

Table 7. Employment status of women by presence and age of youngest child, March 1975-2008

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	With children under age 18					With children ages 6 to 17, none younger				
	Civilian labor force		Employed	Unemployed		Civilian labor force		Employed	Unemployed	
	Total	Percent of population		Total	Percent of labor force	Total	Percent of population		Total	Percent of labor force
1975.....	14,616	47.4	13,069	1,548	11.0	8,917	54.9	8,218	700	7.9
1976.....	15,073	48.8	13,725	1,346	8.9	9,388	56.2	8,769	621	6.6
1977.....	15,669	50.8	14,276	1,393	8.9	10,040	58.3	9,389	650	6.5
1978.....	16,385	53.0	15,142	1,242	7.6	10,401	60.0	9,845	556	5.3
1979.....	16,883	54.5	15,624	1,259	7.7	10,646	61.6	10,030	615	5.8
1980.....	17,790	56.6	16,526	1,264	7.1	11,252	64.3	10,640	612	5.4
1981.....	18,422	58.1	16,952	1,471	8.0	11,490	65.5	10,725	765	6.7
1982.....	18,744	58.5	16,854	1,890	10.1	11,377	65.8	10,440	936	8.2
1983.....	18,924	58.9	16,792	2,131	11.3	11,340	66.3	10,303	1,037	9.1
1984.....	19,555	60.5	17,782	1,773	9.1	11,538	68.1	10,739	799	6.9
1985.....	20,041	62.1	18,306	1,735	8.7	11,826	69.9	10,984	842	7.1
1986.....	20,620	62.8	18,922	1,698	8.2	12,075	70.4	11,320	756	6.3
1987.....	21,422	64.7	19,798	1,624	7.6	12,438	72.0	11,661	778	6.3
1988.....	21,545	65.1	20,141	1,404	6.5	12,683	73.3	12,042	641	5.1
1989.....	21,936	65.7	20,647	1,289	5.9	12,800	74.2	12,168	632	4.9
1990.....	22,196	66.7	20,865	1,331	6.0	12,799	74.7	12,133	666	5.2
1991.....	22,327	66.6	20,774	1,552	7.0	12,691	74.4	12,017	674	5.3
1992.....	22,756	67.2	21,052	1,704	7.5	13,183	75.9	12,391	793	6.0
1993.....	23,063	66.9	21,521	1,541	6.7	13,441	75.4	12,757	684	5.1
1994.....	24,191	68.4	22,467	1,724	7.1	13,863	76.0	13,074	789	5.7
1995.....	24,695	69.7	23,195	1,500	6.1	14,300	76.4	13,608	691	4.8
1996.....	24,720	70.2	23,386	1,334	5.4	14,427	77.2	13,794	633	4.4
1997.....	25,604	72.1	24,082	1,522	5.9	14,993	78.1	14,282	711	4.7
1998.....	25,647	72.3	24,209	1,438	5.6	15,028	78.4	14,370	658	4.4
1999.....	25,472	72.1	24,307	1,165	4.6	15,150	78.5	14,633	516	3.4
2000.....	25,795	72.9	24,693	1,102	4.3	15,479	79.0	14,931	549	3.5
2001.....	26,269	72.7	25,030	1,239	4.7	15,839	79.4	15,220	619	3.9
2002.....	26,140	72.2	24,612	1,529	5.8	15,948	78.6	15,171	777	4.9
2003.....	26,202	71.7	24,598	1,603	6.1	15,993	78.7	15,166	828	5.2
2004.....	25,913	70.7	24,413	1,501	5.8	15,782	77.5	15,006	776	4.9
2005.....	25,941	70.5	24,564	1,377	5.3	15,594	76.9	14,930	663	4.3
2006.....	26,009	70.6	24,728	1,281	4.9	15,579	76.9	14,949	630	4.0
2007.....	26,834	71.3	25,646	1,188	4.4	15,940	77.7	15,341	599	3.8
2008.....	25,930	71.2	24,637	1,294	5.0	15,479	77.5	14,842	636	4.1

See note at end of table.

Table 7. Employment status of women by presence and age of youngest child, March 1975-2008—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	With children under age 6					With children under age 3				
	Civilian labor force		Employed	Unemployed		Civilian labor force		Employed	Unemployed	
	Total	Percent of population		Total	Percent of labor force	Total	Percent of population		Total	Percent of labor force
1975.....	5,699	39.0	4,851	848	14.9	2,824	34.3	2,326	500	17.7
1976.....	5,684	40.1	4,957	727	12.8	2,702	34.1	2,285	418	15.5
1977.....	5,629	41.2	4,887	742	13.2	2,795	35.4	2,371	424	15.2
1978.....	5,983	44.0	5,297	687	11.5	3,179	39.4	2,768	411	12.9
1979.....	6,238	45.7	5,594	644	10.3	3,380	41.1	2,979	401	11.9
1980.....	6,538	46.8	5,886	652	10.0	3,565	41.9	3,167	398	11.2
1981.....	6,933	48.9	6,227	706	10.2	3,826	44.3	3,380	446	11.7
1982.....	7,367	49.9	6,414	953	12.9	4,133	45.6	3,542	591	14.3
1983.....	7,583	50.5	6,489	1,094	14.4	4,233	46.0	3,551	682	16.1
1984.....	8,017	52.1	7,043	974	12.1	4,401	47.6	3,839	562	12.8
1985.....	8,215	53.5	7,322	893	10.9	4,601	49.5	4,089	513	11.1
1986.....	8,545	54.4	7,602	943	11.0	4,786	50.8	4,227	559	11.7
1987.....	8,983	56.7	8,137	846	9.4	5,064	52.9	4,570	494	9.8
1988.....	8,862	56.1	8,099	763	8.6	4,947	52.4	4,477	470	9.5
1989.....	9,136	56.7	8,478	657	7.2	5,053	52.4	4,671	381	7.5
1990.....	9,397	58.2	8,732	664	7.1	5,216	53.6	4,823	393	7.5
1991.....	9,636	58.4	8,758	878	9.1	5,417	54.5	4,868	550	10.1
1992.....	9,573	58.0	8,662	911	9.5	5,329	54.5	4,776	553	10.4
1993.....	9,621	57.9	8,764	857	8.9	5,349	53.9	4,857	492	9.2
1994.....	10,328	60.3	9,394	935	9.0	5,724	57.1	5,165	559	9.8
1995.....	10,395	62.3	9,587	809	7.8	5,650	58.7	5,172	478	8.5
1996.....	10,293	62.3	9,592	701	6.8	5,619	59.0	5,222	397	7.1
1997.....	10,610	65.0	9,800	810	7.6	5,839	61.8	5,366	473	8.1
1998.....	10,619	65.2	9,839	780	7.3	5,882	62.2	5,454	428	7.3
1999.....	10,322	64.4	9,674	648	6.3	5,645	60.7	5,285	359	6.4
2000.....	10,316	65.3	9,763	553	5.4	5,670	61.0	5,350	320	5.6
2001.....	10,430	64.4	9,810	620	5.9	5,743	60.7	5,350	393	6.8
2002.....	10,193	64.1	9,441	752	7.4	5,600	60.5	5,160	440	7.9
2003.....	10,209	62.9	9,433	776	7.6	5,568	58.7	5,112	456	8.2
2004.....	10,131	62.2	9,407	724	7.1	5,401	57.3	4,983	417	7.7
2005.....	10,347	62.6	9,634	714	6.9	5,704	58.9	5,299	405	7.1
2006.....	10,430	63.0	9,779	651	6.2	5,842	59.9	5,458	384	6.6
2007.....	10,894	63.5	10,305	589	5.4	6,006	60.1	5,679	327	5.5
2008.....	10,452	63.6	9,794	657	6.3	5,754	59.6	5,380	374	6.5

See note at end of table.

Table 7. Employment status of women by presence and age of youngest child, March 1975-2008—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	With no children under age 18				
	Civilian labor force		Employed	Unemployed	
	Total	Percent of population		Total	Percent of labor force
1975.....	22,365	45.1	20,381	1,984	8.9
1976.....	23,327	45.7	21,389	1,938	8.3
1977.....	24,385	46.4	22,348	2,037	8.4
1978.....	25,362	47.0	23,631	1,731	6.8
1979.....	26,962	48.6	25,285	1,677	6.2
1980.....	27,144	48.1	25,375	1,769	6.5
1981.....	27,992	48.7	25,934	2,059	7.4
1982.....	28,351	48.6	26,041	2,311	8.2
1983.....	28,856	48.7	26,373	2,483	8.6
1984.....	29,684	49.3	27,652	2,032	6.8
1985.....	30,850	50.4	28,814	2,036	6.6
1986.....	31,112	50.5	29,107	2,005	6.4
1987.....	31,538	50.5	29,688	1,850	5.9
1988.....	32,490	51.2	30,911	1,580	4.9
1989.....	33,255	51.9	31,761	1,495	4.5
1990.....	33,942	52.3	32,391	1,551	4.6
1991.....	34,047	52.0	32,167	1,880	5.5
1992.....	34,487	52.3	32,481	2,006	5.8
1993.....	34,495	52.1	32,476	2,020	5.9
1994.....	35,455	53.1	33,345	2,110	6.0
1995.....	35,843	52.9	34,054	1,789	5.0
1996.....	36,509	53.0	34,698	1,811	5.0
1997.....	37,295	53.6	35,572	1,723	4.6
1998.....	38,253	54.1	36,680	1,573	4.1
1999.....	39,314	54.3	37,587	1,727	4.4
2000.....	40,142	54.8	38,408	1,733	4.3
2001.....	40,996	54.4	39,363	1,633	4.0
2002.....	41,278	54.0	39,038	2,241	5.4
2003.....	42,039	54.1	39,667	2,372	5.6
2004.....	42,289	53.8	40,000	2,289	5.4
2005.....	42,677	53.5	40,570	2,107	4.9
2006.....	43,392	53.6	41,440	1,952	4.5
2007.....	44,039	53.9	42,279	1,760	4.0
2008.....	45,585	54.3	43,417	2,168	4.8

NOTE: Children are "own" children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Data for 1994 and subsequent years are not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years because of the introduction of a major redesign of the Current Population Survey.

SOURCE: 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.