Age and sex	Total employed (in thousands)	Contingent workers ¹			
		Estimate 1	Estimate 2	Estimate 3	Noncontingent workers ¹
Total, 16 years and over	138,952	1.8	2.3	4.1	95.9
16 to 19 years		5.6	6.1	8.6	91.4
20 to 24 years		4.6	5.2	8.2	91.8
25 to 34 years		2.3	2.9	4.8	95.2
35 to 44 years	34,481	1.2	1.7	3.0	97.0
45 to 54 years		.8	1.2	2.7	97.3
55 to 64 years		.8	1.1	3.0	97.0
65 years and over	4,817	1.6	2.3	5.2	94.8
Women, 16 years and over	65,006	1.8	2.4	4.3	95.7
16 to 19 years	2,931	5.6	6.2	8.4	91.6
20 to 24 years	6,186	4.0	4.8	7.8	92.2
25 to 34 years	13,480	2.2	2.7	4.6	95.4
35 to 44 years	15,958	1.1	1.7	3.2	96.8
45 to 54 years	15,754	1.1	1.6	3.2	96.8
55 to 64 years	8,495	.9	1.1	3.2	96.8
65 years and over	2,202	2.6	3.5	7.2	92.8
Men, 16 years and over	73,946	1.8	2.2	3.9	96.1
16 to 19 years	2,579	5.6	6.1	8.9	91.2
20 to 24 years	6,928	5.2	5.7	8.6	91.4
25 to 34 years	16,624	2.4	3.1	5.0	95.0
35 to 44 years		1.3	1.6	2.9	97.1
45 to 54 years	17,193	.6	.8	2.1	97.9
55 to 64 years	9,485	.7	1.1	2.8	97.2
65 years and over	2,615	.7	1.3	3.5	96.5

Table 28. Percent distribution of employed persons by age, sex, and contingent andnoncontingent status, February 2005

¹ Contingent workers are those who do not have an implicit or explicit contract for ongoing employment. Persons who do not expect to continue in their jobs for personal reasons, such as retirement or returning to school, are not considered contingent workers, provided that they would have the option of continuing in the job were it not for these personal reasons. Estimate 1 includes wage and salary workers who expect their jobs will last for an additional year or less and who had worked at their jobs for 1 year or less. Estimate 2 includes wage and salary workers, the self-employed, and independent contractors who expect their employment to last for an additional year or less and who had worked at their jobs (or been selfemployed) for 1 year or less. *Estimate 3* includes all workers who do not expect their jobs to last. This is the broadest definition of contingency and estimates 1 and 2 of contingency are included in estimate 3. Noncontingent workers are those workers who do not fall into any of the three definitions of contingency.

SOURCE: Contingent and alternative work arrangements supplement to the Current Population Survey, last conducted in February 2005, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.