

## Union Membership - 2010

---

### Union Membership at a Glance

	2010	2009
<b>Union membership (000s)</b>	14,715	15,327
<b>Union density</b>	11.9%	12.3%
<b>Union density by sector</b>		
<b>Private sector</b>	6.9%	7.2%
Manufacturing	10.7%	10.9%
Education and health services	8.1%	8.6%
<b>Public sector</b>	36.2%	37.4%
<b>Union density by population group</b>		
Men	12.6%	13.3%
Women	11.1%	11.3%
White	11.7%	12.1%
African-American	13.4%	13.9%
Asian	10.9%	11.4%
Latino	10.0%	10.2%
<b>Median weekly earnings</b>		
All union members	\$917	\$908
All non-union workers	\$717	\$710
African-American union members	\$772	\$749
Non-union African-American workers	\$589	\$581
Male union members	\$967	\$957
Non-union male workers	\$789	\$786
Female union members	\$856	\$840
Non-union female workers	\$639	\$628

Both the number of union members and union density (the percentage of workers who belong to unions) fell in 2010. Overall union density dipped below 12%; in the private

sector, it fell below 7%. More than half of all union members are employed by federal, state and local governments.

Unions remain an important force for equality, boosting median earnings for all workers, but particularly for women and minorities.

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 2011 will be released early in 2012.

UAW Research Department  
January 23, 2011