

Table 360.—Participation in adult education during the previous 12 months by adults 17 years old and older, by selected characteristics of participants: 1991, 1995, and 1999—Continued

Characteristics of participants	Percent participating in any program, 1991 ¹	1995							1999							
		Population, in thousands	Adult education participants, in thousands ¹	Percent participating ²				Population, in thousands	Adult education participants, in thousands ¹	Percent participating						
				In any program	In part-time post-secondary education	In career or job related courses	Personal development courses			In any program	In basic education	In English as a second language	In part-time post-secondary education	In career or job related courses	In apprentice programs	Personal development courses
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Teachers, elementary and secondary	55.0	5,414	4,155	76.7	16.6	52.4	36.9	7,033	5,511	78.4 (3.1)	# #	23.8 (2.8)	50.2 (3.4)	0.3 (0.2)	38.8 (3.3)	
Teachers, postsecondary	45.5	1,254	687	54.8	4.1	40.8	26.0	2,214	1,472	66.5 (5.6)	0.4 (0.4)	35.3 (3.4)	17.0 (5.0)	37.1 (5.8)	1.8 (1.1)	42.1 (5.9)
Physicians, dentists, veterinarians	67.1	859	611	71.1	1.2	67.1	19.0	610	487	79.8 (9.0)	# #	4.6 (4.5)	62.5 (11.5)	4.2 (4.2)	29.1 (11.2)	
Registered nurses, pharmacists	59.6	2,337	2,026	86.7	10.6	71.3	33.6	3,210	2,741	85.4 (4.1)	# #	16.0 (4.7)	71.1 (4.9)	0.2 (0.2)	46.0 (5.3)	
Writers, artists, entertainers, and athletes	42.9	1,874	934	49.9	7.7	23.1	30.0	2,481	1,241	50.0 (6.9)	0.4 (0.4)	# #	13.4 (4.2)	29.1 (5.6)	2.2 (1.2)	21.4 (5.1)
Health technicians and technicians	68.6	1,697	1,270	74.8	12.8	47.5	33.0	2,190	1,465	66.9 (6.2)	1.7 (1.2)	0.6 (0.6)	19.1 (4.3)	40.6 (5.7)	4.9 (3.3)	35.5 (5.7)
Technologists, except health	55.4	3,543	2,279	64.3	13.5	41.3	28.7	5,090	3,032	59.6 (5.1)	#	0.4 (0.4)	20.9 (3.8)	37.0 (4.7)	3.8 (2.7)	24.5 (4.0)
Marketing and sales occupations	34.4	18,174	8,038	44.2	6.8	23.2	20.4	13,578	6,022	44.4 (2.7)	1.4 (0.5)	0.1 (0.1)	6.1 (1.1)	20.7 (2.1)	1.6 (0.6)	25.1 (2.3)
Administrative support, including clerical	29.9	22,968	11,867	51.7	9.5	28.9	24.7	22,052	11,042	50.1 (2.3)	1.9 (0.7)	0.3 (0.2)	10.3 (1.2)	25.1 (1.8)	0.8 (0.3)	22.5 (1.8)
Service occupations	25.2	20,072	9,342	46.5	9.0	20.9	22.8	18,649	9,497	50.9 (2.7)	3.2 (0.9)	1.3 (0.5)	13.7 (1.8)	18.5 (1.9)	2.5 (0.7)	23.7 (2.4)
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	14.3	2,336	616	26.4	1.6	11.5	15.6	2,809	964	34.3 (7.2)	2.0 (1.5)	2.0 (1.6)	9.2 (4.0)	10.5 (3.4)	6.4 (5.5)	11.2 (3.8)
Mechanics and repairers	32.1	4,692	2,231	47.6	7.1	27.7	15.6	4,964	2,097	42.2 (5.4)	2.1 (1.4)	# #	14.7 (3.5)	14.4 (3.3)	5.8 (2.2)	21.9 (4.8)
Construction and extractive occupations	21.9	6,100	2,319	38.0	4.3	17.6	18.0	4,734	1,634	34.5 (4.8)	0.7 (0.4)	2.5 (1.3)	10.4 (2.8)	12.0 (2.8)	7.0 (2.4)	11.1 (2.9)
Precision production occupations	31.2	1,875	807	43.0	5.5	23.2	16.1	1,638	628	38.3 (8.5)	1.2 (1.2)	1.9 (1.4)	9.0 (4.2)	17.5 (6.2)	11.4 (5.0)	19.9 (6.3)
Production workers	21.1	9,483	2,908	30.7	5.8	14.7	10.7	10,638	4,043	38.0 (3.5)	0.7 (0.4)	0.7 (0.3)	6.8 (1.6)	20.2 (2.8)	2.1 (1.0)	15.9 (2.4)
Transportation, material moving	20.7	5,311	1,507	28.4	3.5	15.5	11.9	5,829	1,941	33.3 (4.3)	2.8 (1.5)	0.9 (0.7)	5.9 (1.7)	17.1 (3.3)	2.5 (1.1)	11.8 (2.6)
Handler, equipment, cleaners, helpers, and laborers	20.8	2,456	617	25.1	3.1	11.1	9.7	3,981	781	19.6 (4.6)	# #	2.1 (1.5)	4.6 (2.0)	6.1 (3.0)	1.5 (1.2)	5.6 (2.2)
Miscellaneous occupations	—	2,311	1,308	56.6	7.9	35.4	22.6	2,150	925	43.0 (8.0)	# #	3.3 (1.9)	11.7 (4.6)	16.7 (5.0)	3.3 (2.1)	24.6 (6.5)
Annual family income																
\$5,000 or less	13.6	12,638	2,689	21.3	3.3	4.1	11.8	5,198	1,092	21.0 (3.2)	2.0 (1.0)	1.2 (0.8)	3.0 (1.1)	5.0 (1.4)	0.5 (0.3)	11.9 (2.6)
\$5,001 to \$10,000	17.5	17,560	4,194	23.9	4.0	6.7	13.2	9,137	2,236	24.5 (3.4)	2.8 (1.4)	0.9 (0.4)	3.8 (1.2)	4.1 (1.1)	1.2 (0.6)	14.5 (3.0)
\$10,001 to \$15,000	22.8	13,523	3,610	26.7	4.0	8.7	14.8	11,263	2,564	22.8 (2.5)	2.4 (0.9)	2.3 (0.8)	6.1 (1.4)	4.3 (0.9)	1.5 (0.8)	11.5 (1.8)
\$15,001 to \$20,000	21.9	13,116	4,176	31.8	5.4	13.0	15.8	12,623	3,967	31.4 (2.8)	2.7 (0.9)	2.3 (0.7)	5.4 (1.2)	10.1 (1.6)	1.6 (0.7)	16.4 (2.2)
\$20,001 to \$25,000	26.7	13,812	4,339	31.4	4.8	13.3	17.0	13,663	4,885	35.8 (2.8)	1.5 (0.6)	1.7 (0.7)	7.8 (1.3)	12.7 (1.8)	3.1 (1.4)	17.5 (2.1)
\$25,001 to \$30,000	32.1	16,386	6,208	37.9	6.5	17.1	19.2	17,353	6,375	36.7 (2.6)	0.8 (0.3)	1.5 (0.7)	7.3 (1.0)	15.5 (1.9)	2.1 (0.9)	17.0 (1.9)
\$30,001 to \$40,000	35.6	28,628	12,220	42.7	6.9	22.1	22.0	27,715	12,524	45.2 (2.1)	0.3 (0.2)	0.9 (0.6)	11.7 (1.3)	20.0 (1.5)	1.6 (0.5)	22.4 (1.7)
\$40,001 to \$50,000	44.8	20,446	9,567	46.8	6.8	27.0	22.4	21,715	10,394	47.9 (2.3)	0.6 (0.4)	0.7 (0.4)	12.0 (1.4)	26.0 (1.9)	2.5 (0.7)	23.3 (1.9)
\$50,001 to \$75,000	46.6	29,161	15,169	52.0	7.6	32.8	23.6	35,984	19,828	55.1 (1.8)	0.5 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	11.2 (1.0)	30.6 (1.5)	2.1 (0.5)	29.8 (1.6)
More than \$75,000	48.7	24,274	14,089	58.0	7.7	37.3	26.8	39,909	22,726	56.9 (1.7)	1.0 (0.4)	0.3 (0.2)	10.1 (1.0)	35.2 (1.5)	1.1 (0.3)	26.5 (1.4)

#Rounds to zero.

—Not available.

¹ Adult education is defined as all education activities, except full-time enrollment in higher education credential programs. Examples of adult education activities include part-time college attendance, classes or seminars given by employers, and classes taken for adult literacy purposes, or for recreation and enjoyment.

² Any participation includes adult basic education, English as a second language, and apprentice programs not shown separately.

NOTE: Data are based upon a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutional population. Data revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding and survey item nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Participation in Adult Education," unpublished data. (This table was prepared June 2001.)