

Table 596. Labor Force Participation Rates by Marital Status, Sex, and Age: 1970 to 2009

[For the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. See Table 585 for definition of participation rate. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Marital status and year	Male participation rate							Female participation rate						
	Total	16-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Total	16-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Single:														
1970.....	65.5	54.6	73.8	87.9	86.2	75.7	25.2	56.8	44.7	73.0	81.4	78.6	73.0	19.7
1980.....	72.6	59.9	81.3	89.2	82.2	66.9	16.8	64.4	53.6	75.2	83.3	76.9	65.6	13.9
1990 ¹	74.8	55.1	81.6	89.9	84.5	67.3	15.7	66.7	51.7	74.5	80.9	80.8	66.2	12.1
2000 ¹	73.6	52.5	80.5	89.4	82.9	69.7	17.3	68.9	51.1	76.1	83.9	80.9	69.9	10.8
2002.....	71.7	47.2	78.7	88.7	83.1	69.6	16.9	67.4	47.3	74.5	83.3	79.9	69.6	14.3
2003 ¹	70.4	44.0	77.9	87.7	82.9	67.6	19.4	66.2	44.8	72.9	82.2	79.9	69.9	15.2
2004 ¹	70.2	43.6	77.7	87.9	82.7	67.8	20.3	65.9	43.8	73.1	81.8	80.5	70.9	14.7
2005 ¹	70.1	42.9	77.0	87.9	82.9	68.6	18.8	66.0	44.2	72.6	81.4	80.7	70.9	15.5
2006 ¹	70.7	43.4	77.8	87.7	83.5	69.9	19.3	65.7	43.7	71.8	81.4	79.8	70.5	15.0
2007 ¹	70.1	40.8	76.9	88.5	84.0	70.3	22.6	65.3	41.4	72.6	82.1	78.0	70.4	18.4
2008 ¹	69.9	39.8	77.1	87.9	84.3	69.5	24.7	65.3	40.3	71.9	82.6	79.6	70.4	20.5
2009 ¹	68.3	37.1	74.6	86.5	83.7	68.5	26.1	64.2	37.5	71.4	81.6	79.5	69.3	19.7
Married: ²														
1970.....	86.1	92.3	94.7	98.0	98.1	91.2	29.9	40.5	37.8	47.9	38.8	46.8	44.0	7.3
1980.....	80.9	91.3	96.9	97.5	97.2	84.3	20.5	49.8	49.3	61.4	58.8	61.8	46.9	7.3
1990 ¹	78.6	92.1	95.6	96.9	96.7	82.6	17.5	58.4	49.5	66.1	69.6	74.0	56.5	8.5
2000 ¹	77.3	79.5	94.1	96.7	95.8	83.0	19.2	61.1	53.2	63.8	70.3	74.8	65.4	10.1
2002.....	77.4	81.1	93.3	95.7	95.1	83.8	19.4	61.0	49.6	63.4	69.3	73.8	66.5	10.7
2003 ¹	77.3	76.6	93.2	95.3	95.1	83.5	19.9	61.0	46.7	62.6	68.5	73.3	67.4	11.3
2004 ¹	77.1	77.4	92.4	95.6	95.1	83.1	20.4	60.5	41.1	60.9	67.6	72.7	67.0	11.6
2005 ¹	77.2	71.4	93.4	95.3	95.2	83.6	21.4	60.7	44.1	61.1	68.4	73.0	67.0	12.5
2006 ¹	77.1	79.2	93.3	95.5	95.2	83.6	21.8	61.0	39.6	59.8	69.0	73.3	67.8	12.4
2007 ¹	76.9	86.9	92.9	95.7	95.3	83.6	21.8	61.0	43.3	61.7	68.6	73.1	67.7	13.6
2008 ¹	76.8	83.4	92.0	95.3	95.2	84.0	22.8	61.4	38.0	62.3	69.5	73.8	68.3	14.1
2009 ¹	76.3	75.8	91.2	94.7	94.8	83.8	23.3	61.4	44.7	61.8	69.4	73.7	68.5	14.9
Other: ³														
1970.....	60.7	(B)	90.4	93.7	91.1	78.5	19.3	40.3	48.6	60.3	64.6	68.8	61.9	10.0
1980.....	67.5	(B)	92.6	94.1	91.9	73.3	13.7	43.6	50.0	68.4	76.5	77.1	60.2	8.2
1990 ¹	68.9	(B)	93.1	93.0	90.7	74.9	12.0	47.2	53.9	65.4	77.0	82.1	65.0	8.4
2000 ¹	66.8	60.5	88.1	93.2	89.9	73.9	12.9	49.0	46.0	74.0	83.1	82.9	69.8	8.7
2002.....	65.5	57.5	87.4	91.2	89.6	74.1	13.2	49.2	46.2	74.7	80.7	82.7	69.7	8.9
2003 ¹	65.0	45.6	88.0	91.4	89.3	72.4	14.3	49.6	44.1	71.4	79.1	81.9	70.7	9.8
2004 ¹	64.9	53.1	87.2	90.6	88.6	72.8	14.3	49.6	48.7	70.0	79.4	81.7	69.8	10.4
2005 ¹	64.9	54.9	86.4	90.4	89.4	72.7	15.1	49.4	46.8	67.4	78.1	80.9	69.4	10.5
2006 ¹	65.6	47.8	86.0	91.5	88.9	73.8	16.3	49.6	45.3	71.5	78.2	80.9	69.3	10.9
2007 ¹	65.6	43.4	82.5	92.1	89.4	73.7	16.1	49.5	44.6	63.8	78.4	81.4	69.3	11.4
2008 ¹	65.0	43.2	84.9	90.7	89.4	73.2	16.8	49.2	39.7	64.9	77.4	81.4	69.1	12.1
2009 ¹	63.7	42.6	78.6	88.5	88.5	72.8	17.0	49.3	39.0	68.3	78.2	80.5	69.7	12.1

B Percentage not shown where base is less than 35,000. ¹ See footnote 2, Table 584. ² Spouse present. ³ Widowed, divorced, and married (spouse absent).

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2217 and Basic Tabulations, Table 12.

Table 597. Marital Status of Women in the Civilian Labor Force: 1960 to 2009

[23,240 represents 23,240,000. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Year	Female civilian labor force (1,000)				Female participation rate ³			
	Total	Never married	Married ¹	Other ²	Total	Never married	Married ¹	Other ²
1960.....	23,240	5,410	12,893	4,937	37.7	58.6	31.9	41.6
1970.....	31,543	7,265	18,475	5,804	43.3	56.8	40.5	40.3
1980.....	45,487	11,865	24,980	8,643	51.5	64.4	49.8	43.6
1990 ⁴	56,829	14,612	30,901	11,315	57.5	66.7	58.4	47.2
2000 ⁴	66,303	17,849	35,146	13,308	59.9	68.9	61.1	49.0
2001.....	66,848	18,021	35,236	13,592	59.8	68.1	61.2	49.0
2002.....	67,363	18,203	35,477	13,683	59.6	67.4	61.0	49.2
2003 ⁴	68,272	18,397	36,046	13,828	59.5	66.2	61.0	49.6
2004 ⁴	68,421	18,616	35,845	13,961	59.2	65.9	60.5	49.6
2005 ⁴	69,288	19,183	35,941	14,163	59.3	66.0	60.7	49.4
2006 ⁴	70,173	19,474	36,314	14,385	59.4	65.7	61.0	49.6
2007 ⁴	70,988	19,745	36,881	14,362	59.3	65.3	61.0	49.5
2008 ⁴	71,767	20,231	37,194	14,342	59.5	65.3	61.4	49.2
2009 ⁴	72,019	20,224	37,264	14,531	59.2	64.2	61.4	49.3

¹ Husband present. ² Widowed, divorced, or separated. ³ See footnote 3, Table 593 for definition of participation rate. ⁴ See footnote 2, Table 584.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook*, Report 1018, September 2009, and unpublished Basic Tabulations, Table 12. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/wlf-databook2009.htm>>.