

Table 581. Labor Force Participation Rates for Wives, Husband Present by Age of Own Youngest Child: 1975 to 2005

[As of March. Civilian noninstitutional population, 16 years old and over. For definition of participation rate, see Table 584. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Presence and age of child	Total			White ¹			Black ¹		
	1975	1990	2005	1975	1990	2005	1975	1990	2005
Wives, total	44.4	58.2	60.2	43.6	57.6	59.8	54.1	64.7	66.3
No children under 18 years. . . .	43.8	51.1	53.8	43.6	50.8	53.5	47.6	52.9	57.0
With children under 18 years . . .	44.9	66.3	68.1	43.6	65.6	67.8	58.4	75.6	76.4
Under 6 years, total	36.7	58.9	59.8	34.7	57.8	59.3	54.9	73.1	72.8
Under 3 years	32.7	55.5	57.0	30.7	54.9	56.7	50.1	67.5	68.7
1 year or under	30.8	53.9	55.8	29.2	53.3	55.5	50.0	64.4	65.5
2 years	37.1	60.9	61.0	35.1	60.3	61.0	56.4	75.4	72.6
3 to 5 years	42.2	64.1	64.2	40.1	62.5	63.2	61.2	80.4	77.7
3 years	41.2	63.1	62.7	39.0	62.3	62.1	62.7	74.5	80.3
4 years	41.2	65.1	64.8	38.7	63.2	64.5	64.9	80.6	74.8
5 years	44.4	64.5	67.4	43.8	62.0	65.4	56.3	86.2	84.4
6 to 13 years	51.8	73.0	73.0	50.7	72.6	72.8	65.7	77.6	78.7
14 to 17 years	53.5	75.1	79.6	53.4	74.9	80.1	52.3	78.8	80.4

¹ 2005 for persons in this race group only. See footnote 3, Table 570.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2340; and unpublished data.