

Table 584. Marital Status of Women in the Civilian Labor Force: 1970 to 2008

[31,543 represents 31,543,000. 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
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
1985	51,050	13,163	27,894	9,993	54.5	66.6	53.8	45.1
1990 ⁴	56,829	14,612	30,901	11,315	57.5	66.7	58.4	47.2
1995	60,944	15,467	33,359	12,118	58.9	66.8	61.0	47.4
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

¹ Husband present. ² Widowed, divorced, or separated. ³ See footnote 3, Table 580 for definition of participation rate.

⁴ See footnote 2, Table 574.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook, Report 1011*, December 2008 and unpublished Basic Tabulations, Table 12. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/wlf-databook2008.htm>>.