

Table 7. Percent distribution of the labor force of women by presence and age of children, March 1980-2000

(Percent)

Year	Total women	With no children under 18	With children under 18				
			Total	6 to 17 years	With children under 6		
					Total	3 to 5 years	Under 3 years
1980	100.0	60.4	39.6	25.0	14.6	6.6	7.9
1981	100.0	60.3	39.7	24.8	14.9	6.7	8.2
1982	100.0	60.2	39.8	24.2	15.6	6.9	8.8
1983	100.0	60.4	39.6	23.7	15.9	7.0	8.9
1984	100.0	60.3	39.7	23.4	16.3	7.3	8.9
1985	100.0	60.6	39.4	23.2	16.1	7.1	9.0
1986	100.0	60.1	39.9	23.3	16.5	7.3	9.3
1987	100.0	59.6	40.4	23.5	17.0	7.4	9.6
1988	100.0	60.1	39.9	23.5	16.4	7.2	9.2
1989	100.0	60.3	39.7	23.2	16.6	7.4	9.2
1990	100.0	60.5	39.5	22.8	16.7	7.4	9.3
1991	100.0	60.4	39.6	22.5	17.1	7.5	9.6
1992	100.0	60.2	39.8	23.0	16.7	7.4	9.3
1993	100.0	59.9	40.1	23.4	16.7	7.4	9.3
1994 ¹	100.0	59.4	40.6	23.2	17.3	7.7	9.6
1995	100.0	59.2	40.8	23.6	17.2	7.8	9.3
1996	100.0	59.6	40.4	23.6	16.8	7.6	9.2
1997 ¹	100.0	59.3	40.7	23.8	16.9	7.6	9.3
1998 ¹	100.0	59.9	40.1	23.5	16.6	7.4	9.2
1999 ¹	100.0	60.7	39.3	23.4	15.9	7.2	8.7
2000 ¹	100.0	60.9	39.1	23.5	15.6	7.0	8.6

¹ The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes. For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of *Employment and Earnings*,

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NOTE: Data refer to single, married, spouse present, and widowed, divorced, and separated women.