

# Table 1330. Female Labor Force Participation Rates by Country: 1980 to 2008

[In percent. Female labor force of all ages divided by female population 15–64 years old]

Country	1980	1990	2000	2008	Country	1980	1990	2000	2008
Australia . . . . .	52.0	61.8	65.4	69.9	Korea, South . . . . .	46.3	49.9	52.0	54.7
Austria . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	61.8	68.6	Luxembourg . . . . .	(NA)	42.4	51.7	59.4
Belgium . . . . .	(NA)	46.1	56.6	59.7	Mexico . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	41.0	43.3
Canada . . . . .	57.4	68.4	70.4	74.4	Netherlands . . . . .	36.1	<sup>1</sup> 53.1	65.2	72.6
Czech Republic . . . . .	(X)	(X)	63.7	61.0	New Zealand . . . . .	(NA)	<sup>1</sup> 63.2	67.5	72.0
Denmark . . . . .	(NA)	77.6	75.9	77.3	Norway . . . . .	62.2	70.7	76.5	77.4
Finland . . . . .	69.4	73.4	72.1	74.0	Poland . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	59.9	57.0
France . . . . .	55.1	57.2	61.7	65.2	Portugal . . . . .	52.4	59.6	63.8	68.9
Germany <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	51.9	55.5	63.3	69.7	Slovakia . . . . .	(X)	(X)	63.2	61.4
Greece . . . . .	(NA)	42.6	49.7	55.1	Spain . . . . .	32.9	42.2	52.9	64.1
Hungary . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	52.6	55.0	Sweden . . . . .	75.3	<sup>1</sup> 82.5	76.4	78.2
Iceland . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	83.3	82.5	Switzerland . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	71.7	76.6
Ireland . . . . .	(NA)	42.6	55.7	63.0	Turkey . . . . .	(NA)	36.0	28.0	26.7
Italy . . . . .	38.4	44.0	46.3	51.6	United Kingdom . . . . .	(NA)	67.3	68.9	70.2
Japan . . . . .	52.5	57.1	59.6	62.2	<b>United States . . . . .</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b><sup>1</sup>67.8</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>69.3</b>

NA Not available. X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Break in series. Data not comparable with prior years. <sup>2</sup> Prior to 1991, data are for former West Germany.

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