

# **HOW DO WE KNOW?**

In 2010, 13.4 million people worked at least one day at home per weekan increase of over 4 million people (35 percent) in the last decade.

# 2010 1997

out of 132 million workers

More likely to be

in management

and business

tasks associated with

management and

business translate

well to home-

based work.

The responsibilities and

= 1 million people

out of 142 million

workers

Source: Survey of Income and *Program Participation (SIPP)* 

# Working at Home is on the Rise

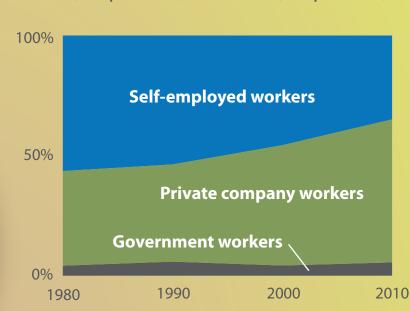
Advances in communication and information technologies have allowed for a moremobile workforce. This is reflected in a growing number of people working from home. Census Bureau surveys tell us who's working at home.

Increase in home-based workers between 1997 and 2010 Source: SIPP

## Home-based workers are:

#### More likely in the private sector

Of home-based workers, 39.4 percent were private company workers in 1980 compared to 59.5 percent in 2010. Home-based workers were the least likely to be government employees in both 1980 (4.2 percent) and 2010 (5.6 percent).



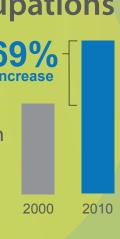
Source: 1980, 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census and 2010 American Community Survey (ACS)

Note: Incorporated self-employed and unpaid family workers were combined with private company workers.

## **Growing quickly** in computer, engineering and science occupations

Home-based work in computer, engineering, and science occupations increased 69 percent from 252,000 workers in 2000 to 432,000 workers in 2010.

Source: 2010 ACS and 2000 Decennial Census



**Number of home-based** 

workers employed in

management, business

and financial occupations

Source: 2010 ACS

## **Defined** as

home-based worker: a person who works exclusively or part of the time from home

home worker: a person who works exclusively from home mixed worker: a person who works at

both home and at the job site onsite worker: a person who works





exclusively at the job site

**Home-based** Worker



percent of home-based workers in the U.S. at **10.9%** Source: 2010 ACS

#### More likely to live in the West

**Businesses in the West** are more likely to allow working from home.

## Diverse in their characteristics



Western states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming Source: 2010 American Community Survey

#### More likely to be working from home on Monday or Friday Thursday is the least likely day to

work from home.

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1980, 1990, and 2000 Decennial Census. For more information visit http://www.census.gov/hhes/commuting/data/workathome.html.

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