

Older Women's Labor Force Participation Rates by Age and Education, 1990–2014 (%)

| Year | Did Not Complete High School | High School Graduate | Some College, Less Than 4 Years | 4 or More Years of College |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 55–61 | | | | |
| 1990 | 37.0 | 53.3 | 59.0 | 66.4 |
| 1995 | 37.9 | 56.0 | 64.4 | 69.2 |
| 2000 | 36.9 | 57.4 | 63.5 | 70.9 |
| 2005 | 39.3 | 59.0 | 67.7 | 73.1 |
| 2010 | 41.5 | 61.6 | 68.5 | 75.3 |
| 2011 | 41.7 | 60.8 | 68.7 | 74.5 |
| 2012 | 38.7 | 60.3 | 68.2 | 75.4 |
| 2013 | 37.4 | 59.7 | 67.9 | 74.4 |
| 2014 | 38.3 | 59.5 | 66.8 | 73.9 |
| 62+ | | | | |
| 1990 | 7.5 | 13.9 | 17.4 | 18.4 |
| 1995 | 7.1 | 13.1 | 16.9 | 19.4 |
| 2000 | 7.2 | 12.9 | 17.3 | 21.1 |
| 2005 | 7.9 | 15.5 | 21.2 | 24.2 |
| 2010 | 8.6 | 17.0 | 24.1 | 30.0 |
| 2011 | 8.6 | 16.7 | 24.4 | 30.9 |
| 2012 | 9.6 | 16.3 | 24.4 | 30.0 |
| 2013 | 8.8 | 16.7 | 24.8 | 30.6 |
| 2014 | 8.7 | 16.7 | 24.3 | 30.7 |
| 62–64 | | | | |
| 1990 | 22.8 | 30.6 | 39.7 | 39.7 |
| 1995 | 22.7 | 32.7 | 37.6 | 44.9 |
| 2000 | 21.6 | 33.0 | 39.8 | 46.8 |
| 2005 | 23.8 | 37.9 | 45.7 | 49.6 |
| 2010 | 28.1 | 41.1 | 47.7 | 55.0 |
| 2011 | 24.5 | 40.1 | 48.3 | 54.5 |
| 2012 | 24.9 | 39.9 | 48.2 | 52.0 |
| 2013 | 25.3 | 39.9 | 48.5 | 54.0 |
| 2014 | 24.5 | 40.7 | 47.0 | 54.6 |
| 65–69 | | | | |
| 1990 | 12.2 | 17.1 | 21.3 | 25.3 |
| 1995 | 11.6 | 17.6 | 22.4 | 25.5 |
| 2000 | 13.1 | 18.1 | 25.6 | 26.2 |
| 2005 | 13.9 | 22.4 | 29.5 | 30.5 |
| 2010 | 14.3 | 25.3 | 30.1 | 34.4 |
| 2011 | 15.0 | 24.1 | 30.3 | 34.4 |
| 2012 | 17.6 | 23.3 | 30.2 | 36.5 |
| 2013 | 15.2 | 24.3 | 30.0 | 35.7 |
| 2014 | 13.4 | 23.8 | 29.6 | 36.3 |
| 70+ | | | | |
| 1990 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| 1995 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 8.8 |
| 2000 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 9.8 |
| 2005 | 3.8 | 7.3 | 8.9 | 10.8 |
| 2010 | 4.0 | 7.7 | 10.6 | 13.9 |
| 2011 | 4.2 | 7.5 | 10.0 | 14.2 |
| 2012 | 4.7 | 7.3 | 10.5 | 13.2 |
| 2013 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 11.7 | 14.3 |
| 2014 | 4.4 | 7.5 | 11.8 | 14.6 |

Source: Urban Institute Program on Retirement Policy calculations from the Current Population Survey (CPS), http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html, averaged over all 12 months of the calendar year.

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