

Union Membership - 2008

Union Membership at a Glance

	2008	2007
Union membership (000s)	16,098	15,670
Union density	12.4%	12.1%
Union density by sector		
Private sector	7.6%	7.5%
-Manufacturing	11.4%	11.3%
-Education and health services	9.1%	8.8%
Public sector	36.8%	35.9%
Union density by population group		
Men	13.4%	13.0%
Women	11.4%	11.1%
White	12.2%	11.8%
African-American	14.5%	14.3%
Asian	10.6%	10.9%
Latino	10.6%	9.8%
Median weekly earnings		
All union members	\$886	\$863
All non-union workers	\$691	\$663
African-American union members	\$720	\$732
Non-union African-American workers	\$564	\$533
Male union members	\$939	\$913
Non-union male workers	\$766	\$738
Female union members	\$809	\$790
Non-union female workers	\$615	\$592

Union membership grew by 428,000 in 2008 – the second consecutive year that membership has grown, and the largest increase in more than 20 years. Union density

– the percentage of the workforce who are union members – also increased, to 12.4 percent.

The full Bureau of Labor Statistics report can be found at:
<http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/union2.pdf>

Next release: union membership data for 2009 will be released early in 2010.

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