

Based on 2010 U.S. population and reported employment statistics...

U.S. Males (49.32%)	152,273,299		
U.S. Females (50.68%)	156,472,239		
U.S. Population	308,745,538		
U.S. Males age 14 or under (10.0%)	31,000,000		
U.S. Females age 14 or under (9.6%)	29,500,000		
U.S. Population over 64 (12.8%)	39,519,429		
U.S. Population over 84 (11.9% of those over 64)	4,702,812		
U.S. Males with jobs (49.32%... as reported)	101,718,564		
U.S. Females with jobs (24.57%... computed)	38,451,910		
Population in U.S. with jobs (45.4%... as reported)	140,170,474	A	
Possible "work force" (age 15 to 84)	243,542,726	B	#
TRUE U.S. % EMPLOYED (Rate)	57.55%	$= (A / B) * 100$	
TRUE U.S. % UNEMPLOYED (Rate)	42.45%*		
% of Total U.S. Population EMPLOYED	45.40%		
% of Total U.S. Population UNEMPLOYED	54.60%		

* This rate assumes that the reported number of people in the U.S. with jobs also generally falls within the assumed "employable age range" (between 15 and 84 years of age). It then divides that number by the estimated total of those falling within the assumed "employable age range". It does not draw any conclusions about people who have no need to work, or who may not be working due to disability, due to retirement from the work force, or because they can not find work, are students, are supported by others, etc. It simply indicates the percentage of those who fall within the "employable age range" and apparently work as "productive members of society" (to some degree) vs. all of those who fall within the "employable age range" and most probably do not work, for whatever reason(s).

Some have suggested that using the age range of 15 to 84 is very unreasonable because it makes the denominator (variable B) of the resulting EMPLOYED equation larger and the resulting EMPLOYED rate much smaller and, in turn, results in a larger UNEMPLOYED rate. Some "official" sources prefer to use 155,000,000 as the "official" U.S. "labor force" figure. Others feel using 15 to 64 for a work-life age range would be a more reasonable approach. If 155,000,000 is substituted into the equation then the resulting TRUE U.S. % EMPLOYED and UNEMPLOYED rates would become **90.43%** and **9.57%** respectively (which TMI feels is completely incorrect). If the age range is adjusted as suggested (and as a compromise) then the resulting TRUE U.S. % EMPLOYED and UNEMPLOYED rates would become **67.16%** and **32.84%** respectively (which TMI feels is within reason as well).