

Among married couples, the combined weekly hours of husbands and wives are rising. In 1969, couples age 25-54 worked an average of 56 hours a week. By 2000, this had increased to 67 hours.

Couples with children under 18 tend to work somewhat fewer hours than those without children--66 hours compared with 70 hours. Nevertheless, average combined hours have increased by almost 20 percent over the past 3 decades for both groups.

The increase mostly reflects the fact that more and more women are working, with those who work increasingly likely to be employed year round.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average commuting time for workers who drive to work is 20 minutes each way. About one worker in eight spends 40 minutes or more driving to work.

