

No. HS-30 Marital Status of Women in the Civilian Labor Force: 1900 to 2002

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Year	Female labor force (1,000)				Female participation rate ³			
	Total	Single	Married ¹	Other ²	Total	Single	Married ¹	Other ²
CENSUS								
1900 (June) ⁴	4,997	3,307	769	920	20.6	43.5	5.6	32.5
1910 (April) ⁴	7,640	4,602	1,891	1,147	25.4	51.1	10.7	34.1
1920 (Jan.) ⁴	8,347	5,427	1,920	(⁵)	23.7	54.6	9.0	(⁵)
1930 (April) ⁴	10,632	5,735	3,071	1,826	24.8	50.5	11.7	34.4
1940 (April) ⁶	13,007	6,377	4,675	1,955	25.8	45.5	15.6	30.2
1950 (April) ⁶	16,553	5,274	8,635	2,644	29.0	46.3	23.0	32.7
1960 (April) ⁶	22,410	5,282	13,610	3,518	34.5	42.9	31.7	36.1
1970 (April) ⁶	30,756	6,936	19,178	4,642	41.6	50.9	40.2	36.8
CPS								
1940 (March)	13,840	6,710	5,040	2,090	27.4	48.1	16.7	32.0
1944 (April)	18,449	7,542	8,433	2,474	35.0	58.6	25.6	35.7
1947 (April)	16,323	6,181	7,545	2,597	29.8	51.2	21.4	34.6
1948 (April)	17,155	5,943	8,281	2,931	31.0	51.1	23.1	36.8
1949 (April)	17,167	5,682	8,739	2,746	30.7	50.9	23.6	35.1
1950 (March)	17,795	5,621	9,273	2,901	31.4	50.5	24.8	36.0
1951 (April)	18,602	5,430	10,182	2,990	32.4	49.6	26.7	36.1
1952 (April)	18,812	5,532	10,350	2,930	32.4	50.0	26.8	35.3
1953 (April)	19,304	5,223	10,908	3,174	32.8	48.5	27.7	36.3
1954 (April)	19,726	5,412	11,209	3,105	33.1	49.0	28.1	36.0
CPS ANNUAL AVERAGES								
1955	20,548	5,281	10,809	4,458	35.7	61.1	28.5	40.7
1956	21,461	5,420	11,522	4,520	36.9	62.2	29.9	41.2
1957	21,732	5,361	11,795	4,576	36.9	61.4	30.1	41.3
1958	22,118	5,269	12,164	4,683	37.1	59.8	30.7	41.6
1959	22,483	5,194	12,510	4,781	37.1	57.8	31.2	41.6
1960	23,240	5,410	12,893	4,937	37.7	58.6	31.9	41.6
1961	23,806	5,419	13,259	5,129	38.1	57.9	32.5	41.7
1962	24,014	5,363	13,556	5,096	37.9	56.5	32.9	40.6
1963	24,704	5,597	13,812	5,294	38.3	55.2	33.4	40.9
1964	25,412	5,790	14,345	5,277	38.7	54.5	34.1	40.6
1965	26,200	5,976	14,829	5,396	39.3	54.5	34.9	40.7
1966	27,299	6,279	15,425	5,593	40.3	55.7	35.9	41.3
1967	28,360	6,485	16,247	5,630	41.1	55.3	37.3	41.0
1968	29,204	6,714	16,937	5,553	41.6	55.6	38.2	40.4
1969	30,513	7,015	17,768	5,732	42.7	56.7	35.6	40.7
1970	31,543	7,265	18,475	5,804	43.3	56.8	40.5	40.3
1971	32,202	7,460	18,764	5,976	43.4	56.4	40.6	40.3
1972	33,479	7,889	19,352	6,239	43.9	57.5	41.2	40.0
1973	34,804	8,272	20,172	6,361	44.7	58.6	42.3	39.7
1974	36,211	8,671	20,869	6,672	45.7	59.5	43.3	40.2
1975	37,475	9,125	21,484	6,866	46.3	59.8	44.3	40.1
1976	38,983	9,689	22,139	7,156	47.3	61.0	45.3	40.5
1977	40,613	10,311	22,776	7,526	48.4	62.1	46.4	41.5
1978	42,631	11,067	23,539	8,025	50.0	63.7	47.8	42.8
1979	44,235	11,597	24,378	8,260	50.9	64.6	49.0	43.1
1980	45,487	11,865	24,980	8,643	51.5	64.4	49.9	43.6
1981	46,696	12,124	25,428	9,144	52.1	64.5	50.5	44.6
1982	47,755	12,460	25,971	9,324	52.6	65.1	51.1	44.8
1983	48,503	12,659	26,468	9,376	52.9	65.0	51.8	44.4
1984	49,709	12,867	27,199	9,644	53.6	65.6	52.8	44.7
1985	51,050	13,163	27,894	9,993	54.5	66.6	53.8	45.1
1986	52,413	13,512	28,623	10,277	55.3	67.2	54.9	45.6
1987	53,658	13,885	29,381	10,393	56.0	67.4	55.9	45.7
1988	54,742	14,194	29,921	10,627	56.6	67.7	56.7	46.2
1989	56,030	14,377	30,548	11,104	57.4	68.0	57.8	47.0
1990	56,829	14,612	30,901	11,315	57.5	66.7	58.4	47.2
1991	57,178	14,681	31,112	11,385	57.4	66.2	58.5	46.8
1992	58,141	14,872	31,700	11,570	57.8	66.2	59.3	47.1
1993	58,795	15,031	31,980	11,784	57.9	66.2	59.4	47.2
1994	60,239	15,333	32,888	12,018	58.8	66.7	60.7	47.5
1995	60,944	15,467	33,359	12,118	58.9	66.8	61.0	47.4
1996	61,857	15,842	33,618	12,397	59.3	67.1	61.2	48.1
1997	63,036	16,492	33,802	12,742	59.8	67.9	61.6	48.6
1998	63,714	17,087	33,857	12,771	59.8	68.5	61.2	48.8
1999	64,855	17,575	34,372	12,909	60.0	68.7	61.2	49.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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Year	Female labor force (1,000)				Female participation rate ³			
	Total	Single	Married ¹	Other ²	Total	Single	Married ¹	Other ²
2000	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
<i>Highest value</i> ⁷	<i>67,363</i>	<i>18,203</i>	<i>35,477</i>	<i>13,683</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>61.6</i>	<i>49.2</i>
<i>Lowest value</i> ⁷	<i>20,548</i>	<i>5,194</i>	<i>10,809</i>	<i>4,458</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>54.5</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>39.7</i>

¹ Beginning 1955, husband present. ² Beginning 1955, widowed, divorced, or separated. ³ Percent of civilian noninstitutional population of each specified group in the civilian labor force. ⁴ Persons 15 years old and over. ⁵ Widowed or divorced included with "Single." ⁶ Persons 14 years old and over. ⁷ For CPS annual averages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1900-1930, *U.S. Census of Population: 1930*, Vol. IV.; 1940-1970, *U.S. Census of Population: 1970*, Vol. I; and 1940-1954, Current Population Reports, Series P-50; 1955-2002, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2307; and unpublished data.