

**Table 597. Labor Force Participation Rates by Marital Status, Sex, and Age: 1970 to 2010**

[In percent. For the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Participation rate is the civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. 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	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65	Total	16-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65
		years	years	years	years	years	years and over		years	years	years	years	years	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
2003 <sup>1</sup>	70.4	44.0	77.9	87.7	82.9	67.6	19.4	66.2	44.8	72.9	82.2	79.8	69.9	15.2
2004 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
2010 <sup>1</sup>	67.3	34.6	73.1	85.8	83.7	67.6	25.0	63.3	34.9	69.8	81.3	78.2	69.4	20.1
Married: <sup>2</sup>														
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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
2003 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	76.3	75.8	91.2	94.7	94.8	83.8	23.3	61.4	44.7	61.8	69.4	73.7	68.6	14.9
2010 <sup>1</sup>	75.8	78.2	89.3	94.3	94.5	83.6	23.5	61.0	40.2	60.9	68.8	72.8	68.8	15.2
Other: <sup>3</sup>														
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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
2003 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
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2008 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	63.7	42.6	78.6	88.5	88.5	71.8	17.0	49.3	39.0	68.3	78.2	80.5	68.8	12.1
2010 <sup>1</sup>	63.0	37.6	78.8	89.0	88.5	71.8	17.2	48.8	35.2	66.3	77.7	80.7	68.8	12.1

B Percentage not shown where base is less than 50,000. <sup>1</sup> See footnote 2, Table 586. <sup>2</sup> Spouse present. <sup>3</sup> Widowed, divorced, and married (spouse absent).

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

**Table 598. Marital Status of Women in the Civilian Labor Force: 1970 to 2010**

[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 (percent) <sup>3</sup>			
	Total	Never married	Married <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total	Never married	Married <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>
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 <sup>4</sup>	56,829	14,612	30,901	11,315	57.5	66.7	58.4	47.2
2000 <sup>4</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup>	68,272	18,397	36,046	13,828	59.5	66.2	61.0	49.6
2004 <sup>4</sup>	68,421	18,616	35,845	13,961	59.2	65.9	60.5	49.6
2005 <sup>4</sup>	69,288	19,183	35,941	14,163	59.3	66.0	60.7	49.4
2006 <sup>4</sup>	70,173	19,474	36,314	14,385	59.4	65.7	61.0	49.6
2007 <sup>4</sup>	70,988	19,745	36,881	14,362	59.3	65.3	61.0	49.5
2008 <sup>4</sup>	71,767	20,231	37,194	14,342	59.5	65.3	61.4	49.2
2009 <sup>4</sup>	72,019	20,224	37,264	14,531	59.2	64.2	61.4	49.3
2010 <sup>4</sup>	71,904	20,592	36,742	14,570	58.6	63.3	61.0	48.8

<sup>1</sup> Husband present. <sup>2</sup> Widowed, divorced, or separated. <sup>3</sup> Civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. <sup>4</sup> See footnote 2, Table 586.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook*, Report 1026, December 2010, and Basic Tabulations, Table 12. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/wlf-databook2010.htm>>.