

Table 424.—Percent of workers, 18 years old and over, using computers on the job, by selected characteristics and computer activities: October 1993 and October 1997

Selected characteristics	Percent using computers at work, 1993	1997											
		Percent using computers at work	Number using computers at work, in thousands	Percent of on-the-job computer workers using specific computer applications ¹									
				Analysis/spreadsheets	Book-keeping, invoicing, and inventory	Communications ²	Calendar/schedule	Data bases	Desktop publishing/graphics	Programming	Sales and telemarketing	Word processing	Using 4 or more categories
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Total	45.8	49.8 (0.2)	63,885	40.9	66.4	47.0	37.5	34.1	26.1	15.0	22.1	57.0	44.0
Age													
18 to 24	34.4	37.1 (0.7)	6,007	28.2	70.3	35.3	28.0	23.4	18.4	11.0	23.5	43.1	30.5
25 to 29	48.3	52.5 (0.7)	7,984	41.7	69.8	46.6	38.3	35.0	25.8	16.3	23.4	58.3	45.7
30 to 39	50.7	53.3 (0.5)	18,864	44.0	67.0	49.1	39.6	35.4	28.3	16.7	24.0	58.5	46.8
40 to 49	51.3	54.9 (0.5)	18,182	43.6	65.8	48.6	39.5	36.9	27.1	15.7	20.6	58.9	46.4
50 to 59	43.9	50.7 (0.6)	10,092	39.1	62.8	49.0	37.2	33.5	26.1	13.5	19.6	58.8	43.1
60 or older	27.2	32.6 (0.9)	2,755	33.5	62.1	42.2	29.4	28.8	21.6	10.0	21.3	54.1	35.9
Educational attainment and sex													
Not high school graduate	10.0	11.9 (0.5)	1,645	18.6	68.9	23.4	22.1	17.3	10.7	8.7	19.7	30.7	20.2
High school graduate	34.2	36.4 (0.4)	15,395	28.7	72.0	34.1	29.0	23.1	16.6	10.1	21.0	41.5	30.7
Some college	50.4	53.6 (0.5)	14,172	36.5	71.6	42.6	36.0	31.3	24.1	13.7	24.0	52.7	40.6
Associate degree	58.2	60.7 (0.8)	6,580	38.9	69.8	43.7	36.0	33.0	25.5	15.1	19.7	52.7	41.2
Bachelor's degree	68.8	73.9 (0.5)	17,335	52.7	63.9	57.1	44.0	43.1	32.4	18.9	25.8	67.6	55.3
Master's degree	71.2	78.7 (0.8)	6,004	53.8	51.7	63.4	48.1	45.8	39.7	20.8	18.4	80.1	59.8
Doctor's or professional degree	66.9	74.6 (1.2)	2,754	46.6	47.5	64.9	42.0	39.0	30.3	16.2	10.5	75.2	50.2
Male													
Not high school graduate ..	8.5	9.8 (0.5)	854	20.9	70.1	25.6	22.6	15.6	11.8	9.3	17.8	26.1	20.6
High school graduate	24.2	27.1 (0.5)	6,096	29.5	67.4	33.1	25.3	22.9	17.8	11.8	20.5	29.4	27.7
Some college	42.8	46.0 (0.7)	6,188	39.3	69.4	44.4	35.5	31.3	27.0	19.6	27.1	46.4	41.4
Associate degree	52.6	55.2 (1.2)	2,790	42.8	64.2	45.5	34.9	34.9	28.7	20.4	20.6	45.3	41.8
Bachelor's degree	69.8	74.3 (0.7)	9,258	60.0	64.0	62.1	47.4	46.9	35.7	24.1	30.5	66.6	60.0
Master's degree	75.4	79.8 (1.1)	3,201	63.3	56.6	70.6	54.6	50.8	41.9	27.8	23.8	80.5	67.4
Doctor's or professional degree	66.5	73.4 (1.4)	1,949	47.9	50.3	67.3	43.7	38.6	31.9	18.2	11.6	74.6	52.0
Female													
Not high school graduate ..	12.5	15.4 (0.8)	791	16.0	67.7	20.9	21.6	15.6	11.8	9.3	17.8	26.1	20.6
High school graduate	45.2	46.9 (0.6)	9,299	28.3	75.0	34.7	31.5	23.3	15.9	8.9	21.4	49.4	32.6
Some college	58.6	61.5 (0.7)	7,984	34.4	73.2	41.1	36.4	31.3	21.8	9.1	21.7	57.5	40.1
Associate degree	63.7	65.4 (1.0)	3,790	36.0	73.9	42.4	36.8	31.7	23.2	11.2	19.0	58.1	40.7
Bachelor's degree	67.6	73.5 (0.7)	8,077	44.4	63.8	51.4	40.1	38.8	28.7	12.9	20.4	68.8	50.0
Master's degree	66.5	77.5 (1.1)	2,804	43.0	46.0	55.2	40.7	40.1	37.3	12.8	12.2	79.7	51.0
Doctor's or professional degree	68.2	77.6 (2.1)	805	43.7	41.0	59.1	37.8	39.9	26.4	11.4	7.9	76.8	45.9
Race/ethnicity													
White, non-Hispanic	48.7	53.8 (0.3)	51,904	42.1	67.1	47.7	38.0	34.9	27.1	15.2	23.2	57.9	45.3
Black, non-Hispanic	36.2	40.0 (0.7)	5,462	33.1	64.3	43.7	36.1	29.6	21.2	14.1	17.1	52.0	37.2
Hispanic	29.3	30.2 (0.8)	3,843	32.2	67.0	40.5	33.7	27.0	20.2	10.6	19.0	50.0	35.1
Other	43.9	49.2 (1.3)	2,675	45.8	57.4	49.5	35.8	37.8	25.0	19.3	16.2	59.4	44.7
Occupational group													
Managerial and professional specialty	67.7	74.6 (0.4)	28,427	52.4	61.0	58.6	45.2	42.6	36.3	19.1	20.6	71.7	56.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial	72.3	77.5 (0.5)	14,528	60.1	76.3	61.4	49.7	47.2	32.6	17.6	30.9	74.5	63.7
Professional specialty occupations	68.3	71.7 (0.6)	13,900	44.4	45.1	55.8	40.4	37.8	40.3	20.8	9.8	68.7	47.8
Teachers, except college and university	49.1	60.3 (1.2)	2,961	33.1	31.9	39.7	38.4	27.5	42.3	10.8	4.6	73.6	39.8
Teachers, college and university	72.5	79.9 (2.2)	759	51.5	27.1	74.6	37.3	40.2	41.3	23.9	5.4	83.5	48.9
Technical, sales, and administrative support	65.5	79.1 (0.4)	25,739	35.1	74.6	41.8	33.9	30.4	19.4	11.9	28.1	52.1	39.5
Technicians and related support	69.9	75.1 (1.1)	3,226	42.9	51.8	49.4	35.5	36.9	26.1	31.2	7.7	49.6	41.4
Sales occupations	48.8	54.8 (0.7)	8,277	38.4	83.0	43.0	34.3	31.3	21.0	10.5	57.2	46.1	44.8
Administrative support, including clerical	76.7	77.6 (0.5)	14,235	31.4	75.0	39.4	33.3	28.3	17.0	8.3	15.9	56.2	36.0
Service occupations	14.7	16.4 (0.5)	2,752	15.7	52.3	27.6	27.9	17.4	9.6	6.6	11.0	34.4	17.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	23.2	25.0 (0.6)	3,501	29.6	62.8	31.6	27.0	22.5	18.2	16.3	11.1	29.0	26.2
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	14.9	17.3 (0.5)	3,154	19.1	63.1	21.3	19.0	14.6	12.6	9.7	9.2	17.4	15.4
Farming, forestry, and fishing	8.5	9.3 (0.9)	311	40.2	79.3	22.8	27.3	33.0	11.2	10.2	19.1	33.7	33.0
Family income³													
Less than \$20,000	25.1	26.7 (0.5)	5,915	27.6	67.8	34.0	28.7	24.0	19.4	11.7	22.2	44.9	31.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	38.4	38.4 (0.6)	7,310	30.3	69.4	36.9	30.2	26.1	21.8	10.5	20.0	48.0	34.3
\$30,000 to \$39,999	45.7	45.8 (0.6)	8,915	35.7	67.4	42.2	33.7	29.4	23.8	12.8	20.8	50.8	38.0
\$40,000 to \$49,999	51.9	52.3 (0.7)	7,737	40.0	69.0	43.6	36.9	31.8	25.4	15.0	21.0	53.8	42.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	60.6	59.9 (0.5)	16,966	42.7	65.8	48.6	38.9	36.1	27.2	16.5	20.6	58.4	45.5
\$75,000 or more	65.9	69.7 (0.5)	17,042	51.4	63.6	58.4	44.6	42.3	30.6	17.8	25.7	68.4	54.7

¹ Individuals may be counted in more than one computer activity.² Includes bulletin boards and electronic mail.³ Excludes persons whose income data were not available.

NOTE.—Data are based on a sample survey of households and are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, October 1997, unpublished data. (This table was prepared August 1998.)