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Evaluation of labor force projections to 1990

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The projections to 1990, although more accurate than those of the 1975, 1980, and 1985 labor force, were significantly affected by population projections. This article examines the errors in the labor force projections to 1990 and their sources. It does this by examining projected levels of the labor force and the rates of labor force participation of specific age groups for men and women, and for whites and blacks and others. Where appropriate, the accuracy of the 1990 labor force projections is compared with evaluations of BLS projections of the 1975, 1980, and 1985 labor force.

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