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Labor force 2006: slowing down and changing composition

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As the baby-boom generation ages, the median age of the work force rises to a new record in 2006, while the Hispanic labor force could exceed that of blacks. This article describes the labor force projections made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 136 age, sex, race, or Hispanic origin groups. The article also reviews the demographic implications of projected changes in the age composition of the labor force and population.

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