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## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES – 2009

The share of families with an unemployed member rose from 7.8 percent in 2008 to 12.0 percent in 2009, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The proportion of families with an unemployed member in 2009 was at its highest level since the data series began in 1994. Of the nation's 78.4 million families, 80.4 percent had at least one employed member in 2009, down by 1.8 percentage points from 2008.

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. Families include married-couple families, as well as families maintained by a man or woman with no spouse present. For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

### Families and Unemployment

There were 9.4 million families with at least one unemployed member in 2009, up from 6.1 million in 2008. The proportion of families with an unemployed member was 6.3 percent in 2007; it rose to 7.8 percent in 2008 and to 12.0 percent in 2009. (See table 1.)

Black and Hispanic families were more likely to have an unemployed member (17.4 and 16.9 percent, respectively) than were white (11.1 percent) and Asian (11.4 percent) families in 2009. Most families with an unemployed member also have at least one family member who is employed. Among families with an unemployed member in 2009, 68.6 percent also had an employed member, compared with 70.8 percent in 2008. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families with an unemployed member in 2009, 79.9 percent had an employed member, down from 82.5 percent in 2008. For families maintained by women (no spouse present) with an unemployed member, the proportion that also contained an employed member was lower in 2009 (46.1 percent) than in 2008 (49.1 percent). For families maintained by men (no spouse present), the proportion fell to 52.6 percent in 2009 from 57.3 percent in 2008. (See table 3.)

### Families and Employment

The share of families with an employed member was lower in 2009 (80.4 percent) than in 2008 (82.2 percent). The likelihood of having an employed family member declined over the year for families of all major race and ethnicity groups. (See table 1.)

In 2009, families maintained by women with no spouse present were less likely to have an employed member (72.8 percent) than were married-couple families (82.4 percent) or families maintained by men with no spouse present (79.8 percent). The share of families with an employed member declined over the year for all family types. (See table 2.)

Both the husband and wife were employed in 48.5 percent of married-couple families in 2009, compared with 51.4 percent in 2008. Married-couple families in which only the wife worked accounted for 8.4 percent of all married-couple families in 2009, compared with 6.9 percent in 2008. The husband was the only employed member in 19.6 percent of married-couple families in 2009, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (See table 2.)

### **Families with Children**

Forty-four percent of all families included children (sons, daughters, step-children, and adopted children) under age 18. Among the 34.8 million families with children, 87.8 percent had an employed parent in 2009, down from 90.0 percent in 2008. The mother was employed in 67.8 percent of families maintained by women with no spouse present in 2009, and the father was employed in 76.6 percent of those maintained by men with no spouse present. Among married-couple families with children, 95.7 percent had an employed parent in 2009, down from 97.0 percent in 2008. Both the mother and father were employed in 58.9 percent of married-couple families with children in 2009, also lower than a year earlier. (See table 4.)

### **Mothers**

The labor force participation rate—the percent of the population working or looking for work—for all mothers with children under 18 was 71.4 percent in 2009, unchanged from 2008. In 2009, the participation rate for married mothers with spouse present (69.6 percent) was lower than the rate for mothers in other marital statuses (75.8 percent). Married mothers were equally as likely to be employed as mothers in other marital statuses, but their unemployment rate was substantially lower—5.8 percent in 2009, compared with 13.6 percent for mothers in other marital statuses. Unemployment rates increased in 2009 for mothers of all marital statuses. (See table 5.)

Mothers with younger children are less likely to be in the labor force than mothers with older children. In 2009, the labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 6 years old (64.2 percent) was lower than the rate of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old (77.3 percent). The participation rate of mothers with infants under a year old was 56.6 percent. The participation rate of married mothers of infants (56.1 percent) was slightly lower than for those with other marital statuses (57.8 percent). However, the unemployment rate for married mothers of infants, at 7.0 percent, was significantly lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses (22.3 percent). (See tables 5 and 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 2009 presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for 2008 and earlier years because of the introduction in January 2009 of revised population controls used in the CPS. The effect of the revised population controls on the family estimates is unknown. However, the effect of the new controls on the monthly CPS estimates was to decrease the December 2008 employment level by 407,000 and the unemployment level by 42,000. The updated controls had little or no effect on unemployment rates and other ratios. Additional information is available on the BLS Web site at [www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop](http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop).

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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.

A full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors is available at [www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability](http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability).

### Definitions

Definitions of the principal terms used in this release are presented 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 householder 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; separated; widowed; or divorced. Separated includes persons with legal separations, those living apart with intentions of obtaining a divorce, and other people permanently or temporarily separated because of marital discord. Married, spouse absent, includes married people living apart because either the husband or wife was employed and living at a considerable distance from home, was serving away from home in the Armed Forces, had moved to another area, or had a different place of residence for any other reason except separation as defined above.

*Children.* Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, step-children, 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, 2008-09 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic   | 2008   | 2009   |
|--|--------|--------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |        |        |
| Total families .....                                   | 77,943 | 78,361 |
| With employed member(s) .....                          | 64,058 | 63,010 |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 82.2   | 80.4   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 59,116 | 57,037 |
| With no employed member .....                          | 13,884 | 15,351 |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 17.8   | 19.6   |
| With unemployed member(s) .....                        | 6,104  | 9,381  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 7.8    | 12.0   |
| Some member(s) employed .....                          | 4,319  | 6,438  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 70.8   | 68.6   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 3,830  | 5,460  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 62.7   | 58.2   |
| <b>White</b>   |        |        |
| Total families .....                                   | 63,490 | 63,774 |
| With employed member(s) .....                          | 52,273 | 51,494 |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 82.3   | 80.7   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 48,271 | 46,629 |
| With no employed member .....                          | 11,217 | 12,280 |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 17.7   | 19.3   |
| With unemployed member(s) .....                        | 4,506  | 7,089  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 7.1    | 11.1   |
| Some member(s) employed .....                          | 3,332  | 5,072  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 74.0   | 71.5   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 2,955  | 4,294  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 65.6   | 60.6   |
| <b>Black or African American</b>                       |        |        |
| Total families .....                                   | 9,297  | 9,318  |
| With employed member(s) .....                          | 7,290  | 7,022  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 78.4   | 75.4   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 6,622  | 6,265  |
| With no employed member .....                          | 2,006  | 2,296  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 21.6   | 24.6   |
| With unemployed member(s) .....                        | 1,188  | 1,624  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 12.8   | 17.4   |
| Some member(s) employed .....                          | 686    | 886    |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 57.8   | 54.5   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 605    | 748    |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 50.9   | 46.0   |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2008-09 annual averages—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic   | 2008   | 2009   |
|--|--------|--------|
| <b>Asian</b>   |        |        |
| Total families .....                                   | 3,403  | 3,471  |
| With employed member(s) .....                          | 3,052  | 3,057  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 89.7   | 88.1   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 2,900  | 2,857  |
| With no employed member .....                          | 351    | 414    |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 10.3   | 11.9   |
| With unemployed member(s) .....                        | 215    | 394    |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 6.3    | 11.4   |
| Some member(s) employed .....                          | 172    | 306    |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 79.9   | 77.8   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 158    | 272    |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 73.4   | 69.0   |
| <b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>                    |        |        |
| Total families .....                                   | 10,500 | 10,489 |
| With employed member(s) .....                          | 9,135  | 8,852  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 87.0   | 84.4   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 8,466  | 7,923  |
| With no employed member .....                          | 1,365  | 1,637  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 13.0   | 15.6   |
| With unemployed member(s) .....                        | 1,159  | 1,770  |
| As percent of total families .....                     | 11.0   | 16.9   |
| Some member(s) employed .....                          | 846    | 1,228  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 73.0   | 69.3   |
| Some usually work full time <sup>1</sup> .....         | 743    | 1,021  |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) ..... | 64.1   | 57.7   |

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

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. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2008-09 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                                   | Number |        | Percent distribution |       |
|--|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|
|  | 2008   | 2009   | 2008                 | 2009  |
| <b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>                   |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....                                      | 58,125 | 58,124 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total .....                  | 48,541 | 47,876 | 83.5                 | 82.4  |
| Husband only .....                               | 11,351 | 11,371 | 19.5                 | 19.6  |
| Wife only .....                                  | 4,036  | 4,909  | 6.9                  | 8.4   |
| Husband and wife .....                           | 29,854 | 28,211 | 51.4                 | 48.5  |
| Other employment combinations .....              | 3,300  | 3,384  | 5.7                  | 5.8   |
| No member(s) employed .....                      | 9,585  | 10,248 | 16.5                 | 17.6  |
| <b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN <sup>1</sup></b> |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....                                      | 14,383 | 14,610 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total .....                  | 10,929 | 10,642 | 76.0                 | 72.8  |
| Householder only .....                           | 6,250  | 6,135  | 43.5                 | 42.0  |
| Householder and other member(s) .....            | 2,870  | 2,642  | 20.0                 | 18.1  |
| Other member(s), not householder .....           | 1,809  | 1,866  | 12.6                 | 12.8  |
| No member(s) employed .....                      | 3,454  | 3,968  | 24.0                 | 27.2  |
| <b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN <sup>1</sup></b>   |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....                                      | 5,435  | 5,627  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total .....                  | 4,589  | 4,492  | 84.4                 | 79.8  |
| Householder only .....                           | 2,178  | 2,104  | 40.1                 | 37.4  |
| Householder and other member(s) .....            | 1,659  | 1,557  | 30.5                 | 27.7  |
| Other member(s), not householder .....           | 752    | 831    | 13.8                 | 14.8  |
| No member(s) employed .....                      | 845    | 1,135  | 15.6                 | 20.2  |

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

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2008-09 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                                   | Number |       | Percent distribution |       |
|--|--------|-------|----------------------|-------|
|  | 2008   | 2009  | 2008                 | 2009  |
| <b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>                   |        |       |                      |       |
| With unemployed member(s), total .....           | 3,796  | 6,056 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| No member employed .....                         | 663    | 1,218 | 17.5                 | 20.1  |
| Some member(s) employed .....                    | 3,133  | 4,838 | 82.5                 | 79.9  |
| Husband unemployed .....                         | 1,439  | 2,808 | 37.9                 | 46.4  |
| Wife employed .....                              | 927    | 1,799 | 24.4                 | 29.7  |
| Wife unemployed .....                            | 1,114  | 1,630 | 29.3                 | 26.9  |
| Husband employed .....                           | 975    | 1,397 | 25.7                 | 23.1  |
| Other family member unemployed .....             | 1,243  | 1,618 | 32.7                 | 26.7  |
| <b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN <sup>1</sup></b> |        |       |                      |       |
| With unemployed member(s), total .....           | 1,666  | 2,309 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| No member employed .....                         | 849    | 1,244 | 50.9                 | 53.9  |
| Some member(s) employed .....                    | 817    | 1,065 | 49.1                 | 46.1  |
| Householder unemployed .....                     | 796    | 1,141 | 47.8                 | 49.4  |
| Other member(s) employed .....                   | 181    | 225   | 10.9                 | 9.7   |
| Other member(s) unemployed .....                 | 870    | 1,168 | 52.2                 | 50.6  |
| <b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN <sup>1</sup></b>   |        |       |                      |       |
| With unemployed member(s), total .....           | 642    | 1,016 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| No member employed .....                         | 274    | 482   | 42.7                 | 47.4  |
| Some member(s) employed .....                    | 368    | 535   | 57.3                 | 52.6  |
| Householder unemployed .....                     | 385    | 626   | 60.0                 | 61.6  |
| Other member(s) employed .....                   | 164    | 239   | 25.6                 | 23.5  |
| Other member(s) unemployed .....                 | 257    | 391   | 40.0                 | 38.4  |

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

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2008-09 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                                       | Number |        | Percent distribution |       |
|--|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|
|  | 2008   | 2009   | 2008                 | 2009  |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>              |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....  | 35,154 | 34,762 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                             | 31,651 | 30,521 | 90.0                 | 87.8  |
| No parent employed .....                             | 3,504  | 4,241  | 10.0                 | 12.2  |
| Married-couple families .....                        | 24,634 | 24,223 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                             | 23,890 | 23,179 | 97.0                 | 95.7  |
| Mother employed .....                                | 16,615 | 16,055 | 67.4                 | 66.3  |
| Both parents employed .....                          | 15,295 | 14,269 | 62.1                 | 58.9  |
| Mother employed, not father .....                    | 1,319  | 1,786  | 5.4                  | 7.4   |
| Father employed, not mother .....                    | 7,275  | 7,124  | 29.5                 | 29.4  |
| Neither parent employed .....                        | 744    | 1,044  | 3.0                  | 4.3   |
| Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> .....      | 8,338  | 8,308  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Mother employed .....                                | 5,954  | 5,632  | 71.4                 | 67.8  |
| Mother not employed .....                            | 2,384  | 2,677  | 28.6                 | 32.2  |
| Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....        | 2,182  | 2,231  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Father employed .....                                | 1,806  | 1,710  | 82.8                 | 76.6  |
| Father not employed .....                            | 376    | 521    | 17.2                 | 23.4  |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b> |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....  | 20,062 | 19,699 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                             | 18,212 | 17,465 | 90.8                 | 88.7  |
| No parent employed .....                             | 1,851  | 2,234  | 9.2                  | 11.3  |
| Married-couple families .....                        | 13,771 | 13,449 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                             | 13,351 | 12,867 | 96.9                 | 95.7  |
| Mother employed .....                                | 10,139 | 9,691  | 73.6                 | 72.1  |
| Both parents employed .....                          | 9,298  | 8,582  | 67.5                 | 63.8  |
| Mother employed, not father .....                    | 841    | 1,109  | 6.1                  | 8.2   |
| Father employed, not mother .....                    | 3,212  | 3,176  | 23.3                 | 23.6  |
| Neither parent employed .....                        | 420    | 582    | 3.1                  | 4.3   |
| Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> .....      | 5,031  | 4,928  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Mother employed .....                                | 3,823  | 3,578  | 76.0                 | 72.6  |
| Mother not employed .....                            | 1,207  | 1,350  | 24.0                 | 27.4  |
| Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....        | 1,260  | 1,321  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Father employed .....                                | 1,037  | 1,019  | 82.3                 | 77.1  |
| Father not employed .....                            | 223    | 302    | 17.7                 | 22.9  |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2008-09 annual averages—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                                  | Number |        | Percent distribution |       |
|---|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|
|   | 2008   | 2009   | 2008                 | 2009  |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>          |        |        |                      |       |
| Total .....                                     | 15,092 | 15,063 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                        | 13,439 | 13,056 | 89.0                 | 86.7  |
| No parent employed .....                        | 1,653  | 2,007  | 11.0                 | 13.3  |
| Married-couple families .....                   | 10,863 | 10,774 | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed .....                        | 10,539 | 10,312 | 97.0                 | 95.7  |
| Mother employed .....                           | 6,476  | 6,364  | 59.6                 | 59.1  |
| Both parents employed .....                     | 5,998  | 5,688  | 55.2                 | 52.8  |
| Mother employed, not father .....               | 478    | 676    | 4.4                  | 6.3   |
| Father employed, not mother .....               | 4,063  | 3,948  | 37.4                 | 36.6  |
| Neither parent employed .....                   | 324    | 462    | 3.0                  | 4.3   |
| Families maintained by women <sup>1</sup> ..... | 3,307  | 3,380  | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Mother employed .....                           | 2,131  | 2,053  | 64.4                 | 60.8  |
| Mother not employed .....                       | 1,176  | 1,327  | 35.6                 | 39.2  |
| Families maintained by men <sup>1</sup> .....   | 922    | 910    | 100.0                | 100.0 |
| Father employed .....                           | 769    | 691    | 83.4                 | 75.9  |
| Father not employed .....                       | 153    | 219    | 16.6                 | 24.1  |

<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. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2008-09 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                                       | 2008   |        |        | 2009   |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | Total  | Men    | Women  | Total  | Men    | Women  |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....           | 65,655 | 29,142 | 36,513 | 64,854 | 28,778 | 36,076 |
| Civilian labor force .....                           | 53,506 | 27,422 | 26,085 | 52,748 | 26,985 | 25,763 |
| Participation rate .....                             | 81.5   | 94.1   | 71.4   | 81.3   | 93.8   | 71.4   |
| Employed .....                                       | 51,017 | 26,380 | 24,637 | 48,621 | 24,989 | 23,632 |
| Employment-population ratio .....                    | 77.7   | 90.5   | 67.5   | 75.0   | 86.8   | 65.5   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....                 | 43,967 | 25,338 | 18,629 | 41,003 | 23,583 | 17,419 |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 7,050  | 1,042  | 6,008  | 7,618  | 1,406  | 6,212  |
| Unemployed .....                                     | 2,490  | 1,041  | 1,448  | 4,128  | 1,996  | 2,132  |
| Unemployment rate .....                              | 4.7    | 3.8    | 5.6    | 7.8    | 7.4    | 8.3    |
| <b>Married, spouse present</b>                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....           | 52,433 | 26,647 | 25,786 | 51,634 | 26,249 | 25,385 |
| Civilian labor force .....                           | 43,137 | 25,205 | 17,933 | 42,424 | 24,763 | 17,661 |
| Participation rate .....                             | 82.3   | 94.6   | 69.5   | 82.2   | 94.3   | 69.6   |
| Employed .....                                       | 41,611 | 24,353 | 17,258 | 39,732 | 23,100 | 16,632 |
| Employment-population ratio .....                    | 79.4   | 91.4   | 66.9   | 76.9   | 88.0   | 65.5   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....                 | 36,128 | 23,444 | 12,685 | 33,846 | 21,871 | 11,975 |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 5,482  | 909    | 4,573  | 5,886  | 1,229  | 4,657  |
| Unemployed .....                                     | 1,527  | 852    | 675    | 2,692  | 1,663  | 1,029  |
| Unemployment rate .....                              | 3.5    | 3.4    | 3.8    | 6.3    | 6.7    | 5.8    |
| <b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>             |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....           | 13,222 | 2,495  | 10,727 | 13,221 | 2,529  | 10,691 |
| Civilian labor force .....                           | 10,369 | 2,217  | 8,152  | 10,325 | 2,223  | 8,102  |
| Participation rate .....                             | 78.4   | 88.9   | 76.0   | 78.1   | 87.9   | 75.8   |
| Employed .....                                       | 9,406  | 2,027  | 7,379  | 8,889  | 1,889  | 7,000  |
| Employment-population ratio .....                    | 71.1   | 81.3   | 68.8   | 67.2   | 74.7   | 65.5   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....                 | 7,838  | 1,894  | 5,944  | 7,157  | 1,712  | 5,445  |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 1,568  | 133    | 1,435  | 1,732  | 177    | 1,555  |
| Unemployed .....                                     | 963    | 190    | 773    | 1,436  | 334    | 1,103  |
| Unemployment rate .....                              | 9.3    | 8.6    | 9.5    | 13.9   | 15.0   | 13.6   |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....           | 36,581 | 16,256 | 20,325 | 35,885 | 15,982 | 19,903 |
| Civilian labor force .....                           | 30,846 | 15,128 | 15,718 | 30,200 | 14,821 | 15,379 |
| Participation rate .....                             | 84.3   | 93.1   | 77.3   | 84.2   | 92.7   | 77.3   |
| Employed .....                                       | 29,590 | 14,588 | 15,003 | 28,059 | 13,775 | 14,284 |
| Employment-population ratio .....                    | 80.9   | 89.7   | 73.8   | 78.2   | 86.2   | 71.8   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....                 | 25,733 | 14,054 | 11,679 | 23,864 | 13,067 | 10,798 |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 3,858  | 534    | 3,324  | 4,194  | 708    | 3,486  |
| Unemployed .....                                     | 1,255  | 541    | 715    | 2,141  | 1,046  | 1,095  |
| Unemployment rate .....                              | 4.1    | 3.6    | 4.5    | 7.1    | 7.1    | 7.1    |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2008-09 annual averages — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic                             | 2008    |        |        | 2009    |        |        |
|--|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
|  | Total   | Men    | Women  | Total   | Men    | Women  |
| <b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>     |         |        |        |         |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ..... | 29,074  | 12,886 | 16,188 | 28,969  | 12,796 | 16,173 |
| Civilian labor force .....                 | 22,661  | 12,293 | 10,367 | 22,549  | 12,164 | 10,384 |
| Participation rate .....                   | 77.9    | 95.4   | 64.0   | 77.8    | 95.1   | 64.2   |
| Employed .....                             | 21,426  | 11,792 | 9,634  | 20,562  | 11,214 | 9,348  |
| Employment-population ratio .....          | 73.7    | 91.5   | 59.5   | 71.0    | 87.6   | 57.8   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....       | 18,234  | 11,284 | 6,950  | 17,138  | 10,517 | 6,622  |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....       | 3,193   | 508    | 2,684  | 3,424   | 697    | 2,726  |
| Unemployed .....                           | 1,234   | 501    | 733    | 1,987   | 950    | 1,036  |
| Unemployment rate .....                    | 5.4     | 4.1    | 7.1    | 8.8     | 7.8    | 10.0   |
| <b>WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b> |         |        |        |         |        |        |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ..... | 168,133 | 83,971 | 84,162 | 170,947 | 85,358 | 85,589 |
| Civilian labor force .....                 | 100,780 | 55,098 | 45,682 | 101,394 | 55,138 | 46,256 |
| Participation rate .....                   | 59.9    | 65.6   | 54.3   | 59.3    | 64.6   | 54.0   |
| Employed .....                             | 94,346  | 51,106 | 43,239 | 91,257  | 48,681 | 42,576 |
| Employment-population ratio .....          | 56.1    | 60.9   | 51.4   | 53.4    | 57.0   | 49.7   |
| Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....       | 76,064  | 43,515 | 32,549 | 71,631  | 40,368 | 31,263 |
| Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....       | 18,282  | 7,592  | 10,690 | 19,626  | 8,313  | 11,313 |
| Unemployed .....                           | 6,435   | 3,992  | 2,443  | 10,137  | 6,457  | 3,680  |
| Unemployment rate .....                    | 6.4     | 7.2    | 5.3    | 10.0    | 11.7   | 8.0    |

<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; married, spouse absent; divorced; separated; and widowed persons.

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. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2008-09 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>2008</b>                               |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| <b>TOTAL MOTHERS</b>                      |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 9,595                                | 5,792                | 60.4                  | 5,354    | 55.8                  | 3,782                          | 1,573                          | 438        | 7.6                    |
| 2 years .....                             | 2,934                                | 1,852                | 63.1                  | 1,734    | 59.1                  | 1,264                          | 470                            | 118        | 6.4                    |
| 1 year .....                              | 3,342                                | 2,069                | 61.9                  | 1,905    | 57.0                  | 1,337                          | 568                            | 164        | 7.9                    |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 3,319                                | 1,871                | 56.4                  | 1,715    | 51.7                  | 1,180                          | 535                            | 156        | 8.4                    |
| <b>Married, spouse present</b>            |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 6,868                                | 4,035                | 58.7                  | 3,848    | 56.0                  | 2,717                          | 1,132                          | 186        | 4.6                    |
| 2 years .....                             | 2,088                                | 1,255                | 60.1                  | 1,206    | 57.8                  | 871                            | 335                            | 49         | 3.9                    |
| 1 year .....                              | 2,414                                | 1,450                | 60.1                  | 1,380    | 57.2                  | 970                            | 410                            | 70         | 4.8                    |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 2,366                                | 1,330                | 56.2                  | 1,263    | 53.4                  | 875                            | 388                            | 67         | 5.0                    |
| <b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>  |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 2,727                                | 1,758                | 64.4                  | 1,506    | 55.2                  | 1,065                          | 441                            | 252        | 14.3                   |
| 2 years .....                             | 847                                  | 597                  | 70.5                  | 528      | 62.4                  | 393                            | 135                            | 69         | 11.5                   |
| 1 year .....                              | 928                                  | 619                  | 66.7                  | 525      | 56.6                  | 367                            | 159                            | 94         | 15.1                   |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 953                                  | 542                  | 56.8                  | 452      | 47.5                  | 305                            | 147                            | 89         | 16.5                   |
| <b>2009</b>                               |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| <b>TOTAL MOTHERS</b>                      |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 9,476                                | 5,787                | 61.1                  | 5,191    | 54.8                  | 3,626                          | 1,565                          | 595        | 10.3                   |
| 2 years .....                             | 2,848                                | 1,855                | 65.1                  | 1,693    | 59.4                  | 1,195                          | 498                            | 162        | 8.7                    |
| 1 year .....                              | 3,398                                | 2,104                | 61.9                  | 1,880    | 55.3                  | 1,314                          | 566                            | 224        | 10.6                   |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 3,231                                | 1,828                | 56.6                  | 1,619    | 50.1                  | 1,117                          | 502                            | 209        | 11.4                   |
| <b>Married, spouse present</b>            |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 6,784                                | 4,047                | 59.7                  | 3,780    | 55.7                  | 2,657                          | 1,123                          | 267        | 6.6                    |
| 2 years .....                             | 2,053                                | 1,288                | 62.7                  | 1,208    | 58.8                  | 858                            | 350                            | 80         | 6.2                    |
| 1 year .....                              | 2,425                                | 1,465                | 60.4                  | 1,369    | 56.4                  | 963                            | 406                            | 96         | 6.6                    |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 2,306                                | 1,293                | 56.1                  | 1,204    | 52.2                  | 836                            | 368                            | 90         | 7.0                    |
| <b>Other marital status <sup>3</sup></b>  |                                      |                      |                       |          |                       |                                |                                |            |                        |
| With own children under 3 years old ..... | 2,693                                | 1,740                | 64.6                  | 1,411    | 52.4                  | 969                            | 442                            | 328        | 18.9                   |
| 2 years .....                             | 795                                  | 567                  | 71.3                  | 485      | 61.0                  | 337                            | 148                            | 82         | 14.4                   |
| 1 year .....                              | 973                                  | 639                  | 65.6                  | 511      | 52.5                  | 351                            | 160                            | 127        | 20.0                   |
| Under 1 year .....                        | 925                                  | 534                  | 57.8                  | 415      | 44.9                  | 281                            | 134                            | 119        | 22.3                   |

<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; married, spouse absent; divorced; separated; and widowed persons.

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. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.