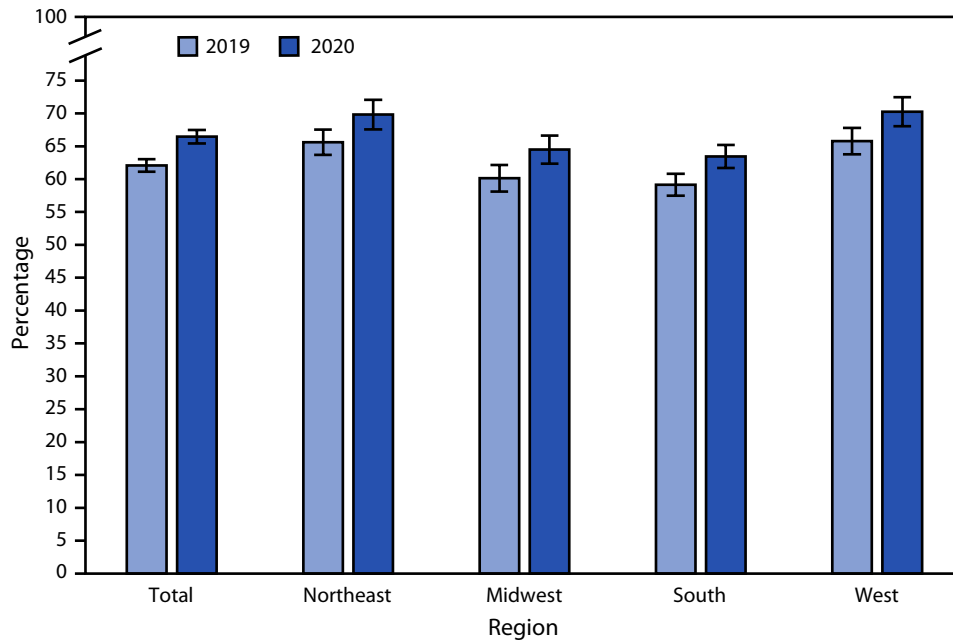


## QuickStats

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### Percentage\* of Currently Employed Adults Aged $\geq 18$ Years Who Had Paid Sick Leave Benefits<sup>†</sup> at Last Week's Job or Business, by Region — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019 and 2020<sup>§</sup>



\* With 95% CIs indicated by error bars.

<sup>†</sup> Based on responses to the question, "Regarding your job or work last week, is paid sick leave available if you need it?"

<sup>§</sup> Estimates were based on household interviews of a sample of adults aged  $\geq 18$  years who were working last week, were not working last week because they were temporarily absent, or who performed seasonal or contract work. The number of employed adults declined 5.1% from 2019 to 2020, particularly among workers without access to paid sick leave.

The percentage of currently employed adults who had access to paid sick leave increased from 62.1% in 2019 to 66.5% in 2020. During this period, increases were noted among all regions of the country (Northeast: from 65.6% to 69.8%, Midwest: from 60.1% to 64.5%, South: from 59.1% to 63.5%, and West: from 65.8% to 70.3%). In both years, rates were highest in the Northeast and West and lowest in the Midwest and South.

**Source:** National Health Interview Survey, 2019–2020 data. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>

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For more information about this topic, CDC recommends the following link: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2012/07/30/sick-leave/>