

TABLE 2

Essential workers by gender, education, and race/ethnicity, 2019

	All essential workers	Food and agriculture	Emergency services	Transportation, warehouse, and delivery	Indust. comm. resident facilit. and service
All workers (ages 16+)	55,217,845	11,398,233	1,849,630	3,972,089	6,806,800
<i>Female</i>	49%	46%	19%	24%	14%
<i>Male</i>	51%	54%	81%	76%	86%
<i>Less than high school</i>	10%	20%	1%	9%	25%
<i>High school</i>	29%	38%	18%	46%	45%
<i>Some college</i>	30%	28%	43%	33%	22%
<i>College degree</i>	20%	11%	31%	11%	7%
<i>Advanced degree</i>	11%	3%	7%	2%	1%
<i>White</i>	55%	50%	68%	52%	47%
<i>Black</i>	15%	13%	16%	22%	9%
<i>Hispanic</i>	21%	28%	12%	19%	40%
<i>AAPI</i>	6%	7%	2%	6%	2%
<i>Other</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Note: Code for the definition of essential services used here is available upon request.

Source: Economic Policy Institute (EPI) analysis of Current Population Survey Outgoing Rotation Group microdata, EPI Current Population Survey Extracts, Version 1.0.2 (2020), <https://microdata.epi.org>