

Table 378.—Labor force participation of persons 16 years old and over, by highest level of education, age, sex, and race/ethnicity: 2001

Age, sex, and race/ethnicity	Labor force participation rate ¹						Employment/population ratio ²					
	Total	Less than high school completion ³	High school completer	College			Total	Less than high school completion ³	High school completer	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 ⁴	50.0	43.1	67.3	58.8	65.6	—	42.7	35.6	58.4	54.0	62.0	—
Men	50.7	44.3	70.6	56.7	66.6	—	42.6	36.1	61.4	51.6	61.8	—
Women	49.4	41.7	64.4	60.5	64.9	—	42.7	35.1	55.7	56.0	62.2	—
White, non-Hispanic	54.9	48.1	71.2	61.9	67.0	—	48.4	41.4	63.7	57.8	63.2	—
Black ⁵	37.7	32.1	54.4	45.4	—	—	26.8	21.5	40.1	38.0	—	—
Hispanic ⁶	46.9	40.0	66.7	62.6	—	—	38.6	31.9	55.8	57.0	—	—
20 to 24 years old ⁴	77.1	70.1	81.0	73.1	83.8	84.6	70.8	59.1	73.3	68.7	80.0	79.7
Men	81.5	81.3	87.3	73.8	87.8	85.3	74.2	69.4	78.8	69.1	83.2	79.5
Women	72.9	55.8	73.8	72.4	80.5	84.1	67.4	46.0	67.1	68.4	77.4	79.9
White, non-Hispanic	79.9	73.0	83.7	75.2	84.9	86.7	74.5	62.6	76.9	71.5	81.1	82.0
Black ⁵	70.0	59.0	73.7	68.7	80.7	80.0	58.6	40.5	61.2	61.0	74.5	74.0
Hispanic ⁶	75.8	73.1	79.0	73.5	81.0	83.1	69.6	65.1	73.2	68.5	79.7	78.0
25 and older	67.4	43.6	64.4	71.9	77.9	79.0	64.9	40.4	61.7	69.4	75.6	77.2
Men	75.9	55.6	74.4	78.9	85.3	84.4	73.1	52.0	71.3	76.2	82.7	82.5
Women	59.7	32.7	55.8	65.8	72.3	73.3	57.5	30.0	53.5	63.4	70.3	71.6
White, non-Hispanic	66.8	36.5	62.5	69.9	77.3	78.5	64.8	34.4	60.3	67.7	75.4	76.9
Black ⁵	68.2	40.0	69.2	78.0	80.9	83.7	63.9	35.2	64.0	74.0	76.9	81.5
Hispanic ⁶	69.7	59.4	73.9	80.2	81.2	82.1	66.0	54.9	70.7	77.2	78.2	79.2

—Not available.

¹ Percent of the civilian population who are employed or seeking employment.

² Number of persons employed as a percent of civilian population.

³ Includes persons reporting no school years completed.

⁴ Excludes persons enrolled in school.

⁵ Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

⁶ 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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, unpublished tabulations of annual averages from the Current Population Survey.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 2002.)