

Table 1
Self-Employment Rates by Ethnicity/Race and Sex
1990 Census

Ethnicity/Race	Male				Female			
	Self-Emp. Rate	Standard Error	Sample Size	Percent of Workforce	Self-Emp. Rate	Standard Error	Sample Size	Percent of Workforce
Black African	7.1	(0.508)	3029	0.20	3.2	(0.445)	1942	0.14
White African	16.1	(0.953)	1738	0.06	9.2	(1.187)	701	0.03
African-American	4.4	(0.474)	2177	6.97	2.0	(0.325)	2532	9.29
Armenian	24.1	(0.856)	2850	0.10	9.7	(0.707)	1972	0.08
Asian Indian	11.7	(0.646)	3140	0.37	7.4	(0.674)	1828	0.25
Belgian	10.5	(0.788)	2077	0.07	7.1	(0.789)	1404	0.05
Black British	6.1	(1.322)	423	0.01	2.9	(0.875)	413	0.02
White British	13.4	(0.707)	2897	5.92	7.3	(0.653)	2016	5.18
Canadian	14.8	(0.726)	2798	0.11	7.0	(0.589)	2185	0.11
French Canadian	10.1	(0.618)	2915	0.64	5.2	(0.553)	2073	0.55
Black Caribbean	6.8	(0.549)	2485	0.42	3.0	(0.377)	2564	0.54
Spanish Caribbean	8.9	(0.590)	2699	0.11	4.1	(0.444)	2335	0.12
Black Central American	5.0	(1.012)	533	0.02	2.0	(0.625)	567	0.03
Spanish Central American	5.5	(0.473)	2887	0.51	4.6	(0.506)	2092	0.46
Chinese	13.5	(0.715)	2764	0.67	9.1	(0.647)	2294	0.68
Cuban	15.5	(0.736)	2837	0.34	5.9	(0.539)	2207	0.31
Czechoslovakian	12.4	(0.712)	2890	0.29	6.0	(0.593)	2159	0.26
Dutch	12.3	(0.699)	2853	0.70	6.2	(0.590)	2076	0.61
Filipino	5.1	(0.501)	2235	0.51	3.3	(0.373)	2656	0.72
Finnish	11.4	(0.689)	2817	0.12	6.9	(0.604)	2158	0.11
White French	10.5	(0.654)	2800	1.27	7.6	(0.623)	2203	1.20
White German	11.2	(0.659)	2927	11.39	6.2	(0.606)	2079	10.09
Greek	23.0	(0.819)	3051	0.33	10.1	(0.729)	1962	0.26
Hawaiian	6.1	(0.643)	1700	0.06	4.6	(0.604)	1441	0.06
Hungarian	13.6	(0.687)	2972	0.29	7.1	(0.631)	1991	0.25
Irish	10.6	(0.657)	2693	5.78	5.9	(0.552)	2177	5.65
Israeli	28.6	(1.670)	816	0.03	10.3	(1.665)	428	0.02
Italian	15.2	(0.734)	2745	3.60	5.8	(0.559)	2070	3.18
Japanese	11.1	(0.698)	2555	0.37	6.1	(0.529)	2395	0.41
Korean	27.9	(0.990)	2531	0.26	18.9	(0.840)	2576	0.31
Laotian	3.2	(0.520)	1278	0.04	2.3	(0.575)	874	0.04
Latvian	17.1	(1.530)	712	0.02	8.3	(1.312)	520	0.02
Lithuanian	14.7	(0.715)	2930	0.16	7.4	(0.642)	2028	0.13
Mexican	6.8	(0.513)	2896	4.00	4.4	(0.531)	1844	3.03
Middle Eastern	23.1	(0.790)	3357	0.37	10.2	(0.812)	1634	0.21
Native American	7.2	(0.610)	2759	0.53	4.5	(0.478)	2433	0.55
White Native American	10.1	(0.632)	2872	0.70	5.7	(0.544)	2215	0.65
Oceania	10.6	(1.521)	459	0.02	6.1	(1.438)	330	0.01
Pacific Islander	5.9	(0.694)	1334	0.05	3.6	(0.645)	1030	0.04
Polish	10.7	(0.644)	2713	1.81	4.8	(0.514)	2141	1.70
Portuguese	10.5	(0.625)	2803	0.32	6.3	(0.538)	2228	0.30
Puerto Rican	3.6	(0.379)	2907	0.58	2.3	(0.365)	2256	0.54
Rumanian	18.7	(0.894)	2262	0.08	8.8	(0.779)	1475	0.06
Russian	24.9	(0.882)	2859	0.64	12.3	(0.768)	2148	0.58
Scandinavian	13.2	(0.741)	2811	1.88	6.1	(0.607)	2177	1.81
Scottish	12.1	(0.634)	3211	0.93	8.5	(0.725)	1787	0.61
Slovak	11.0	(0.648)	2847	0.38	5.4	(0.539)	2058	0.34
Black South American	4.4	(0.931)	646	0.03	2.1	(0.602)	734	0.04
Spanish South American	11.3	(0.659)	2816	0.29	7.4	(0.605)	2181	0.27
White South American	11.9	(1.571)	466	0.02	8.7	(1.617)	361	0.02
Other South Asian	5.7	(0.764)	1131	0.04	4.8	(0.809)	892	0.04
Southwest Asian	13.6	(0.965)	1521	0.05	8.8	(1.403)	520	0.02
Spaniard	11.9	(0.655)	2947	0.13	6.1	(0.575)	2079	0.11
Spanish	7.2	(0.560)	2758	0.79	5.5	(0.533)	2257	0.79
Swiss	17.0	(0.752)	3162	0.12	9.3	(0.747)	1903	0.09
Thai	12.2	(1.196)	892	0.03	8.7	(0.890)	1162	0.05
Turkish	18.6	(1.499)	821	0.03	8.5	(1.520)	376	0.02
Ukrainian	13.1	(0.687)	2925	0.16	6.2	(0.602)	2005	0.14
Vietnamese	8.3	(0.566)	2978	0.20	8.7	(0.697)	2004	0.17
Yugoslavian	12.8	(0.680)	2928	0.27	5.9	(0.581)	2041	0.23
U.S. Total	10.8	(0.018)	3080007	100.00	5.8	(0.015)	2523271	100.00

Notes: (1) The sample consists of non-agricultural workers who are at least 16 years old and who worked at least 20 weeks and usually worked at least 15 hours per week last year (1989). (2) The self-employment rate is the percentage of all those working who are self-employed. (3) All self-employment rates are calculated using weights provided by the Census.