Table B–40. Civilian labor force participation rate by demographic characteristic, 1970–2010

[Percent [1]; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	White [2]							Black and other or black or African American [2]						
		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 [2]						
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 or African American [2]						
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
2000	67.1	67.3	75.5	56.5	77.1	59.5	54.5	59.9	65.8	69.2	39.2	72.8	63.1	39.6	65.4
2001	66.8	67.0	75.1	53.7	76.9	59.4	52.4	59.9	65.3	68.4	37.9	72.1	62.8	37.3	65.2
2002	66.6	66.8	74.8	50.3	76.7	59.3	50.8	60.0	64.8	68.4	37.3	72.1	61.8	34.7	64.4
2003	66.2	66.5	74.2	47.5	76.3	59.2	47.9	59.9	64.3	67.3	31.1	71.5	61.9	33.7	64.6
2004	66.0	66.3	74.1	47.4	76.2	58.9	46.7	59.7	63.8	66.7	30.0	70.9	61.5	32.8	64.2
2005	66.0	66.3	74.1	46.2	76.2	58.9	47.6	59.7	64.2	67.3	32.6	71.3	61.6	32.2	64.4
2006	66.2	66.5	74.3	46.9	76.4	59.0	46.6	59.9	64.1	67.0	32.3	71.1	61.7	35.6	64.2
2007	66.0	66.4	74.0	44.3	76.3	59.0	44.6	60.1	63.7	66.8	29.4	71.2	61.1	31.2	64.0
2008	66.0	66.3	73.7	43.0	76.1	59.2	43.3	60.3	63.7	66.7	29.1	71.1	61.3	29.7	64.3
2009	65.4	65.8	72.8	40.3	75.3	59.1	40.9	60.4	62.4	65.0	26.4	69.6	60.3	27.9	63.4
2010	64.7	65.1	72.0	37.4	74.6	58.5	38.0	59.9	62.2	65.0	25.8	69.5	59.9	25.1	63.2
2009: Jan	65.7	66.0	73.2	41.7	75.7	59.2	41.9	60.4	63.2	66.0	27.2	70.6	61.0	30.7	63.9
Feb	65.7	66.1	73.2	41.6	75.6	59.4	43.8	60.5	63.1	65.8	27.3	70.4	60.8	28.5	64.0
Mar	65.6	66.0	72.9	40.6	75.3	59.4	42.6	60.6	62.4	65.1	23.5	69.9	60.2	27.3	63.4
Apr	65.6	66.1	73.1	39.8	75.7	59.4	41.7	60.7	63.1	66.0	29.1	70.3	60.7	27.6	63.9
May	65.7	66.2	73.4	41.6	75.8	59.3	41.3	60.6	62.8	65.5	25.1	70.3	60.5	28.9	63.6
June	65.7	66.1	73.2	40.4	75.7	59.3	42.3	60.5	62.6	64.9	25.5	69.5	60.8	29.6	63.8
July	65.5	65.9	73.0	40.8	75.5	59.2	41.2	60.4	62.5	64.9	26.6	69.3	60.6	29.4	63.6
Aug	65.4	65.9	73.0	41.8	75.4	59.1	40.1	60.4	62.1	64.6	24.6	69.3	60.0	27.2	63.1
Sept	65.1	65.6	72.8	40.4	75.3	58.6	39.3	60.0	61.7	64.1	26.1	68.5	59.8	25.9	63.1
Oct	65.1	65.6	72.8	39.7	75.3	58.8	38.4	60.2	61.8	64.6	25.7	69.1	59.5	26.2	62.6
Nov	65.0	65.4	72.3	37.7	75.0	58.8	39.2	60.1	62.1	65.0	29.5	69.1	59.8	25.3	63.0
Dec	64.7	65.1	71.8	37.9	74.4	58.6	39.3	59.9	61.9	64.8	28.3	68.9	59.6	27.5	62.7
2010: Jan	64.8	65.2	71.8	37.8	74.4	58.8	37.6	60.2	62.3	65.0	27.9	69.3	60.1	28.0	63.1
Feb	64.8	65.2	71.9	37.0	74.6	58.8	38.6	60.2	62.2	64.9	26.4	69.3	60.0	25.4	63.3
Mar	64.9	65.3	72.0	38.2	74.6	58.8	38.5	60.2	62.6	66.2	27.6	70.6	59.7	25.9	62.9
Apr	65.1	65.6	72.6	38.3	75.1	58.9	39.3	60.2	62.8	65.5	25.5	70.1	60.5	25.5	63.8
May	64.9	65.3	72.2	37.7	74.8	58.7	38.5	60.1	62.7	65.7	23.9	70.4	60.2	28.2	63.2
June	64.7	65.1	72.0	36.1	74.7	58.4	37.2	59.9	61.9	64.8	24.9	69.4	59.4	23.0	62.8
July	64.6	65.1	72.1	37.6	74.7	58.4	37.6	59.8	61.5	64.4	25.5	68.8	59.2	22.9	62.5
Aug	64.7	65.2	72.2	37.3	74.8	58.5	39.1	59.8	62.2	65.1	27.7	69.3	59.7	23.8	63.1
Sept	64.7	65.1	72.1	36.4	74.8	58.5	38.3	59.8	61.7	64.6	24.3	69.1	59.4	21.9	62.9
Oct	64.5	64.9	71.7	37.4	74.3	58.3	38.3	59.7	62.2	64.8	26.9	69.0	60.2	26.2	63.3
Nov	64.5	64.8	71.6	38.2	74.1	58.3	36.5	59.7	62.4	64.9	26.4	69.1	60.4	26.3	63.6
Dec	64.3	64.7	71.5	37.6	74.0	58.2	36.6	59.7	62.1	64.5	23.6	69.1	60.2	25.6	63.3

[1] Civilian labor force 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).

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