TABLE B–38.—*Civilian labor force participation rate by demographic characteristic, 1955–99*

[Percent;[1] monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	White							Black and other or black						
		Total	Males			Females			Total	Males			Females		
			Total	16–19 years	20 years and over	Total	16–19 years	20 years and over		Total	16–19 years	20 years and over	Total	16–19 years	20 years and over
									Black and other						
1955	59.3	58.7	85.4	58.6	87.5	34.5	40.7	34.0	64.2	85.1	60.8	87.8	46.1	32.7	47.5
1956	60.0	59.4	85.6	60.4	87.6	35.7	43.1	35.1	64.9	85.1	61.5	87.8	47.3	36.3	48.4
1957	59.6	59.1	84.8	59.2	86.9	35.7	42.2	35.2	64.4	84.2	58.8	87.0	47.1	33.2	48.6
1958	59.5	58.9	84.3	56.5	86.6	35.8	40.1	35.5	64.8	84.1	57.3	87.1	48.0	31.9	49.8
1959	59.3	58.7	83.8	55.9	86.3	36.0	39.6	35.6	64.3	83.4	55.5	86.7	47.7	28.2	49.8
1960	59.4	58.8	83.4	55.9	86.0	36.5	40.3	36.2	64.5	83.0	57.6	86.2	48.2	32.9	49.9
1961	59.3	58.8	83.0	54.5	85.7	36.9	40.6	36.6	64.1	82.2	55.8	85.5	48.3	32.8	50.1
1962	58.8	58.3	82.1	53.8	84.9	36.7	39.8	36.5	63.2	80.8	53.5	84.2	48.0	33.1	49.6
1963	58.7	58.2	81.5	53.1	84.4	37.2	38.7	37.0	63.0	80.2	51.5	83.9	48.1	32.6	49.9
1964	58.7	58.2	81.1	52.7	84.2	37.5	37.8	37.5	63.1	80.1	49.9	84.1	48.6	31.7	50.7
1965	58.9	58.4	80.8	54.1	83.9	38.1	39.2	38.0	62.9	79.6	51.3	83.7	48.6	29.5	51.1
1966	59.2	58.7	80.6	55.9	83.6	39.2	42.6	38.8	63.0	79.0	51.4	83.3	49.4	33.5	51.6
1967	59.6	59.2	80.6	56.3	83.5	40.1	42.5	39.8	62.8	78.5	51.1	82.9	49.5	35.2	51.6
1968	59.6	59.3	80.4	55.9	83.2	40.7	43.0	40.4	62.2	77.7	49.7	82.2	49.3	34.8	51.4
1969	60.1	59.9	80.2	56.8	83.0	41.8	44.6	41.5	62.1	76.9	49.6	81.4	49.8	34.6	52.0
1970	60.4	60.2	80.0	57.5	82.8	42.6	45.6	42.2	61.8	76.5	47.4	81.4	49.5	34.1	51.8
1971	60.2	60.1	79.6	57.9	82.3	42.6	45.4	42.3	60.9	74.9	44.7	80.0	49.2	31.2	51.8
1972	60.4	60.4	79.6	60.1	82.0	43.2	48.1	42.7	60.2	73.9	46.0	78.6	48.8	32.3	51.2
									Black						
1972	60.4	60.4	79.6	60.1	82.0	43.2	48.1	42.7	59.9	73.6	46.3	78.5	48.7	32.2	51.2
1973	60.8	60.8	79.4	62.0	81.6	44.1	50.1	43.5	60.2	73.4	45.7	78.4	49.3	34.2	51.6
1974	61.3	61.4	79.4	62.9	81.4	45.2	51.7	44.4	59.8	72.9	46.7	77.6	49.0	33.4	51.4
1975	61.2	61.5	78.7	61.9	80.7	45.9	51.5	45.3	58.8	70.9	42.6	76.0	48.8	34.2	51.1
1976	61.6	61.8	78.4	62.3	80.3	46.9	52.8	46.2	59.0	70.0	41.3	75.4	49.8	32.9	52.5
1977	62.3	62.5	78.5	64.0	80.2	48.0	54.5	47.3	59.8	70.6	43.2	75.6	50.8	32.9	53.6
1978	63.2	63.3	78.6	65.0	80.1	49.4	56.7	48.7	61.5	71.5	44.9	76.2	53.1	37.3	55.5
1979	63.7	63.9	78.6	64.8	80.1	50.5	57.4	49.8	61.4	71.3	43.6	76.3	53.1	36.8	55.4
1980	63.8	64.1	78.2	63.7	79.8	51.2	56.2	50.6	61.0	70.3	43.2	75.1	53.1	34.9	55.6
1981	63.9	64.3	77.9	62.4	79.5	51.9	55.4	51.5	60.8	70.0	41.6	74.5	53.5	34.0	56.0
1982	64.0	64.3	77.4	60.0	79.2	52.4	55.0	52.2	61.0	70.1	39.8	74.7	53.7	33.5	56.2
1983	64.0	64.3	77.1	59.4	78.9	52.7	54.5	52.5	61.5	70.6	39.9	75.2	54.2	33.0	56.8
1984	64.4	64.6	77.1	59.0	78.7	53.3	55.4	53.1	62.2	70.8	41.7	74.8	55.2	35.0	57.6
1985	64.8	65.0	77.0	59.7	78.5	54.1	55.2	54.0	62.9	70.8	44.6	74.4	56.5	37.9	58.6
1986	65.3	65.5	76.9	59.3	78.5	55.0	56.3	54.9	63.3	71.2	43.7	74.8	56.9	39.1	58.9
1987	65.6	65.8	76.8	59.0	78.4	55.7	56.5	55.6	63.8	71.1	43.6	74.7	58.0	39.6	60.0
1988	65.9	66.2	76.9	60.0	78.3	56.4	57.2	56.3	63.8	71.0	43.8	74.6	58.0	37.9	60.1
1989	66.5	66.7	77.1	61.0	78.5	57.2	57.1	57.2	64.2	71.0	44.6	74.4	58.7	40.4	60.6
1990	66.5	66.9	77.1	59.6	78.5	57.4	55.3	57.6	64.0	71.0	40.7	75.0	58.3	36.8	60.6
1991	66.2	66.6	76.5	57.3	78.0	57.4	54.1	57.6	63.3	70.4	37.3	74.6	57.5	33.5	60.0
1992	66.4	66.8	76.5	56.9	78.0	57.7	52.5	58.1	63.9	70.7	40.6	74.3	58.5	35.2	60.8
1993	66.3	66.8	76.2	56.6	77.7	58.0	53.5	58.3	63.2	69.6	39.5	73.2	57.9	34.6	60.2
1994	66.6	67.1	75.9	57.7	77.3	58.9	55.1	59.2	63.4	69.1	40.8	72.5	58.7	36.3	60.9
1995	66.6	67.1	75.7	58.5	77.1	59.0	55.5	59.2	63.7	69.0	40.1	72.5	59.5	39.8	61.4
1996	66.8	67.2	75.8	57.1	77.3	59.1	54.7	59.4	64.1	68.7	39.5	72.3	60.4	38.9	62.6
1997	67.1	67.5	75.9	56.1	77.5	59.5	54.1	59.9	64.7	68.3	37.4	72.2	61.7	39.9	64.0
1998	67.1	67.3	75.6	56.6	77.2	59.4	55.4	59.7	65.6	69.0	40.7	72.5	62.8	42.5	64.8
1999	67.1	67.3	75.6	56.4	77.2	59.6	54.5	59.9	65.8	68.7	38.6	72.4	63.5	38.8	66.1
1998: Jan	67.2	67.4	75.7	56.9	77.2	59.6	55.6	59.9	65.2	68.8	38.6	72.5	62.2	40.9	64.4
Feb	67.2	67.4	75.7	56.8	77.3	59.5	55.5	59.8	65.4	68.5	38.7	72.1	62.9	39.6	65.3
Mar	67.1	67.3	75.6	57.6	77.1	59.5	55.6	59.8	65.8	69.0	38.2	72.8	63.1	42.7	65.2
Apr	67.0	67.2	75.6	55.9	77.2	59.4	54.2	59.8	65.5	69.3	38.6	73.0	62.4	44.0	64.3
May	67.0	67.3	75.6	55.8	77.2	59.5	55.5	59.8	64.8	68.1	36.7	72.0	62.0	42.5	64.0
June	67.0	67.2	75.5	56.7	77.1	59.3	55.6	59.6	65.8	69.5	42.1	72.9	62.9	45.8	64.6
July	67.0	67.1	75.5	55.8	77.2	59.2	55.1	59.5	65.8	69.9	44.3	73.0	62.5	39.3	64.8
Aug	66.9	67.2	75.5	56.6	77.1	59.4	55.7	59.7	65.4	68.7	40.3	72.3	62.7	43.1	64.7
Sept	67.2	67.4	75.7	56.5	77.3	59.6	56.5	59.8	65.3	68.8	44.5	71.8	62.5	43.3	64.4
Oct	67.1	67.3	75.7	56.6	77.3	59.5	55.8	59.7	66.0	69.5	39.9	73.1	63.2	43.8	65.2
Nov	67.1	67.3	75.7	56.9	77.3	59.3	54.0	59.7	66.0	69.2	44.3	72.3	63.4	41.9	65.6
Dec	67.2	67.4	75.7	56.7	77.3	59.5	55.3	59.8	65.8	68.6	41.6	72.0	63.4	43.1	65.5
1999: Jan	67.4	67.5	75.7	56.3	77.4	59.7	54.9	60.1	66.2	69.9	42.6	73.3	63.3	39.9	65.6
Feb	67.3	67.5	75.8	56.5	77.4	59.7	55.4	60.0	65.8	68.9	40.7	72.4	63.2	40.3	65.6
Mar	67.0	67.3	75.6	55.6	77.3	59.6	55.0	59.9	65.6	68.3	41.2	71.7	63.4	40.3	65.8
Apr	67.1	67.4	75.5	55.8	77.2	59.6	55.0	60.0	65.8	68.3	37.7	72.0	63.8	38.8	66.3
May	67.0	67.2	75.4	57.1	77.0	59.5	54.2	59.9	65.7	68.7	37.3	72.6	63.2	37.7	65.8
June	67.1	67.4	75.5	56.2	77.2	59.6	53.0	60.1	65.7	68.2	36.5	72.1	63.6	38.9	66.1
July	67.0	67.3	75.6	56.5	77.2	59.4	54.0	59.8	65.8	67.9	36.8	71.7	64.1	38.2	66.7
Aug	67.0	67.3	75.6	55.7	77.3	59.4	53.7	59.9	65.5	68.0	35.4	72.0	63.5	38.5	66.1
Sept	67.0	67.2	75.5	56.6	77.1	59.3	54.2	59.7	66.0	68.5	37.6	72.3	64.0	39.1	66.5
Oct	67.0	67.2	75.4	56.8	77.0	59.5	55.4	59.8	66.0	69.3	39.7	72.9	63.3	37.4	65.9
Nov	67.0	67.2	75.3	56.8	76.9	59.5	55.1	59.9	66.0	68.8	36.8	72.8	63.7	37.9	66.3
Dec	67.1	67.3	75.4	57.0	77.0	59.7	54.6	60.1	65.9	69.2	40.9	72.6	63.3	38.2	65.8

[1] Civilian labor force as percent of civilian noninstitutional population in group specified.

Note.—See Note, Table B–37.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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