

Labor force participation rates, 1954-2005

	Total	Men				Women			
		Total	White	African American	Hispanic	Total	White	African American	Hispanic
1973	60.8	78.8	79.4	73.4	81.5	44.7	44.1	49.3	41.0
1974	61.3	78.7	79.4	72.9	81.7	45.7	45.2	49.0	42.4
1975	61.2	77.9	78.7	70.9	80.7	46.3	45.9	48.8	43.2
1976	61.6	77.5	78.4	70.0	79.6	47.3	46.9	49.8	44.3
1977	62.3	77.7	78.5	70.6	80.9	48.4	48.0	50.8	44.3
1978	63.2	77.9	78.6	71.5	81.1	50.0	49.4	53.1	46.6
1979	63.7	77.8	78.6	71.3	81.3	50.9	50.5	53.1	47.4
1980	63.8	77.4	78.2	70.3	81.4	51.5	51.2	53.1	47.4
1981	63.9	77.0	77.9	70.0	80.6	52.1	51.9	53.5	48.3
1982	64.0	76.6	77.4	70.1	79.7	52.6	52.4	53.7	48.1
1983	64.0	76.4	77.1	70.6	80.3	52.9	52.7	54.2	47.7
1984	64.4	76.4	77.1	70.8	80.6	53.6	53.3	55.2	49.6
1985	64.8	76.3	77.0	70.8	80.3	54.5	54.1	56.5	49.3
1986	65.3	76.3	76.9	71.2	81.0	55.3	55.0	56.9	50.1
1987	65.6	76.2	76.8	71.1	81.0	56.0	55.7	58.0	52.0
1988	65.9	76.2	76.9	71.0	81.9	56.6	56.4	58.0	53.2
1989	66.5	76.4	77.1	71.0	82.0	57.4	57.2	58.7	53.5
1990	66.5	76.4	77.1	71.0	81.4	57.5	57.4	58.3	53.1
1991	66.2	75.8	76.5	70.4	80.3	57.4	57.4	57.5	52.4
1992	66.4	75.8	76.5	70.7	80.7	57.8	57.7	58.5	52.8
1993	66.3	75.4	76.2	69.6	80.2	57.9	58.0	57.9	52.1
1994	66.6	75.1	75.9	69.1	79.2	58.8	58.9	58.7	52.9
1995	66.6	75.0	75.7	69.0	79.1	58.9	59.0	59.5	52.6
1996	66.8	74.9	75.8	68.7	79.6	59.3	59.1	60.4	53.4
1997	67.1	75.0	75.9	68.3	80.1	59.8	59.5	61.7	55.1
1998	67.1	74.9	75.6	69.0	79.8	59.8	59.4	62.8	55.6
1999	67.1	74.7	75.6	68.7	79.8	60.0	59.6	63.5	55.9
2000	67.1	74.8	75.5	69.2	81.5	59.9	59.5	63.1	57.5
2001	66.8	74.4	75.1	68.4	81.0	59.8	59.4	62.8	57.6
2002	66.6	74.1	74.8	68.4	80.2	59.6	59.3	61.8	57.6
2003	66.2	73.5	74.2	67.3	80.1	59.5	59.2	61.9	55.9
2004	66.0	73.3	74.1	66.7	80.4	59.2	58.9	61.5	56.1
2005	66.0	73.3	74.1	67.3	80.1	59.3	58.9	61.6	55.3

Source: Authors' analysis from *The State of Working America 2006-07*, Figures 4O.