



**Data Appendix  
for**

**Older Adults’ Labor Force Participation since 1993:  
A Decade and a Half of Growth**

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**Table 1. Number of Workers by Age, 1948–2009 (millions)**

Year	All	16–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55+	55–64	65+
1948	60.62	11.83	14.26	13.40	10.91	10.23	7.33	2.90
1949	61.29	11.63	14.42	13.71	11.11	10.44	7.43	3.01
1950	62.21	11.52	14.62	13.95	11.44	10.67	7.63	3.04
1951	62.02	10.70	14.67	14.10	11.74	10.82	7.80	3.02
1952	62.14	9.90	14.90	14.38	11.96	10.99	7.98	3.01
1953	63.02	9.51	14.90	15.10	12.25	11.26	8.02	3.24
1954	63.64	9.45	14.98	15.22	12.52	11.46	8.27	3.19
1955	65.02	9.76	15.06	15.40	12.99	11.82	8.51	3.31
1956	66.55	10.24	14.96	15.69	13.41	12.25	8.83	3.42
1957	66.93	10.35	14.83	15.85	13.77	12.14	8.85	3.29
1958	67.64	10.53	14.67	16.03	14.18	12.23	9.03	3.20
1959	68.37	10.91	14.44	16.13	14.52	12.39	9.23	3.16
1960	69.63	11.54	14.38	16.27	14.85	12.58	9.39	3.20
1961	70.46	11.89	14.32	16.40	15.07	12.78	9.64	3.15
1962	70.61	12.00	14.02	16.59	15.10	12.91	9.76	3.15
1963	71.83	12.61	14.05	16.79	15.34	13.05	10.01	3.04
1964	73.09	13.35	14.06	16.77	15.64	13.27	10.18	3.09
1965	74.46	14.17	14.23	16.84	15.76	13.46	10.35	3.11
1966	75.77	14.97	14.46	16.74	15.98	13.63	10.58	3.05
1967	77.35	15.53	15.06	16.70	16.17	13.89	10.79	3.10
1968	78.74	15.92	15.71	16.59	16.40	14.12	10.96	3.15
1969	80.73	16.85	16.34	16.46	16.73	14.36	11.14	3.23
1970	82.77	17.85	17.04	16.44	16.95	14.51	11.28	3.22
1971	84.38	18.80	17.71	16.31	17.02	14.54	11.39	3.15
1972	87.03	20.18	18.96	16.40	16.97	14.53	11.41	3.11
1973	89.43	21.35	20.38	16.49	16.98	14.23	11.26	2.97
1974	91.95	22.19	21.65	16.76	17.13	14.22	11.28	2.93
1975	93.78	22.62	22.86	16.90	17.08	14.30	11.35	2.96
1976	96.16	23.34	24.20	17.32	16.98	14.32	11.42	2.90
1977	99.01	24.18	25.50	17.94	16.88	14.51	11.58	2.93
1978	102.25	25.02	26.70	18.82	16.89	14.81	11.74	3.07
1979	104.96	25.41	27.94	19.69	16.90	15.03	11.93	3.10
1980	106.94	25.30	29.23	20.46	16.91	15.04	11.99	3.05
1981	108.67	25.09	30.39	21.21	16.97	15.01	11.97	3.04
1982	110.20	24.61	31.19	22.43	16.89	15.09	12.06	3.03
1983	111.55	24.22	31.83	23.61	16.85	15.03	11.99	3.04
1984	113.54	23.99	32.72	24.93	17.01	14.89	11.96	2.93
1985	115.46	23.62	33.55	26.07	17.32	14.90	11.99	2.91
1986	117.83	23.37	34.59	27.23	17.74	14.90	11.89	3.01
1987	119.87	22.97	35.23	28.46	18.21	15.00	11.88	3.12
1988	121.67	22.54	35.50	29.44	19.10	15.09	11.81	3.28
1989	123.87	22.13	35.90	30.60	19.92	15.32	11.88	3.45
1990	125.84	22.49	35.93	32.15	20.25	15.03	11.58	3.45
1991	126.35	21.81	35.51	33.31	20.83	14.89	11.47	3.41
1992	128.11	21.62	35.37	33.90	22.16	15.06	11.59	3.47
1993	129.20	21.52	34.78	34.56	23.30	15.04	11.60	3.44
1994	131.06	21.61	34.35	35.23	24.32	15.55	11.71	3.83
1995	132.30	21.45	34.20	35.75	25.22	15.68	11.86	3.82
1996	133.94	21.18	33.83	36.56	26.40	15.97	12.15	3.83
1997	136.30	21.46	33.38	37.33	27.57	16.55	12.67	3.89
1998	137.67	21.89	32.81	37.54	28.37	17.06	13.22	3.85
1999	139.37	22.27	32.14	37.88	29.39	17.69	13.68	4.01
2000	142.58	22.52	32.76	37.57	31.07	18.67	14.36	4.31
2001	143.73	22.46	32.36	37.40	32.03	19.49	15.10	4.38
2002	144.86	22.37	32.20	36.93	32.60	20.78	16.31	4.47
2003	146.51	22.10	32.34	36.70	33.27	22.10	17.31	4.79
2004	147.40	22.27	32.21	36.16	33.76	23.01	18.01	5.00
2005	149.32	22.29	32.34	36.03	34.40	24.26	18.98	5.28
2006	151.43	22.39	32.57	35.85	35.15	25.47	19.98	5.48
2007	153.12	22.22	33.13	35.53	35.70	26.55	20.75	5.80
2008	154.29	22.03	33.33	35.06	36.00	27.86	21.62	6.24
2009	154.14	21.36	33.30	34.24	36.21	29.04	22.51	6.53

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: Estimates include employed and unemployed workers.

**Table 2. Age Distribution of the Labor Force, 1948–2009 (%)**

Year	16–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55+	55–64	65+
1948	19.5	23.5	22.1	18.0	16.9	12.1	4.8
1949	19.0	23.5	22.4	18.1	17.0	12.1	4.9
1950	18.5	23.5	22.4	18.4	17.2	12.3	4.9
1951	17.2	23.7	22.7	18.9	17.4	12.6	4.9
1952	15.9	24.0	23.1	19.2	17.7	12.8	4.8
1953	15.1	23.6	24.0	19.4	17.9	12.7	5.1
1954	14.9	23.5	23.9	19.7	18.0	13.0	5.0
1955	15.0	23.2	23.7	20.0	18.2	13.1	5.1
1956	15.4	22.5	23.6	20.1	18.4	13.3	5.1
1957	15.5	22.2	23.7	20.6	18.1	13.2	4.9
1958	15.6	21.7	23.7	21.0	18.1	13.4	4.7
1959	16.0	21.1	23.6	21.2	18.1	13.5	4.6
1960	16.6	20.7	23.4	21.3	18.1	13.5	4.6
1961	16.9	20.3	23.3	21.4	18.1	13.7	4.5
1962	17.0	19.9	23.5	21.4	18.3	13.8	4.5
1963	17.6	19.6	23.4	21.4	18.2	13.9	4.2
1964	18.3	19.2	22.9	21.4	18.2	13.9	4.2
1965	19.0	19.1	22.6	21.2	18.1	13.9	4.2
1966	19.8	19.1	22.1	21.1	18.0	14.0	4.0
1967	20.1	19.5	21.6	20.9	18.0	14.0	4.0
1968	20.2	19.9	21.1	20.8	17.9	13.9	4.0
1969	20.9	20.2	20.4	20.7	17.8	13.8	4.0
1970	21.6	20.6	19.9	20.5	17.5	13.6	3.9
1971	22.3	21.0	19.3	20.2	17.2	13.5	3.7
1972	23.2	21.8	18.8	19.5	16.7	13.1	3.6
1973	23.9	22.8	18.4	19.0	15.9	12.6	3.3
1974	24.1	23.6	18.2	18.6	15.5	12.3	3.2
1975	24.1	24.4	18.0	18.2	15.3	12.1	3.2
1976	24.3	25.2	18.0	17.7	14.9	11.9	3.0
1977	24.4	25.8	18.1	17.0	14.7	11.7	3.0
1978	24.5	26.1	18.4	16.5	14.5	11.5	3.0
1979	24.2	26.6	18.8	16.1	14.3	11.4	3.0
1980	23.7	27.3	19.1	15.8	14.1	11.2	2.9
1981	23.1	28.0	19.5	15.6	13.8	11.0	2.8
1982	22.3	28.3	20.4	15.3	13.7	10.9	2.7
1983	21.7	28.5	21.2	15.1	13.5	10.8	2.7
1984	21.1	28.8	22.0	15.0	13.1	10.5	2.6
1985	20.5	29.1	22.6	15.0	12.9	10.4	2.5
1986	19.8	29.4	23.1	15.1	12.6	10.1	2.6
1987	19.2	29.4	23.7	15.2	12.5	9.9	2.6
1988	18.5	29.2	24.2	15.7	12.4	9.7	2.7
1989	17.9	29.0	24.7	16.1	12.4	9.6	2.8
1990	17.9	28.6	25.5	16.1	11.9	9.2	2.7
1991	17.3	28.1	26.4	16.5	11.8	9.1	2.7
1992	16.9	27.6	26.5	17.3	11.8	9.0	2.7
1993	16.7	26.9	26.8	18.0	11.6	9.0	2.7
1994	16.5	26.2	26.9	18.6	11.9	8.9	2.9
1995	16.2	25.8	27.0	19.1	11.9	9.0	2.9
1996	15.8	25.3	27.3	19.7	11.9	9.1	2.9
1997	15.7	24.5	27.4	20.2	12.1	9.3	2.9
1998	15.9	23.8	27.3	20.6	12.4	9.6	2.8
1999	16.0	23.1	27.2	21.1	12.7	9.8	2.9
2000	15.8	23.0	26.3	21.8	13.1	10.1	3.0
2001	15.6	22.5	26.0	22.3	13.6	10.5	3.0
2002	15.4	22.2	25.5	22.5	14.3	11.3	3.1
2003	15.1	22.1	25.0	22.7	15.1	11.8	3.3
2004	15.1	21.8	24.5	22.9	15.6	12.2	3.4
2005	14.9	21.7	24.1	23.0	16.2	12.7	3.5
2006	14.8	21.5	23.7	23.2	16.8	13.2	3.6
2007	14.5	21.6	23.2	23.3	17.3	13.6	3.8
2008	14.3	21.6	22.7	23.3	18.1	14.0	4.0
2009	13.9	21.6	22.2	23.5	18.8	14.6	4.2

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: Estimates include employed and unemployed workers.

**Table 3. Male Labor Force Participation Rates by Age, 1948–2009 (%)**

Year	25–54	55–64				65+			
		All	55–59	60–61	62–64	All	65–69	70–74	75+
1948	96.6	89.5	—	—	—	46.8	—	—	—
1949	96.5	87.5	—	—	—	47.0	—	—	—
1950	96.5	86.9	—	—	—	45.8	—	—	—
1951	96.8	87.2	—	—	—	44.9	—	—	—
1952	97.2	87.5	—	—	—	42.6	—	—	—
1953	97.4	87.9	—	—	—	41.6	—	—	—
1954	97.3	88.7	—	—	—	40.5	—	—	—
1955	97.4	87.9	—	—	—	39.6	—	—	—
1956	97.3	88.5	—	—	—	40.0	—	—	—
1957	97.1	87.5	—	—	—	37.5	—	—	—
1958	97.1	87.8	—	—	—	35.6	—	—	—
1959	97.1	87.4	—	—	—	34.2	—	—	—
1960	97.0	86.8	—	—	—	33.1	—	—	—
1961	96.9	87.3	—	—	—	31.7	—	—	—
1962	96.8	86.2	—	—	—	30.3	—	—	—
1963	96.8	86.2	—	—	—	28.4	—	—	—
1964	96.8	85.6	—	—	—	28.0	—	—	—
1965	96.7	84.6	—	—	—	27.9	—	—	—
1966	96.6	84.5	—	—	—	27.1	—	—	—
1967	96.6	84.4	—	—	—	27.1	—	—	—
1968	96.3	84.3	—	—	—	27.3	—	—	—
1969	96.1	83.4	—	—	—	27.2	—	—	—
1970	95.8	83.0	—	—	—	26.8	—	—	—
1971	95.5	82.1	—	—	—	25.5	—	—	—
1972	95.1	80.4	—	—	—	24.3	—	—	—
1973	95.0	78.2	—	—	—	22.7	—	—	—
1974	94.7	77.3	—	—	—	22.4	—	—	—
1975	94.4	75.6	—	—	—	21.6	—	—	—
1976	94.2	74.3	83.5	74.3	56.1	20.2	29.3	—	—
1977	94.2	73.8	83.1	74.5	54.6	20.0	29.4	—	—
1978	94.3	73.3	82.8	72.9	54.0	20.4	30.1	—	—
1979	94.4	72.8	82.1	71.9	54.3	19.9	29.6	—	—
1980	94.2	72.1	81.7	71.8	52.6	19.0	28.5	—	—
1981	94.1	70.6	81.2	70.8	49.4	18.4	27.8	—	—
1982	94.0	70.2	81.9	69.7	48.0	17.8	26.9	—	—
1983	93.8	69.4	80.7	69.7	47.7	17.4	26.1	—	—
1984	93.9	68.5	80.2	68.1	47.5	16.3	24.6	—	—
1985	93.9	67.9	79.6	68.9	46.1	15.8	24.4	—	—
1986	93.8	67.3	79.0	67.7	45.8	16.0	25.0	—	—
1987	93.7	67.6	79.7	67.6	46.0	16.3	25.8	14.7	7.1
1988	93.6	67.0	79.3	67.0	45.4	16.5	25.8	15.2	7.4
1989	93.7	67.2	79.5	68.5	45.3	16.6	26.1	15.5	7.3
1990	93.4	67.8	79.9	68.8	46.5	16.3	26.0	15.4	7.1
1991	93.1	67.0	79.1	68.6	45.5	15.7	25.1	14.7	7.1
1992	93.0	67.0	79.0	67.2	46.2	16.1	26.0	15.0	7.3
1993	92.6	66.5	78.2	66.1	46.1	15.6	25.4	14.8	6.9
1994	91.7	65.5	76.9	64.8	45.1	16.8	26.8	15.8	8.6
1995	91.6	66.0	77.4	65.6	45.0	16.8	27.0	16.8	7.6
1996	91.8	67.0	77.9	66.3	45.7	16.9	27.5	17.3	7.3
1997	91.8	67.6	78.7	66.0	46.2	17.1	28.4	17.2	7.7
1998	91.8	68.1	78.4	67.0	47.3	16.5	28.0	16.5	7.5
1999	91.7	67.9	78.4	66.3	46.9	16.9	28.5	17.4	8.0
2000	91.6	67.3	77.0	66.0	47.0	17.7	30.3	18.0	8.1
2001	91.3	68.3	77.2	67.7	48.2	17.7	30.2	18.2	8.3
2002	91.0	69.2	78.0	67.3	50.4	17.9	32.2	17.6	7.6
2003	90.6	68.7	77.6	67.0	49.6	18.6	32.8	18.8	8.3
2004	90.5	68.7	77.6	64.9	50.8	19.0	32.6	19.4	9.0
2005	90.5	69.3	77.6	65.6	52.5	19.8	33.6	20.7	9.4
2006	90.6	69.6	77.7	67.2	52.4	20.3	34.4	21.6	9.5
2007	90.9	69.6	77.8	68.6	51.7	20.5	34.3	21.2	10.0
2008	90.5	70.4	78.8	67.9	53.0	21.5	35.6	21.9	10.4
2009	89.7	70.2	78.0	68.0	55.1	21.9	36.3	22.5	10.3

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work.

**Table 4. Female Labor Force Participation Rates by Age, 1948–2009 (%)**

Year	25–54	55–64				65+			
		All	55–59	60–61	62–64	All	65–69	70–74	75+
1948	35.0	24.3	—	—	—	9.1	—	—	—
1949	35.7	25.3	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—
1950	36.8	27.0	—	—	—	9.7	—	—	—
1951	38.1	27.6	—	—	—	8.9	—	—	—
1952	38.5	28.7	—	—	—	9.1	—	—	—
1953	38.3	29.1	—	—	—	10.0	—	—	—
1954	38.7	30.0	—	—	—	9.3	—	—	—
1955	39.8	32.5	—	—	—	10.6	—	—	—
1956	41.0	34.9	—	—	—	10.8	—	—	—
1957	41.5	34.5	—	—	—	10.5	—	—	—
1958	42.0	35.2	—	—	—	10.3	—	—	—
1959	42.3	36.6	—	—	—	10.2	—	—	—
1960	42.9	37.2	—	—	—	10.8	—	—	—
1961	43.3	37.9	—	—	—	10.7	—	—	—
1962	43.4	38.7	—	—	—	10.0	—	—	—
1963	44.2	39.7	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—
1964	44.5	40.2	—	—	—	10.1	—	—	—
1965	45.2	41.1	—	—	—	10.0	—	—	—
1966	46.2	41.8	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—
1967	47.3	42.4	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—
1968	47.9	42.4	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—
1969	49.1	43.1	—	—	—	9.9	—	—	—
1970	50.1	43.0	—	—	—	9.7	—	—	—
1971	50.3	42.9	—	—	—	9.5	—	—	—
1972	51.0	42.1	—	—	—	9.3	—	—	—
1973	52.3	41.1	—	—	—	8.9	—	—	—
1974	53.9	40.7	—	—	—	8.1	—	—	—
1975	55.1	40.9	—	—	—	8.2	—	—	—
1976	56.8	41.0	48.1	39.9	28.3	8.2	14.9	—	—
1977	58.5	40.9	48.0	39.2	28.5	8.1	14.5	—	—
1978	60.6	41.3	48.5	39.6	28.5	8.3	14.9	—	—
1979	62.3	41.7	48.7	40.8	28.8	8.3	15.3	—	—
1980	64.0	41.3	48.5	39.6	28.5	8.1	15.1	—	—
1981	65.3	41.4	49.3	39.5	27.6	8.0	14.9	—	—
1982	66.3	41.8	49.6	40.0	28.5	7.9	14.9	—	—
1983	67.1	41.5	48.8	40.5	29.1	7.8	14.7	—	—
1984	68.2	41.7	49.8	40.0	28.8	7.5	14.2	—	—
1985	69.6	42.0	50.3	40.3	28.7	7.3	13.5	—	—
1986	70.8	42.3	51.3	40.0	28.5	7.4	14.3	—	—
1987	71.9	42.7	52.2	41.0	27.8	7.4	14.3	6.8	2.4
1988	72.7	43.5	53.3	41.7	28.5	7.9	15.4	7.5	2.4
1989	73.6	45.0	54.8	43.3	30.3	8.4	16.4	7.9	2.6
1990	74.0	45.2	55.3	42.9	30.7	8.6	17.0	8.2	2.7
1991	74.1	45.2	55.7	43.6	29.3	8.5	17.0	8.0	2.8
1992	74.6	46.5	56.8	45.7	30.5	8.3	16.2	8.2	2.8
1993	74.6	47.2	57.1	45.1	31.7	8.1	16.1	7.9	2.8
1994	75.3	48.9	59.2	45.3	33.1	9.2	17.9	8.7	3.5
1995	75.6	49.2	59.5	46.1	32.5	8.8	17.5	9.3	2.9
1996	76.1	49.6	59.8	47.2	31.8	8.6	17.2	8.8	3.1
1997	76.7	50.9	60.7	47.9	33.6	8.6	17.6	8.9	2.9
1998	76.5	51.2	61.3	47.3	33.3	8.6	17.8	9.3	2.9
1999	76.8	51.5	61.8	46.2	33.7	8.9	18.4	9.6	3.3
2000	76.7	51.9	61.4	49.0	34.1	9.4	19.5	10.0	3.6
2001	76.4	53.2	61.7	50.5	36.7	9.6	20.0	10.9	3.3
2002	75.9	55.2	63.8	52.8	37.6	9.8	20.7	11.1	3.5
2003	75.6	56.6	65.5	53.9	38.6	10.6	22.7	11.2	4.1
2004	75.3	56.3	65.0	54.0	38.7	11.1	23.3	12.0	4.3
2005	75.3	57.0	65.6	53.8	40.0	11.5	23.7	12.8	4.5
2006	75.5	58.2	66.7	54.6	41.5	11.7	24.2	13.1	4.4
2007	75.4	58.3	66.6	55.8	41.8	12.6	25.7	14.0	4.8
2008	75.8	59.1	67.7	56.5	42.0	13.3	26.4	14.3	5.2
2009	75.6	60.0	68.4	57.5	44.0	13.6	26.6	15.0	5.3

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work.

**Table 5. Older Men's Labor Force Participation Rates by Education and Age, 1990–2009 (%)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Did Not Complete High School</b>	<b>High School Graduate</b>	<b>Some College, Less Than 4 Years</b>	<b>4 or More Years of College</b>
<b>55–61</b>				
1990	64.1	77.3	76.2	86.7
1995	61.2	76.3	77.5	83.4
2000	61.0	70.2	76.4	81.9
2005	58.1	72.2	75.7	85.6
2009	58.0	70.3	75.1	85.5
<b>62–64</b>				
1990	34.4	47.1	51.1	61.8
1995	30.5	37.2	50.6	62.8
2000	40.7	42.6	47.5	66.5
2005	38.8	46.2	57.3	65.1
2009	34.4	50.7	54.8	67.2
<b>65–69</b>				
1990	20.3	25.3	30.9	42.5
1995	18.0	26.7	31.7	41.2
2000	20.9	30.8	33.6	41.5
2005	20.6	28.7	31.5	42.1
2009	24.5	30.3	34.2	47.8
<b>70+</b>				
1990	7.7	11.5	14.6	19.9
1995	7.5	9.7	16.0	20.1
2000	7.2	12.3	14.7	20.5
2005	8.6	11.5	16.4	20.8
2009	8.2	12.5	18.4	21.5

*Source:* Authors' calculations from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS).

*Note:* The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work. The 1990 CPS did not collect information on General Equivalency diplomas (GED). Our estimates count only those who completed the 12th grade as high school graduates.

**Table 6. Older Women's Labor Force Participation Rates by Education and Age, 1990–2009 (%)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Did Not Complete High School</b>	<b>High School Graduate</b>	<b>Some College, Less Than 4 Years</b>	<b>4 or More Years of College</b>
<b>55–61</b>				
1990	36.7	53.7	61.3	67.2
1995	37.7	56.2	64.5	69.7
2000	37.8	59.3	65.3	71.1
2005	38.3	58.9	68.6	73.8
2009	38.9	62.8	67.3	76.5
<b>62–64</b>				
1990	23.0	31.0	39.5	38.8
1995	21.1	31.3	42.1	44.7
2000	21.4	34.5	43.8	46.5
2005	22.1	34.3	44.6	49.9
2009	27.7	38.5	47.2	52.1
<b>65–69</b>				
1990	11.9	18.3	20.6	29.2
1995	11.0	17.9	23.4	28.3
2000	13.4	18.3	28.3	31.2
2005	13.8	22.2	31.4	27.7
2009	12.8	22.9	29.1	36.9
<b>70+</b>				
1990	3.0	6.0	6.5	8.3
1995	3.4	5.0	8.6	6.7
2000	3.1	6.3	9.5	8.9
2005	3.8	7.2	9.5	11.9
2009	5.4	7.1	10.2	13.7

*Source:* Authors' calculations from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS).

*Note:* The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work. The 1990 CPS did not collect information on General Equivalency diplomas (GED). Our estimates count only those who completed the 12th grade as high school graduates.

**Table 7. Older Men's Labor Force Participation Rates by Race and Age, 1990–2009 (%)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>55–61</b>			
1990	76.8	62.1	75.5
1995	76.7	65.4	69.2
2000	74.6	62.7	72.5
2005	77.0	64.1	74.9
2009	77.0	62.6	75.9
<b>62–64</b>			
1990	48.3	34.0	37.2
1995	44.9	34.3	42.2
2000	49.8	35.9	52.7
2005	53.5	41.1	56.4
2009	57.6	37.5	59.2
<b>65–69</b>			
1990	28.2	16.8	21.8
1995	28.6	24.5	22.8
2000	32.5	19.9	31.0
2005	31.9	22.4	33.0
2009	36.3	30.1	32.7
<b>70+</b>			
1990	11.5	7.4	7.2
1995	11.8	10.7	8.8
2000	13.4	8.8	9.0
2005	14.3	13.0	11.3
2009	15.3	12.9	15.1

*Source:* Authors' calculations from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

*Note:* The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work.



**Table 8. Older Women's Labor Force Participation Rates by Race and Age, 1990–2009 (%)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>55–61</b>			
1990	52.6	48.8	43.4
1995	57.4	57.5	39.5
2000	60.9	56.7	48.5
2005	64.5	58.0	54.1
2009	67.9	58.9	55.9
<b>62–64</b>			
1990	31.0	29.0	26.4
1995	32.6	33.8	26.5
2000	36.7	32.3	26.2
2005	38.8	35.5	33.9
2009	44.6	42.1	35.9
<b>65–69</b>			
1990	17.8	18.5	13.5
1995	18.5	19.0	10.2
2000	21.6	22.7	13.8
2005	24.1	21.4	18.4
2009	26.8	24.2	19.1
<b>70+</b>			
1990	4.8	4.8	3.7
1995	5.3	4.8	3.1
2000	6.3	5.7	3.7
2005	7.3	7.3	7.1
2009	8.2	9.1	8.7

*Source:* Authors' calculations from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

*Note:* The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work.

**Table 9. Quarterly Male Labor Force Participation Rates by Age, 2000–2009 (%)**

Year	Quarter	25–54	55–64				65+			
			All	55–59	60–61	62–64	All	65–69	70–74	75+
2000	1	91.7	67.7	76.8	68.3	47.7	17.7	29.8	17.7	8.5
	2	91.7	67.1	76.4	66.0	47.9	17.6	30.0	18.3	7.7
	3	91.6	67.3	77.6	65.3	46.1	17.8	30.8	17.9	7.9
	4	91.5	67.2	77.5	64.7	46.3	17.9	30.8	18.1	8.2
2001	1	91.3	67.8	77.5	67.4	46.7	17.8	29.9	18.6	8.4
	2	91.4	68.2	76.8	68.7	48.2	17.6	30.0	17.7	8.3
	3	91.2	68.1	76.9	67.4	48.7	17.6	30.3	18.0	7.9
	4	91.2	68.9	77.9	67.2	49.2	18.0	30.7	18.3	8.3
2002	1	91.2	68.7	77.7	66.2	49.9	17.6	30.7	17.5	8.0
	2	91.2	69.0	78.2	66.2	49.8	18.4	33.3	18.3	7.6
	3	91.0	69.5	78.4	67.0	50.5	18.0	32.7	17.7	7.8
	4	90.8	69.8	77.8	69.6	51.4	17.5	32.3	16.9	7.2
2003	1	90.4	68.8	77.3	67.5	50.0	18.6	33.5	18.5	8.0
	2	90.6	68.5	77.8	67.0	48.5	18.6	32.8	18.9	8.4
	3	90.6	68.3	77.3	66.4	49.0	18.4	32.7	18.5	8.4
	4	90.7	69.3	77.9	67.0	50.7	18.7	32.3	19.3	8.6
2004	1	90.4	69.3	78.1	66.8	50.5	18.7	32.1	19.6	8.5
	2	90.4	68.3	77.7	63.8	49.7	18.4	31.6	19.1	8.6
	3	90.6	68.3	77.2	63.9	50.9	19.3	33.6	19.1	9.1
	4	90.4	68.9	77.2	65.2	51.9	19.6	33.1	19.6	9.9
2005	1	90.2	69.0	77.1	66.6	51.9	18.8	30.9	21.2	8.8
	2	90.5	69.6	78.0	66.8	52.6	19.9	33.0	21.7	9.4
	3	90.8	69.2	77.3	64.5	53.8	20.2	35.3	20.0	9.6
	4	90.4	69.2	78.1	64.3	51.8	20.2	35.1	19.8	9.7
2006	1	90.3	69.7	78.3	66.6	51.7	19.7	33.4	21.1	9.3
	2	90.6	69.9	78.0	67.3	52.7	20.3	33.6	21.6	9.9
	3	90.6	69.2	77.1	66.7	52.3	20.3	34.2	22.4	9.0
	4	90.9	69.6	77.2	68.3	53.0	21.0	36.3	21.4	9.7
2007	1	91.0	69.5	77.9	67.9	51.0	19.8	34.0	20.3	9.2
	2	90.9	69.5	78.1	68.3	50.7	20.7	35.2	20.2	10.5
	3	90.7	69.8	77.2	69.9	52.4	20.8	33.7	22.2	10.3
	4	90.9	69.8	77.8	68.4	52.8	20.8	34.3	22.1	9.8
2008	1	90.6	70.5	78.6	67.7	54.2	20.6	34.4	21.3	9.7
	2	90.5	70.1	78.6	68.1	51.7	21.2	35.9	20.7	10.3
	3	90.7	70.1	79.0	67.5	51.7	22.1	36.1	22.8	10.8
	4	90.4	70.7	78.9	68.2	54.4	22.0	35.8	23.0	10.7
2009	1	90.0	71.0	79.1	67.1	56.1	21.8	36.8	21.9	10.1
	2	89.8	70.8	78.2	69.8	55.3	21.6	37.0	22.1	9.3
	3	89.8	69.7	77.3	69.2	54.4	22.0	35.3	22.6	11.1
	4	89.5	69.4	77.6	66.1	54.8	22.3	35.9	23.6	10.8

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work. Estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

**Table 10. Quarterly Female Labor Force Participation Rates by Age, 2000–2009 (%)**

Year	Quarter	25–54	55–64				65+			
			All	55–59	60–61	62–64	All	65–69	70–74	75+
2000	1	77.3	52.4	62.8	48.3	33.6	9.4	19.8	9.9	3.4
	2	76.9	51.5	61.3	48.7	33.1	9.4	19.5	9.6	3.8
	3	76.0	51.4	60.3	49.9	34.2	9.2	18.9	10.2	3.5
	4	76.7	52.2	61.2	49.1	35.5	9.6	19.9	10.5	3.6
2001	1	77.2	53.0	61.9	49.6	36.4	9.4	19.7	11.0	3.2
	2	76.2	53.1	61.5	49.3	38.0	9.3	19.5	10.5	3.3
	3	75.7	52.9	61.4	51.2	35.6	9.7	20.2	11.2	3.3
	4	76.5	53.7	62.0	51.8	36.9	9.8	20.5	10.9	3.5
2002	1	76.5	54.8	63.1	53.3	37.9	9.7	20.5	10.8	3.4
	2	75.9	54.5	63.3	52.0	36.9	9.7	20.3	10.9	3.5
	3	75.3	54.8	63.3	53.3	36.7	10.0	21.3	11.1	3.6
	4	75.9	56.5	65.5	52.8	38.9	10.0	21.0	11.7	3.5
2003	1	76.1	56.9	65.7	54.0	39.3	10.7	23.1	11.1	4.0
	2	75.8	56.5	65.7	53.0	38.6	10.6	22.4	10.8	4.3
	3	75.1	55.9	64.5	53.6	37.7	10.5	22.1	11.4	4.1
	4	75.5	57.2	65.9	54.9	38.8	10.7	23.1	11.3	4.1
2004	1	75.5	56.7	65.4	54.5	38.9	11.1	24.3	11.0	4.3
	2	75.2	56.0	64.2	53.2	39.3	11.2	23.5	12.4	4.3
	3	74.9	55.7	64.2	54.0	38.0	11.1	22.8	12.8	4.1
	4	75.5	56.9	66.0	54.1	38.5	11.0	22.8	11.9	4.4
2005	1	75.3	56.8	65.5	53.8	39.1	11.3	23.3	12.6	4.3
	2	75.1	56.6	65.0	53.9	39.7	11.5	23.0	13.1	4.7
	3	75.0	57.0	65.8	52.6	40.3	11.4	24.0	12.3	4.2
	4	75.6	57.8	66.2	54.7	40.6	12.0	24.6	13.3	4.7
2006	1	75.5	57.7	65.8	54.2	41.5	11.4	23.0	13.1	4.5
	2	75.2	57.9	66.4	54.6	41.2	11.6	24.1	13.0	4.4
	3	75.3	58.4	67.5	54.0	40.9	11.4	23.8	13.0	4.1
	4	75.9	58.8	67.1	55.4	42.6	12.4	26.0	13.4	4.5
2007	1	75.5	58.6	66.6	55.7	42.9	12.3	25.2	13.6	4.7
	2	75.1	57.9	65.8	56.6	41.1	12.6	25.7	13.9	4.8
	3	75.2	58.2	66.6	56.1	40.9	12.6	25.0	14.5	4.8
	4	75.8	58.8	67.6	54.7	42.3	13.1	26.7	13.7	5.0
2008	1	75.8	59.4	68.1	57.2	41.7	13.1	26.4	13.9	5.1
	2	75.8	58.5	67.1	56.5	41.0	13.1	26.5	13.8	5.2
	3	75.6	58.4	66.9	55.2	41.7	13.4	26.5	15.1	5.1
	4	76.1	60.2	68.8	57.3	43.6	13.5	26.3	14.3	5.6
2009	1	75.9	60.0	68.6	57.2	43.6	13.6	26.0	14.2	6.0
	2	75.7	60.3	68.7	59.9	42.8	13.4	26.4	14.5	5.4
	3	75.4	59.7	68.1	56.8	44.3	13.6	27.0	15.8	4.7
	4	75.6	59.8	68.3	56.1	45.1	13.8	27.1	15.5	5.0

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work. Estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

**Table 11. Quarterly Labor Force Participation Rates by Education and Sex, Ages 62–69, 2007–2009 (%)**

Year	Quarter	Did Not Complete High School	High School Graduate	Some College, Less Than 4 Years	4 or More Years of College
<b>Men</b>					
<b>2007</b>	1	30.0	35.6	39.3	54.1
	2	30.0	37.0	40.0	53.3
	3	26.4	36.7	40.7	52.9
	4	26.4	37.7	40.7	54.4
<b>2008</b>	1	27.1	37.9	42.2	54.4
	2	31.2	35.1	42.5	52.4
	3	30.5	37.7	42.3	52.0
	4	29.1	36.8	45.2	55.4
<b>2009</b>	1	28.9	38.4	43.7	56.8
	2	28.3	38.6	45.1	55.7
	3	31.5	36.7	43.9	54.3
<b>Women</b>					
<b>2007</b>	1	18.4	30.9	36.4	43.7
	2	17.6	31.3	36.9	39.7
	3	15.1	31.2	36.2	39.6
	4	16.7	31.2	37.8	43.8
<b>2008</b>	1	18.8	29.7	37.7	43.3
	2	19.3	30.3	36.8	40.4
	3	18.4	30.1	36.3	42.4
	4	19.6	29.2	38.7	43.0
<b>2009</b>	1	18.6	29.3	38.3	43.5
	2	18.4	30.6	35.1	44.4
	3	19.8	30.6	38.3	45.0

Source: Authors' calculations from BLS (2010).

Note: The labor force participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or actively looking for work.

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