

EBRI Databook on Employee Benefits

Appendix A: Work Force Statistics

Historical data on the U.S. population by age are in the table below.

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Appendix A, Table 1
Population

Estimates of the Resident Population of the United States and Median Age, by Age and Gender, 1870–2007

Year	Total	Under 5 Years	5-14 Years	15-24 Years	25-34 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65 Years and Over	Median Age
(thousands)										
1870	38,558	5,515	9,601	7,789	5,638	4,255	2,947	1,655	1,154	20.2
1880	50,156	6,915	12,195	10,099	7,450	5,469	3,929	2,376	1,723	20.9
1890	62,622	7,635	14,608	12,754	9,806	7,052	5,058	3,130	2,417	22.0
1900	75,995	9,171	16,954	14,891	12,085	9,212	6,397	4,003	3,080	22.9
1910	91,972	10,631	18,868	18,121	15,152	11,658	8,370	5,054	3,950	24.1
1920	105,711	11,573	22,039	18,708	17,158	14,121	10,498	6,532	4,933	25.3
1930	122,775	11,444	24,612	22,422	18,954	17,199	13,018	8,397	6,634	26.5
1940	131,669	10,542	22,431	23,921	21,339	18,333	15,512	10,572	9,019	29.0
1950	150,697	16,164	24,319	22,098	23,759	21,450	17,343	13,295	12,270	30.2
1960	179,323	20,321	35,465	24,020	22,818	24,081	20,485	15,572	16,560	29.6
1970	203,212	17,154	40,746	35,441	24,907	23,088	23,220	18,590	20,066	29.5
1980	226,546	16,348	34,942	42,487	37,082	25,634	22,800	21,700	25,550	30.0
1990	248,791	18,765	35,109	37,036	43,174	37,444	25,062	21,116	31,084	32.8
1995	262,755	19,591	38,135	35,947	40,873	42,468	31,079	21,131	33,532	34.3
2000	281,422	19,176	41,078	39,184	39,891	45,149	37,678	24,274	34,992	35.3
2005	296,410	20,304	40,397	42,077	40,143	43,863	42,483	30,356	36,790	36.2
2007	301,621	20,724	40,164	42,506	40,591	43,161	43,874	32,712	37,888	36.6
Males										
1870	19,494	2,797	4,873	3,826	2,789	2,169	1,580	877	578	20.2
1880	25,519	3,508	6,183	5,031	3,854	2,771	2,045	1,260	868	21.2
1890	32,068	3,885	7,405	6,354	5,124	3,706	2,627	1,629	1,234	22.3
1900	38,816	4,634	8,562	7,375	6,225	4,873	3,402	2,062	1,555	23.3
1910	47,332	5,381	9,526	9,108	7,901	6,153	4,489	2,674	1,986	24.6
1920	53,900	5,857	11,122	9,201	8,669	7,360	5,653	3,462	2,483	25.8
1930	62,137	5,806	12,450	11,095	9,422	8,816	6,804	4,368	3,325	26.7
1940	66,062	5,355	11,371	11,873	10,521	9,165	7,962	5,409	4,406	29.1
1950	74,833	8,236	12,375	10,918	11,597	10,588	8,655	6,668	5,797	29.9
1960	88,331	10,330	18,029	11,906	11,179	11,755	10,093	7,537	7,503	28.7
1970	98,912	8,745	20,759	17,551	12,217	11,231	11,199	8,793	8,416	26.8
1980	110,053	8,362	17,855	21,418	18,382	12,570	11,009	10,152	10,306	28.8
1990	121,284	9,603	17,978	18,927	21,574	18,516	12,235	9,956	12,495	31.6
1995	128,314	10,025	19,528	18,352	20,432	21,061	15,182	10,044	13,689	33.1
2000	138,054	9,811	21,043	20,079	20,121	22,448	18,498	11,646	14,409	34.0
2005	146,000	10,381	20,685	21,647	20,421	21,940	20,896	14,627	15,413	34.9
2007	148,659	10,603	20,549	21,860	20,682	21,619	21,595	15,775	15,976	35.3
Females										
1870	19,065	2,717	4,728	3,963	2,849	2,085	1,367	779	575	20.1
1880	24,637	3,407	6,012	5,068	3,614	2,698	1,884	1,116	856	20.7

1890	30,554	3,750	7,202	6,401	4,682	3,346	2,431	1,500	1,184	21.6
1900	37,178	4,537	8,392	7,516	5,861	4,339	2,995	1,937	1,525	22.4
1910	44,640	5,251	9,342	9,013	7,251	5,504	3,881	2,380	1,964	23.5
1920	51,810	5,716	10,917	9,507	8,489	6,761	4,845	3,070	2,450	24.7
1930	60,638	5,638	12,163	11,328	9,532	8,383	6,215	4,029	3,309	26.2
1940	65,608	5,187	11,059	12,049	10,818	9,168	7,550	5,163	4,613	29.0
1950	75,864	7,927	11,944	11,181	12,162	10,863	8,688	6,627	6,473	30.5
1960	90,992	9,991	17,437	12,114	11,639	12,326	10,393	8,036	9,056	30.3
1970	104,300	8,409	19,986	17,890	12,690	11,857	12,021	9,797	11,650	29.3
1980	116,493	7,986	17,087	21,068	18,700	13,065	11,791	11,551	15,245	31.3
1990	127,507	9,162	17,131	18,108	21,602	18,928	12,827	11,159	18,588	34.0
1995	134,441	9,566	18,606	17,594	20,442	21,406	15,897	11,087	19,843	35.4
2000	143,368	9,365	20,034	19,105	19,772	22,201	19,181	12,630	20,583	36.5
2005	150,411	9,922	19,721	20,430	19,722	21,923	21,587	15,729	21,377	37.6
2007	152,962	10,121	19,615	20,646	19,909	21,543	22,280	16,937	21,912	37.9

Source: Data for 1870-1970: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975). and *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office)

Projections of the U.S. population by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin.

Data for the following tables are from the Census Bureau's *Statistical Abstract of the United States*:

- Appendix A Table 2 Education Levels of the Work Force Over Time
- Appendix A Table 5 Work Force
- Appendix A Table 8 Union Membership

Data for the following three tables are maintained by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and are available at http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_over.htm. Data are under category heading "Current News Releases," first link, "Employment Situation."

- Appendix A Table 3 Education Level of the Work Force
- Appendix A Table 4 Employment Status
- Appendix A Table 6 Employment by Industry

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- Appendix A Table 7 Work Status