

Table 22. **Work experience of the population by sex and full- and part-time status, selected years, 1970–2008**

(Percent distribution)

Year	Population (in thousands)	With work experience		Percent distribution by work experience						
		Total (in thousands)	Percent of population	Total	Usually work full time			Usually work part time		
					Total	50 to 52 weeks	1 to 49 weeks	Total	50 to 52 weeks	1 to 49 weeks
Total, both sexes										
1970.....	138,953	93,850	67.5	100.0	79.4	55.6	23.8	20.6	6.7	13.9
1975.....	153,180	102,603	67.0	100.0	78.9	54.3	24.6	21.2	7.5	13.7
1980.....	169,452	115,752	68.3	100.0	78.5	56.1	22.4	21.4	7.7	13.7
1985.....	179,944	123,466	68.6	100.0	78.2	58.7	19.5	21.9	8.3	13.6
1990.....	189,238	132,562	70.1	100.0	78.8	60.4	18.4	21.3	8.7	12.6
1995.....	199,925	138,971	69.5	100.0	78.6	62.9	15.7	21.3	9.1	12.2
2000.....	214,292	150,787	70.4	100.0	80.4	66.7	13.7	19.5	9.3	10.2
2005.....	227,975	154,322	67.7	100.0	80.3	67.5	12.8	19.7	10.0	9.7
2006.....	231,033	156,658	67.8	100.0	80.9	68.4	12.5	19.1	9.7	9.4
2007.....	232,995	157,653	67.7	100.0	80.9	68.4	12.5	19.1	9.8	9.3
2008.....	235,086	157,472	67.0	100.0	79.5	65.6	13.9	20.5	10.5	10.0
Women										
1970.....	73,657	38,809	52.7	100.0	67.9	40.7	27.2	32.2	10.1	22.1
1975.....	80,834	43,511	53.8	100.0	67.1	41.4	25.7	32.8	11.7	21.1
1980.....	89,259	51,492	57.7	100.0	67.7	44.7	23.0	32.3	11.9	20.4
1985.....	94,490	56,165	59.4	100.0	68.1	48.9	19.2	31.8	12.3	19.5
1990.....	98,970	61,494	62.1	100.0	69.8	51.5	18.3	30.2	12.8	17.4
1995.....	104,058	65,304	62.8	100.0	70.2	54.3	15.9	29.7	13.3	16.4
2000.....	111,440	71,341	64.0	100.0	72.9	58.4	14.5	27.1	13.4	13.7
2005.....	117,814	72,309	61.4	100.0	72.7	59.9	12.8	27.3	14.1	13.2
2006.....	119,300	73,527	61.6	100.0	73.0	60.7	12.3	27.0	14.1	12.9
2007.....	120,300	74,115	61.6	100.0	73.6	61.5	12.1	26.4	14.2	12.2
2008.....	121,328	74,363	61.3	100.0	72.2	59.3	12.9	27.8	15.0	12.8
Men										
1970.....	65,296	55,041	84.3	100.0	87.6	66.1	21.5	12.4	4.4	8.0
1975.....	72,346	59,091	81.7	100.0	87.5	63.8	23.7	12.5	4.4	8.1
1980.....	80,193	64,260	80.1	100.0	87.2	65.2	22.0	12.8	4.4	8.4
1985.....	85,454	67,301	78.8	100.0	86.5	66.8	19.7	13.5	4.8	8.7
1990.....	90,269	71,068	78.7	100.0	86.4	68.0	18.4	13.5	5.1	8.4
1995.....	95,867	73,667	76.8	100.0	86.2	70.6	15.6	13.9	5.5	8.4
2000.....	102,853	79,446	77.2	100.0	87.5	74.2	13.3	12.6	5.5	7.1
2005.....	110,161	82,013	74.4	100.0	87.0	74.2	12.8	13.0	6.3	6.7
2006.....	111,733	83,131	74.4	100.0	87.8	75.2	12.6	12.2	5.7	6.5
2007.....	112,695	83,538	74.1	100.0	87.4	74.6	12.8	12.6	5.9	6.7
2008.....	113,758	83,109	73.1	100.0	86.0	71.2	14.8	14.0	6.5	7.5

NOTE: These data, collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement, reflect the work experience of the entire year.

SOURCE: Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1971–2009, Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.