1996	2,786	1,507	61	4,354	16,662	21,016	13.3	269,394	10.3
1997	2,725	1,439	62	4,226	16,858	21,084	12.9	272,647	10.0
1998	2,727	1,407	62	4,196	17,137	21,333	12.8	275,854	9.9
1999	2,687	1,386	63	4,135	17,538	21,673	12.4	279,040	9.6
2000 ⁴	2,639	1,426	63	4,129	17,925	22,054	12.0	282,193	9.4
2001 ⁴	2,640	1,428	64	4,132	18,354	22,486	11.7	285,108	9.3
2002	2,630	1,456	66	4,152	18,747	22,899	11.5	287,985	9.1
2003	2,666	1,478	65	4,210	18,822	23,032	11.6	290,850	9.2
2004	2,650	1,473	64	4,187	18,890	23,077	11.5	293,657	9.0
2005	2,636	1,436	65	4,138	19,076	23,214	11.4	296,410	8.9

¹ Covers total end-of-year civilian employment of full-time permanent, temporary, part-time, and intermittent employees. Executive branch includes the Postal Service, and, beginning in 1970, includes various disadvantaged youth and worker-trainee programs.

² Excludes 7,411 project employees in 1963 and 406 project employees in 1964 for the public works acceleration program.

³ On Jan. 1, 1969, 42,000 civilian technicians of the Army and Air Force National Guard converted by law from State to Federal employment status. They are included in the Federal employment figures in this table starting with 1969.

⁴ Includes temporary employees for the decennial census.