

Table 578. Employment Status of Women by Marital Status and Presence and Age of Children: 1970 to 2007

[As of March (7.0 represents 7,000,000). Civilian noninstitutional persons 16 years old and over. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Item	Total			With any children								
				Total			Children 6 to 17 yrs. only			Children under 6 yrs.		
	Single	Mar-ried ¹	Other ²	Single	Mar-ried ¹	Other ²	Single	Mar-ried ¹	Other ²	Single	Mar-ried ¹	Other ²
IN LABOR FORCE (mil.)												
1970	7.0	18.4	5.9	(NA)	10.2	1.9	(NA)	6.3	1.3	(NA)	3.9	0.6
1980	11.2	24.9	8.8	0.6	13.7	3.6	0.2	8.4	2.6	0.3	5.2	1.0
1990	14.0	31.0	11.2	1.5	16.5	4.2	0.6	9.3	3.0	0.9	7.2	1.2
1995	15.0	33.6	12.0	2.1	18.0	4.6	0.8	10.2	3.3	1.3	7.8	1.3
2000	17.8	35.0	13.2	3.1	18.2	4.5	1.2	10.8	3.4	1.8	7.3	1.1
2005 ³	18.6	35.7	14.3	3.4	18.0	4.6	1.4	10.8	3.4	1.9	7.2	1.2
2006 ³	19.0	36.2	14.2	3.3	18.1	4.6	1.4	10.7	3.5	1.9	7.4	1.1
2007 ³	19.2	37.3	14.3	3.5	18.6	4.8	1.4	10.9	3.6	2.1	7.7	1.2
PARTICIPATION RATE⁴												
1970	53.0	40.8	39.1	(NA)	39.7	60.7	(NA)	49.2	66.9	(NA)	30.3	52.2
1980	61.5	50.1	44.0	52.0	54.1	69.4	67.6	61.7	74.6	44.1	45.1	60.3
1990	66.4	58.2	46.8	55.2	66.3	74.2	69.7	73.6	79.7	48.7	58.9	63.6
1995	65.5	61.1	47.3	57.5	70.2	75.3	67.0	76.2	79.5	53.0	63.5	66.3
2000	68.6	62.0	50.2	73.9	70.6	82.7	79.7	77.2	85.0	70.5	62.8	76.6
2005 ³	65.1	60.2	49.8	72.9	68.1	79.8	79.7	75.0	82.2	68.5	59.8	73.5
2006 ³	64.7	60.9	49.1	71.5	68.4	80.4	76.2	75.3	82.5	68.6	60.3	74.3
2007 ³	64.7	61.6	49.5	71.4	69.3	80.0	78.0	76.2	82.9	67.4	61.5	72.2
EMPLOYMENT (mil.)												
1970	6.5	17.5	5.6	(NA)	9.6	1.8	(NA)	6.0	1.2	(NA)	3.6	0.6
1980	10.1	23.6	8.2	0.4	12.8	3.3	0.2	8.1	2.4	0.2	4.8	0.9
1990	12.9	29.9	10.5	1.2	15.8	3.8	0.5	8.9	2.7	0.7	6.9	1.1
1995	13.7	32.3	11.3	1.8	17.2	4.2	0.7	9.8	3.1	1.1	7.3	1.2
2000	16.4	34.0	12.7	2.7	17.6	4.3	1.1	10.6	3.2	1.6	7.1	1.1
2005 ³	17.0	34.6	13.5	2.9	17.4	4.3	1.3	10.4	3.2	1.6	7.0	1.1
2006 ³	17.4	35.2	13.5	2.9	17.5	4.3	1.2	10.4	3.3	1.7	7.1	1.0
2007 ³	17.9	36.4	13.6	3.1	18.0	4.5	1.3	10.6	3.4	1.8	7.4	1.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE⁵												
1970	7.1	4.8	4.8	(NA)	6.0	7.2	(NA)	4.8	5.9	(NA)	7.9	9.8
1980	10.3	5.3	6.4	23.2	5.9	9.2	15.6	4.4	7.9	29.2	8.3	12.8
1990	8.2	3.5	5.7	18.4	4.2	8.5	14.5	3.8	7.7	20.8	4.8	10.2
1995	8.7	3.9	5.8	16.6	4.3	8.1	11.8	3.6	7.1	19.5	5.3	10.8
2000	7.3	2.7	4.3	11.0	2.9	5.1	8.7	2.6	4.8	12.6	3.5	5.9
2005 ³	8.9	3.0	5.3	15.1	3.1	6.9	10.9	2.9	5.8	18.2	3.4	9.8
2006 ³	8.1	2.8	4.8	12.7	3.2	6.2	10.4	2.8	5.4	14.2	3.7	8.9
2007 ³	6.7	2.6	4.9	10.8	2.8	6.0	9.8	2.5	5.3	11.6	3.4	8.1

NA Not available. ¹ Husband present. ² Widowed, divorced, or separated. ³ See footnote 2, Table 567. ⁴ Percent of women in each specific category in the labor force. ⁵ Unemployed as a percent of civilian labor force in specified group.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2307; and unpublished data.