United States Census Bureau

How Do We Know?

Working at Home is on the Rise

Advanced in communication and information technologies have allowed for a more mobile workforce. This is reflected in a growing number of people working from home. Census Bureau surveys tell us who’s working at home.

In 2010, 13.4 million people worked at least one day at home per week – an increase of over 4 million people (35 percent) in the last decade.

1997

9.2 million out of 132 million workers

2010

13.4 million out of 142 million workers

Source: Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

4.2 million increase in home-based workers between 1997 and 2010

Source: SIPP

Home-based workers are:

More likely in the private sector

Of home-based workers, 39.4 percent were private company workers in 1980 compared to 59.5 percent in 2010. Home-based workers were the least likely to be government employees in both 1980 (4.2 percent) and 2010 (5.6 percent).


More likely to be in management and business

The responsibilities and tasks associated with management and business translate well to home-based work.

1 in 4

Number of home-based workers employed in management, business, and financial occupations

Source: 2010 ACS

Growing quickly in computer, engineering, and science occupations
Home-based work in computer, engineering, and science occupations increased 69 percent from 252,000 workers in 2000 to 432,000 workers in 2010.

Source: 2010 ACS and 2000 Decennial Census

**Defined as**

**Home-based worker:** a personal who works exclusively or part of the time from home

**home worker:** a person who works exclusively from home

**mixed worker:** a person who works at both home and at the job site

Home Worker + Mixed Worker = Home-based worker

**More likely to be working from home on Monday or Friday**

Thursday is the least likely day to work from home

Monday 38 %
Tuesday 33 %
Wednesday 33 %
Thursday 29 %
Friday 38 %

Source: SIPP

**More Likely to live in the West**

Businesses in the West are more likely to allow working from home.

Western states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Source: 2010 American Community Survey

Boulder, CO highest percent of home-based workers in the U.S. at 10.9%

Source: 2010 ACS
Diverse in their characteristics

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<th>Home Worker</th>
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<td>Total workers</td>
<td>9.4 million</td>
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<td>Median Age</td>
<td>47.5 yr. old</td>
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<td>Median Salary</td>
<td>$25,500/yr.</td>
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<td>Hours worked</td>
<td>37.4 per wk.</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree or higher</td>
<td>50.5 percent</td>
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