

46. Absences from work of employed full-time wage and salary workers by age and sex

Age and sex	2003						
	Total employed (in thousands)	Absence rate ¹			Lost worktime rate ²		
		Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons	Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons
Total, 16 years and over	100,198	3.3	2.4	1.0	1.8	1.3	0.5
16 to 19 years	1,633	2.8	2.0	.8	1.4	.9	.5
20 to 24 years	9,183	3.1	2.0	1.1	1.5	.9	.6
25 years and over	89,382	3.4	2.4	.9	1.8	1.3	.5
25 to 54 years	76,216	3.3	2.3	1.0	1.8	1.2	.5
55 years and over	13,166	3.6	2.9	.6	2.1	1.8	.3
Men, 16 years and over	56,159	2.5	1.9	.6	1.3	1.1	.3
16 to 19 years	956	2.2	1.6	.6	1.1	.8	.3
20 to 24 years	5,201	2.1	1.5	.5	1.0	.7	.3
25 years and over	50,001	2.5	1.9	.6	1.4	1.1	.3
25 to 54 years	42,863	2.4	1.8	.6	1.3	1.0	.3
55 years and over	7,138	2.9	2.4	.5	1.7	1.5	.2
Women, 16 years and over	44,039	4.4	3.0	1.4	2.4	1.6	.8
16 to 19 years	677	3.7	2.6	1.1	1.7	1.0	.7
20 to 24 years	3,981	4.5	2.7	1.8	2.2	1.1	1.1
25 years and over	39,381	4.4	3.0	1.4	2.4	1.6	.8
25 to 54 years	33,353	4.4	2.9	1.5	2.4	1.5	.9
55 years and over	6,028	4.3	3.5	.8	2.5	2.1	.4

¹ Absences are defined as instances when persons who usually work 35 or more hours a week worked less than 35 hours during the reference week for one of the following reasons: Own illness, injury, or medical problems; child-care problems; other family or personal obligations; civic or military duty; and maternity or paternity leave. Excluded are situations in which work was missed due to vacation or personal days, holiday, labor dispute, and other reasons. For multiple jobholders, absence data refer only to work missed at their main jobs. The absence rate is the ratio of

workers with absences to total full-time wage and salary employment. The estimates of full-time wage and salary employment shown in this table do not match those in other tables because the estimates in this table are based on the full CPS sample and those in the other tables are based on a quarter of the sample only.

² Hours absent as a percent of hours usually worked.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2003, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.