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## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 2003

In 2003, 8.1 percent of families had an unemployed member, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. This was the third consecutive year this measure rose; in 2000, the proportion of families with an unemployed member was 5.7 percent. Of the nation's 75.3 million families, 82.0 percent had at least one employed member in 2003, down by 0.4 percentage point from 2002.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of approximately 60,000 households nationwide. Families include married-couple families, as well as those maintained by a man or a woman with no spouse present. For further information on the CPS, see the Technical Note.

### Families and Unemployment

In an average week in 2003, 6.1 million families had at least one unemployed member, up from 5.8 million families the year before. The proportion of black families with an unemployed member (13.7 percent) was higher than the proportion of white families (7.1 percent), Asian families (9.4 percent), and Hispanic families (11.1 percent). (See table 1.)

Of the 6.1 million families with at least one unemployed member, 70.5 percent also had an employed family member. Asian families with unemployment were most likely to have at least one member employed (82.7 percent), followed by white families (73.6 percent), Hispanic families (70.1 percent), and black families (57.3 percent). The percentage of black families with unemployment and at least one employed member fell by 2.0 percentage points in 2003; the declines for white and Hispanic families were smaller. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families with unemployed members, 81.5 percent had at least one employed member in 2003, down by 0.6 percentage point from the prior year. There was little over-the-year change in the proportion of families maintained by women that had unemployment and also included an employed member (47.8 percent in 2003). Among families maintained by men, in contrast, the proportion rose by 2.1 percentage points to 60.8 percent. (See table 3.)

### Families and Employment

In 2003, 82.0 percent of families had at least one employed member. Among Asian families, 89.1 percent had at least one employed member, as did 86.1 percent of Hispanic families and 82.3 percent of white families. Black families were the least likely to contain an employed member (77.9 percent). The proportion of such black families was 1.1 percentage points below the prior year's level. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families, 83.3 percent had an employed member in 2003, down by 0.2 percentage point from 2002. This proportion has declined each year since 1999. Both the husband and wife worked in 50.9 percent of married-couple families in 2003. This proportion has declined since 1997, when it was 53.4 percent. The proportion of married-couple families in which only the wife worked rose for the third straight year, to 6.8 percent in 2003. The proportion in which only the husband worked was about unchanged over the year at 20 percent; however, this statistic has risen by 0.8 percentage point since 2000. (See table 2.)

### Families with Children

There were 35.4 million families with children under age 18 in 2003. Of these, 90.3 percent had at least one parent employed, down from 90.7 percent in 2002. All of the decline was among single-parent families.

Nearly 97 percent of married-couple families with children had at least one parent who was employed in 2003, the same as a year earlier. Both parents were employed in 60.7 percent of two-parent families, down by 0.6 percentage point from the year before. In 30.5 percent of two-parent families, only the father was employed, and, in 5.5 percent, only the mother worked. Both proportions edged up over the year and were at their highest levels since the two series began in 1994. (See table 4.)

In 2003, the mother was employed in 71.9 percent of single-parent families maintained by women, while the father was employed in 83.3 percent of single-parent families maintained by men. Both proportions were lower than in the prior year. (See table 4.)

### Mothers

The labor force participation rate for mothers with children under age 18 was 71.1 percent in 2003, down by 0.7 percentage point from the prior year. The participation rate for married mothers declined by 0.4 percentage point to 68.6 percent, while that for unmarried mothers—those who were never married, widowed, divorced, or separated—fell by 1.2 percentage points to 77.7 percent. (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rate for mothers of children younger than a year old fell by 2.4 percentage points to 53.7 percent in 2003. This rate has fallen almost every year since 1998, when it was 57.9 percent. For married mothers with children under age 1, the participation rate continued its downward trend, falling by 1.8 percentage points in 2003 to 52.9 percent. The participation rate for unmarried mothers with children under age 1 fell by 4.7 percentage points to 56.2 percent. (See table 6.)

The unemployment rate for unmarried mothers with children under age 18 rose to 10.2 percent in 2003, from 9.5 percent in 2002. There was little change in the jobless rate for married mothers, at 4.0 percent in 2003. (See table 5.)

The jobless rate of unmarried mothers of children under age 1 rose from 19.6 percent in 2002 to 20.5 percent in 2003. In contrast, the unemployment rate for married mothers of children under age 1 fell from 6.0 percent to 5.1 percent. (See table 6.)

# Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 60,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an “average” week of the year.

The data for 2003 presented in this release reflect revised CPS population controls introduced in January 2003 and are not strictly comparable with data for 2002 and earlier years. For a discussion of the revised population controls and the impact that their introduction had on CPS data, see “Revisions to the Current Population Survey Effective in January 2003” in the February 2003 issue of *Employment and Earnings* and available at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/rvcps03.pdf> on the BLS Web site.

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## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the “true” population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the “true” population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the “Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error” section of *Employment and Earnings*.

## Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described below.

*Family.* A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for “primary” families only, that is, the house-

holder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

*Householder.* The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder. The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder.

*Married, spouse present; other marital status.* These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, on vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, or for other reasons. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

*Children.* Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children, of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

*Employed.* Employed persons are (a) all those who, during the survey reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family-operated enterprise; and (b) all those who did not work but had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, bad weather, vacation, child-care problems, labor disputes, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

*Unemployed.* The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work at that time, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

*Civilian labor force.* The civilian labor force comprises all persons classified as employed or unemployed.

*Unemployment rate.* The unemployment rate is the number unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

*Labor force participation rate.* The labor force participation rate is the labor force as a percent of the population.

**Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2002	2003
<b>TOTAL</b>		
Total families .....	74,169	75,301
With employed member(s) .....	61,121	61,761
As percent of total families .....	82.4	82.0
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	56,742	57,229
With no employed member .....	13,048	13,540
As percent of total families .....	17.6	18.0
With unemployed member(s) .....	5,809	6,079
As percent of total families .....	7.8	8.1
Some member(s) employed .....	4,126	4,285
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	71.0	70.5
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	3,668	3,790
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	63.1	62.3
<b>White <sup>2</sup></b>		
Total families .....	61,494	61,995
With employed member(s) .....	50,785	51,002
As percent of total families .....	82.6	82.3
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	47,193	47,356
With no employed member .....	10,709	10,993
As percent of total families .....	17.4	17.7
With unemployed member(s) .....	4,275	4,411
As percent of total families .....	7.0	7.1
Some member(s) employed .....	3,164	3,245
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	74.0	73.6
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	2,808	2,873
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	65.7	65.1
<b>Black or African American <sup>2</sup></b>		
Total families .....	8,845	8,869
With employed member(s) .....	6,987	6,906
As percent of total families .....	79.0	77.9
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	6,390	6,270
With no employed member .....	1,858	1,963
As percent of total families .....	21.0	22.1
With unemployed member(s) .....	1,162	1,213
As percent of total families .....	13.1	13.7
Some member(s) employed .....	689	695
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	59.3	57.3
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	611	612
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	52.6	50.5
<b>Asian <sup>2</sup></b>		
Total families .....	3,032	2,880
With employed member(s) .....	2,707	2,566
As percent of total families .....	89.3	89.1
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	2,562	2,424
With no employed member .....	325	315
As percent of total families .....	10.7	10.9
With unemployed member(s) .....	272	271
As percent of total families .....	9.0	9.4
Some member(s) employed .....	213	224
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	78.3	82.7
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	194	197
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	71.3	72.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2002-03 annual averages — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2002	2003
<b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>		
Total families .....	8,650	9,185
With employed member(s) .....	7,485	7,907
As percent of total families .....	86.5	86.1
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	6,989	7,383
With no employed member .....	1,165	1,277
As percent of total families .....	13.5	13.9
With unemployed member(s) .....	965	1,020
As percent of total families .....	11.2	11.1
Some member(s) employed .....	686	715
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	71.1	70.1
Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....	615	640
As percent of families with unemployed member(s) .....	63.7	62.7

<sup>1</sup> Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2003, families where the householder selected this race group only; families where the householder selected more than one race group are excluded. Prior to 2003, families where the householder selected more than one race group were included in the group that the householder identified as their main race. Also beginning in 2003, data for Asians exclude Pacific Islanders.

NOTE: The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of

the householder. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for 2003 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

**Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>				
Total .....	56,280	57,074	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total .....	46,976	47,535	83.5	83.3
Husband only .....	11,174	11,403	19.9	20.0
Wife only .....	3,613	3,863	6.4	6.8
Husband and wife .....	28,873	29,077	51.3	50.9
Other employment combinations .....	3,317	3,193	5.9	5.6
No member(s) employed .....	9,303	9,539	16.5	16.7
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN <sup>1</sup></b>				
Total .....	13,215	13,450	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total .....	10,169	10,187	77.0	75.7
Householder only .....	5,944	5,987	45.0	44.5
Householder and other member(s) .....	2,559	2,539	19.4	18.9
Other member(s), not householder .....	1,666	1,660	12.6	12.3
No member(s) employed .....	3,047	3,263	23.1	24.3
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN <sup>1</sup></b>				
Total .....	4,674	4,777	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total .....	3,976	4,039	85.1	84.6
Householder only .....	1,939	1,954	41.5	40.9
Householder and other member(s) .....	1,440	1,427	30.8	29.9
Other member(s), not householder .....	598	658	12.8	13.8
No member(s) employed .....	698	739	14.9	15.5

<sup>1</sup> No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for

2003 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

**Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>				
With unemployed member(s), total .....	3,772	3,857	100.0	100.0
No member employed .....	676	713	17.9	18.5
Some member(s) employed .....	3,096	3,144	82.1	81.5
Husband unemployed .....	1,523	1,600	40.4	41.5
Wife employed .....	993	1,023	26.3	26.5
Wife unemployed .....	1,117	1,129	29.6	29.3
Husband employed .....	969	991	25.7	25.7
Other family member unemployed .....	1,133	1,129	30.0	29.3
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN <sup>1</sup></b>				
With unemployed member(s), total .....	1,504	1,612	100.0	100.0
No member employed .....	787	842	52.3	52.2
Some member(s) employed .....	717	770	47.7	47.8
Householder unemployed .....	737	791	49.0	49.1
Other member(s) employed .....	147	162	9.8	10.0
Other member(s) unemployed .....	767	821	51.0	50.9
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN <sup>1</sup></b>				
With unemployed member(s), total .....	533	610	100.0	100.0
No member employed .....	220	239	41.3	39.2
Some member(s) employed .....	313	371	58.7	60.8
Householder unemployed .....	303	340	56.8	55.7
Other member(s) employed .....	129	158	24.2	25.9
Other member(s) unemployed .....	230	270	43.2	44.3

<sup>1</sup> No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for

2003 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

**Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>				
Total .....	35,240	35,428	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	31,955	32,002	90.7	90.3
No parent employed .....	3,285	3,426	9.3	9.7
Married-couple families .....	25,191	25,383	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	24,372	24,553	96.7	96.7
Mother employed .....	16,773	16,820	66.6	66.3
Both parents employed .....	15,439	15,420	61.3	60.7
Mother employed, not father .....	1,334	1,400	5.3	5.5
Father employed, not mother .....	7,599	7,733	30.2	30.5
Neither parent employed .....	819	830	3.3	3.3
Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> .....	8,053	8,069	100.0	100.0
Mother employed .....	5,910	5,804	73.4	71.9
Mother not employed .....	2,143	2,265	26.6	28.1
Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,995	1,975	100.0	100.0
Father employed .....	1,673	1,645	83.9	83.3
Father not employed .....	323	331	16.2	16.8
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b>				
Total .....	20,042	20,125	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	18,313	18,309	91.4	91.0
No parent employed .....	1,728	1,814	8.6	9.0
Married-couple families .....	13,891	13,917	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	13,459	13,473	96.9	96.8
Mother employed .....	10,230	10,214	73.6	73.4
Both parents employed .....	9,386	9,323	67.6	67.0
Mother employed, not father .....	844	890	6.1	6.4
Father employed, not mother .....	3,229	3,261	23.2	23.4
Neither parent employed .....	432	443	3.1	3.2
Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> .....	4,959	5,009	100.0	100.0
Mother employed .....	3,856	3,851	77.8	76.9
Mother not employed .....	1,102	1,157	22.2	23.1
Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,193	1,199	100.0	100.0
Father employed .....	998	985	83.7	82.2
Father not employed .....	194	214	16.3	17.8
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>				
Total .....	15,197	15,302	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	13,641	13,692	89.8	89.5
No parent employed .....	1,557	1,608	10.2	10.5
Married-couple families .....	11,300	11,466	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed .....	10,913	11,080	96.6	96.6
Mother employed .....	6,543	6,607	57.9	57.6
Both parents employed .....	6,053	6,097	53.6	53.2
Mother employed, not father .....	490	510	4.3	4.4
Father employed, not mother .....	4,370	4,474	38.7	39.0
Neither parent employed .....	388	385	3.4	3.4
Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> .....	3,094	3,061	100.0	100.0
Mother employed .....	2,054	1,953	66.4	63.8
Mother not employed .....	1,040	1,107	33.6	36.2
Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....	803	776	100.0	100.0
Father employed .....	674	659	83.9	84.9
Father not employed .....	129	116	16.1	14.9

<sup>1</sup> No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren,

and other related and unrelated children. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for 2003 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.



**Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2002			2003		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	64,399	28,137	36,263	64,932	28,402	36,530
Civilian labor force .....	52,566	26,529	26,036	52,727	26,739	25,988
Participation rate .....	81.6	94.3	71.8	81.2	94.1	71.1
Employed .....	50,022	25,474	24,549	50,103	25,638	24,466
Employment-population ratio .....	77.7	90.5	67.7	77.2	90.3	67.0
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	42,884	24,644	18,240	42,880	24,762	18,118
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	7,138	829	6,308	7,223	876	6,347
Unemployed .....	2,543	1,056	1,488	2,624	1,101	1,523
Unemployment rate .....	4.8	4.0	5.7	5.0	4.1	5.9
<b>Married, spouse present</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	51,947	25,781	26,166	52,476	26,049	26,427
Civilian labor force .....	42,492	24,425	18,067	42,776	24,638	18,138
Participation rate .....	81.8	94.7	69.0	81.5	94.6	68.6
Employed .....	40,867	23,533	17,334	41,128	23,712	17,416
Employment-population ratio .....	78.7	91.3	66.2	78.4	91.0	65.9
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	35,180	22,825	12,356	35,315	22,954	12,360
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	5,687	708	4,979	5,813	757	5,056
Unemployed .....	1,625	893	733	1,648	926	722
Unemployment rate .....	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0
<b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	12,452	2,355	10,096	12,455	2,354	10,102
Civilian labor force .....	10,073	2,103	7,970	9,950	2,100	7,850
Participation rate .....	80.9	89.3	78.9	79.9	89.2	77.7
Employed .....	9,155	1,941	7,215	8,975	1,926	7,050
Employment-population ratio .....	73.5	82.4	71.5	72.1	81.8	69.8
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	7,704	1,820	5,885	7,566	1,807	5,759
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	1,451	122	1,329	1,411	118	1,291
Unemployed .....	918	163	755	976	175	800
Unemployment rate .....	9.1	7.8	9.5	9.8	8.3	10.2
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	35,829	15,580	20,250	35,943	15,653	20,290
Civilian labor force .....	30,371	14,541	15,830	30,362	14,572	15,790
Participation rate .....	84.8	93.3	78.2	84.5	93.1	77.8
Employed .....	29,122	14,023	15,099	29,040	14,008	15,032
Employment-population ratio .....	81.3	90.0	74.6	80.8	89.5	74.1
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	25,225	13,586	11,638	25,116	13,558	11,557
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	3,898	437	3,461	3,925	450	3,475
Unemployed .....	1,249	518	731	1,322	564	758
Unemployment rate .....	4.1	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.8
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	28,570	12,557	16,013	28,988	12,749	16,240
Civilian labor force .....	22,194	11,988	10,206	22,365	12,167	10,198
Participation rate .....	77.7	95.5	63.7	77.2	95.4	62.8
Employed .....	20,900	11,450	9,450	21,063	11,630	9,433
Employment-population ratio .....	73.2	91.2	59.0	72.7	91.2	58.1
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	17,660	11,058	6,602	17,764	11,203	6,561
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	3,240	392	2,848	3,299	426	2,872
Unemployed .....	1,294	538	757	1,302	538	765
Unemployment rate .....	5.8	4.5	4.7	5.8	4.4	4.7
<b>WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	151,715	74,993	76,722	154,714	76,510	78,204
Civilian labor force .....	90,971	49,644	41,327	92,319	50,036	42,284
Participation rate .....	60.0	66.2	53.9	59.7	65.4	54.1
Employed .....	85,187	46,154	39,034	86,233	46,294	39,939
Employment-population ratio .....	56.1	61.5	50.9	55.7	60.5	51.1
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	68,574	39,319	29,254	69,073	39,245	29,827
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	16,614	6,834	9,779	17,160	7,049	10,111
Unemployed .....	5,784	3,491	2,293	6,087	3,741	2,345
Unemployment rate .....	6.4	7.0	5.5	6.6	7.5	5.5

<sup>1</sup> Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

<sup>3</sup> Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed

persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

**Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2002-03 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers <sup>1</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>2</sup>	Number	Percent of labor force
<b>2002</b>									
<b>TOTAL MOTHERS</b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	9,350	5,632	60.2	5,181	55.4	3,513	1,667	451	8.0
2 years .....	2,949	1,895	64.3	1,758	59.6	1,234	524	137	7.2
1 year .....	3,310	2,003	60.5	1,852	56.0	1,241	610	151	7.5
Under 1 year .....	3,091	1,734	56.1	1,571	50.8	1,038	533	163	9.4
<b>Married, spouse present</b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	7,073	4,071	57.6	3,869	54.7	2,572	1,297	203	5.0
2 years .....	2,201	1,333	60.6	1,274	57.9	870	404	59	4.4
1 year .....	2,509	1,446	57.6	1,379	55.0	902	477	67	4.6
Under 1 year .....	2,363	1,292	54.7	1,216	51.5	800	416	77	6.0
<b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	2,278	1,562	68.6	1,313	57.6	941	372	248	15.9
2 years .....	748	562	75.1	484	64.7	364	120	77	13.7
1 year .....	802	557	69.5	473	59.0	340	134	84	15.1
Under 1 year .....	728	443	60.9	356	48.9	237	118	87	19.6
<b>2003</b>									
<b>TOTAL MOTHERS</b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	9,450	5,563	58.9	5,115	54.1	3,430	1,685	446	8.0
2 years .....	2,987	1,896	63.5	1,752	58.7	1,205	547	143	7.5
1 year .....	3,353	1,997	59.6	1,842	54.9	1,223	619	154	7.7
Under 1 year .....	3,110	1,670	53.7	1,521	48.9	1,002	519	149	8.9
<b>Married, spouse present</b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	7,165	4,068	56.8	3,872	54.0	2,529	1,342	197	4.8
2 years .....	2,243	1,350	60.2	1,281	57.1	853	428	69	5.1
1 year .....	2,541	1,458	57.4	1,395	54.9	906	488	64	4.4
Under 1 year .....	2,381	1,260	52.9	1,196	50.2	770	426	64	5.1
<b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>									
With own children under 3 years old .....	2,287	1,495	65.4	1,244	54.4	902	341	250	16.7
2 years .....	744	546	73.4	471	63.3	352	118	75	13.7
1 year .....	813	539	66.3	448	55.1	317	131	91	16.9
Under 1 year .....	730	410	56.2	325	44.5	233	92	84	20.5

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