

**Table 376.—Labor force participation of persons 16 years old and over, by age, sex, race/ethnicity, and highest level of education: 1999**

Age, sex, and race/ethnicity	Labor force participation rate <sup>1</sup>						Employment/population ratio <sup>2</sup>					
	Total	Less than high school graduate <sup>3</sup>	High school graduate	College			Total	Less than high school graduate <sup>3</sup>	High school graduate	College		
				Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree or higher				Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree or higher
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16 to 19 years old <sup>4</sup> .....	52.0	45.1	69.0	61.4	73.2	46.2	44.7	37.7	60.5	56.9	68.3	38.5
Men .....	52.9	46.8	71.7	58.7	64.7	50.0	45.1	38.9	62.9	54.0	58.8	50.0
Women .....	51.0	43.2	66.4	63.4	79.2	33.3	44.3	36.4	58.1	59.1	75.0	33.3
White <sup>6</sup> .....	55.5	48.8	71.5	64.7	80.6	57.1	48.9	41.8	64.1	60.7	74.2	57.1
Black <sup>6</sup> .....	38.7	32.1	59.6	47.8	83.3	( <sup>5</sup> )	27.9	21.7	44.9	40.4	66.7	( <sup>5</sup> )
Hispanic <sup>7</sup> .....	45.5	38.4	66.7	62.4	66.7	( <sup>5</sup> )	37.0	30.2	56.4	55.3	66.7	( <sup>5</sup> )
20 to 24 years old <sup>4</sup> .....	77.5	68.2	82.4	73.3	85.9	84.8	71.7	58.3	75.3	69.4	81.8	80.7
Men .....	81.9	81.1	88.8	74.1	87.2	85.9	75.6	71.2	81.2	69.9	82.7	81.0
Women .....	73.2	52.6	75.2	72.7	84.9	84.0	68.0	42.6	68.7	68.9	81.2	80.6
White <sup>6</sup> .....	79.4	71.3	84.2	74.9	87.4	86.4	74.4	62.6	78.3	71.4	83.7	82.4
Black <sup>6</sup> .....	71.4	57.0	76.5	70.3	83.3	79.5	61.0	40.8	64.1	63.3	77.2	75.0
Hispanic <sup>7</sup> .....	76.0	69.6	80.9	76.0	88.2	83.0	69.7	61.9	74.3	71.4	85.3	79.5
25 and older .....	67.4	42.7	64.8	72.3	78.0	79.9	65.3	39.9	62.6	70.2	76.1	78.5
Men .....	76.1	54.9	75.6	79.3	85.4	84.6	73.8	51.7	73.1	77.1	83.3	83.1
Women .....	59.5	31.9	55.9	66.1	72.2	74.8	57.5	29.2	53.8	64.0	70.4	73.4
White <sup>6</sup> .....	67.1	43.1	64.0	71.2	77.7	79.6	65.3	40.6	62.1	69.3	75.9	78.2
Black <sup>6</sup> .....	68.5	39.7	70.5	78.7	81.0	84.5	64.6	35.0	66.1	75.1	77.9	82.2
Hispanic <sup>7</sup> .....	69.5	58.8	73.8	79.6	80.8	83.2	66.0	54.6	70.4	76.9	78.2	81.0

<sup>1</sup> Percent of the civilian population who are employed or seeking employment.

<sup>2</sup> Number of persons employed as a percent of civilian population.

<sup>3</sup> Includes persons reporting no school years completed.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes persons enrolled in school.

<sup>5</sup> Sample size too small for stable estimates.

<sup>6</sup> Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>7</sup> Hispanics may be of any race.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, unpublished tabulations of annual averages from the Current Population Survey. (This table was prepared July 2000.)