

Table 377.—Labor force participation of persons 16 years old and over, by age, sex, race/ethnicity, and highest level of education: 1997

Age, sex, and race/ethnicity	Labor force participation rate ¹						Employment/population ratio ²					
	Total	Less than high school graduate ³	High school graduate	College			Total	Less than high school graduate ³	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 ⁴	51.6	44.7	69.4	61.5	(⁵)	(⁵)	43.4	36.2	59.6	56.2	(⁵)	(⁵)
Men	52.3	46.1	72.1	58.3	(⁵)	(⁵)	43.4	37.0	62.1	52.9	(⁵)	(⁵)
Women	51.0	43.1	66.7	63.8	(⁵)	(⁵)	43.3	35.3	57.3	58.7	(⁵)	(⁵)
White ⁶	55.2	48.2	72.5	64.6	(⁵)	(⁵)	47.7	40.4	64.0	60.0	(⁵)	(⁵)
Black ⁶	38.7	32.5	58.2	47.9	(⁵)	(⁵)	26.1	20.6	41.9	37.8	(⁵)	(⁵)
Hispanic ⁷	43.0	37.0	62.8	57.1	(⁵)	(⁵)	33.7	27.5	53.0	50.7	(⁵)	(⁵)
20 to 24 years old ⁴	77.6	68.1	82.6	73.8	84.5	85.3	71.0	56.5	74.6	68.8	80.9	82.2
Men	82.5	83.0	89.5	74.6	87.2	85.9	75.2	70.5	80.9	69.3	83.6	82.3
Women	72.7	50.1	75.1	73.0	82.2	84.9	66.8	39.5	67.8	68.4	78.6	82.1
White ⁶	79.6	71.3	84.3	75.8	85.4	86.7	74.1	61.7	77.6	71.5	82.5	84.0
Black ⁶	70.9	56.6	76.4	68.3	82.2	88.0	57.9	36.3	62.3	58.7	73.6	82.3
Hispanic ⁷	76.4	71.0	80.7	78.7	79.6	79.7	68.6	61.7	72.7	72.1	74.5	76.7
25 and older	67.4	42.2	65.8	72.8	79.3	80.5	64.9	38.8	63.0	70.2	77.2	78.9
Men	76.4	55.0	76.6	80.3	86.3	85.0	73.6	51.1	73.3	77.6	84.0	83.4
Women	59.3	30.7	56.8	65.9	74.1	75.5	57.0	27.7	54.4	63.5	72.0	73.8
White ⁶	67.3	42.6	65.1	71.9	79.0	80.2	65.1	39.6	62.7	69.7	77.1	78.7
Black ⁶	67.2	39.4	70.2	78.4	82.3	84.5	62.3	34.2	64.5	73.6	78.7	81.4
Hispanic ⁷	69.8	58.6	75.2	81.3	82.3	83.9	65.6	53.7	70.9	77.9	79.0	81.0

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 Sample size too small for stable estimates.

⁶ Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

⁷ 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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, unpublished tabulations of annual averages from the Current Population Survey.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 September 1998.)