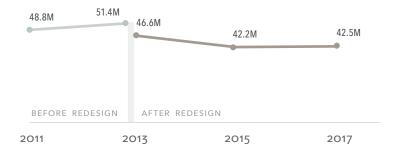


Retirement Plan Participation Among Selected Demographic Segments

UPDATED QUESTIONNAIRE

In 2014, the Current Population Survey questionnaire was redesigned, resulting in a drop in retirement plan participation estimates when compared with the results from the original questionnaire.

Number of Workers Ages 21–64 Participating in an Employment-Based Retirement Plan



RELATIVE RATIOS

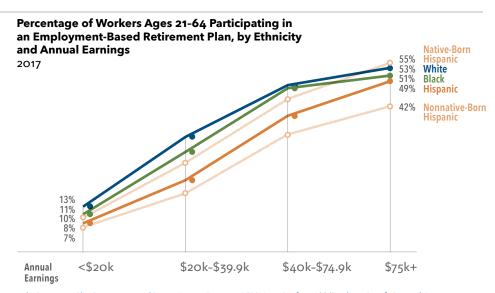
The ratio of retirement plan participation remained consistent after the questionnaire redesign. The youngest cohort and Hispanic workers recorded the lowest levels of plan participation.

Ratio of Participation Relative to Group With the Highest Participation Rate

	2011	2013	2015	2017	Age Group
Ratio when compared with age group with highest participation: Ages 55-64	■ 1.0 0.97 ▲ 0.90 ● 0.75	1.0 0.95 0.89 0.85 0.74 0.76	■ 1.0 ● 0.95 ■ 0.86 ● 0.71	1.0 0.98 0.89 0.76	55-64 45-54 35-44 25-34
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					Demographic
Ratio when compared with demographic with highest participation: • White	• 1.0	1.0 • • 1.0	1.0	• 1.0	White
	• 0.90	0.87 • 0.90	• 0.88	• 0.86	Black
	• 0.57	0.61 • 0.60	• 0.64	• 0.65	Hispanic
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DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

Lower participation levels among Hispanic workers persisted across each of the income categories. This appears to have been driven by the nonnative-born Hispanic cohort. In the upper income bracket of the study, the native-born Hispanic cohort had the highest participation rate.



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