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## Home-based workers: data from the 1990 Census of Population

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Data from the Public Use Microdata Sample of the 1990 Census of Population show that home-based workers are more likely than onsite workers to be self-employed, to live in rural areas, to work nonstandard hours, to be women, to be white, and to work in service industries and occupations. This article presents a study of those workers whose primary place of employment is their own home—either as a paid employee or as a self-employed worker. More specifically, a detailed description of home-based workers in 1990 is provided, using the Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) of the 1990 Census of Population.

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