

## Union Membership - 2009

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### Union Membership at a Glance

	2009	2008
<b>Union membership (000s)</b>	15,327	16,098
<b>Union density</b>	12.3%	12.4%
<b>Union density by sector</b>		
<b>Private sector</b>	7.2%	7.6%
Manufacturing	10.9%	11.4%
Education and health services	8.6%	9.1%
<b>Public sector</b>	37.4%	36.8%
<b>Union density by population group</b>		
Men	13.3%	13.4%
Women	11.3%	11.4%
White	12.1%	12.2%
African-American	13.9%	14.5%
Asian	11.4%	10.6%
Latino	10.2%	10.6%
<b>Median weekly earnings</b>		
All union members	\$908	\$886
All non-union workers	\$710	\$691
African-American union members	\$749	\$720
Non-union African-American workers	\$581	\$564
Male union members	\$957	\$939
Non-union male workers	\$786	\$766
Female union members	\$840	\$809
Non-union female workers	\$628	\$615

- Unionization rates in the public sector have long exceeded those in private industry. Last year, for the first time, more than half of U.S. union members worked in the public sector.

- The recession has been particularly hard on African-American union members. African Americans are 11 percent of the wage and salary workforce, and 13 percent of union members, but accounted for 27 percent of the decline in union membership.

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 2010 will be released early in 2011.

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