Labor Force Participation Rates in 2010 by Gender and Educational Attainment

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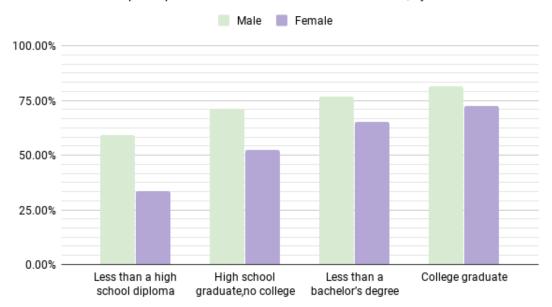
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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the labor force participation rates in 2010 for men and women correlating to their education level. According to the U.S. Census, the term "labor force" refers to individuals ages 16 or older who are either employed or actively looking for work and therefore are counted as unemployed. This data are sourced from the Current Population Survey utilized by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data visually presented below are specifically for the civilian noninstitutional population ages 25 years old and over, which include 61,825 females and 71,129 males. Although there is a clear connection between level of education and participation in the labor force, the difference for women is more pronounced. A stronger correlation exists between educational attainment and participation in the labor force for women than for men.



The U.S. labor force participation rates of males and females in 2010, by level of education

Figure 1. The U.S. labor force participation rates of males and females in 2010, by level of education. This figure illustrates labor force participation rates of individuals ages 25 and older, by education level and gender according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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