

Characteristics of low-wage workers, 2007 (Part 1 of 2)

	Low-wage	Total workforce
<i>Share of workforce</i>	26.5%	100.0%
<i>Number</i>	32,486,770	122,815,179
<i>Average wage</i>	\$8.04	\$19.50
Gender		
<i>Female</i>	57.0%	47.9%
<i>Male</i>	43.0	52.1
Race/ethnicity		
<i>White</i>	56.0%	67.4%
<i>African American</i>	14.7	11.4
<i>Hispanic</i>	23.4	14.8
<i>Asian</i>	3.8	4.6
<i>Other</i>	2.2	1.8
Education		
<i>Less than high school</i>	21.5%	9.8%
<i>High school</i>	37.5	29.6
<i>Associates</i>	7.2	9.8
<i>Some college</i>	24.4	19.8
<i>College or more</i>	9.5	31.0
Age		
<i>18-25</i>	35.8%	16.5%
<i>26-35</i>	22.4	23.6
<i>35+</i>	41.7	59.9

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