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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES — 2012

In 2012, 10.5 percent of families included an unemployed person, down 1.0 percentage point from 2011, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Of the nation's 80.1 million families, 80.0 percent had at least one employed member in 2012.

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. Data in this release are annual averages. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses present. Unless otherwise noted, families include those without children as well as those with children under age 18. For further information, see the Technical Note.

Families and Unemployment

The number of families with at least one member unemployed decreased to 8.4 million in 2012 from 9.0 million in 2011. The proportion of families with an unemployed member decreased to 10.5 percent in 2012. Black and Hispanic families remained more likely to have an unemployed member in 2012 (16.8 percent and 14.5 percent, respectively) than white and Asian families (9.5 percent and 9.2 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

Most families with an unemployed member also had at least one family member who is employed. Among families with an unemployed member in 2012, 67.5 percent also had an employed family member, about the same as in 2011. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families with an unemployed member, the proportion of families with at least one employed family member was 80.2 percent in 2012, up from 79.2 percent in 2011. Among families maintained by men (no spouse present) with an unemployed member, 53.3 percent had an employed member in 2012; for families maintained by women (no spouse present), the proportion was 45.6 percent. Both proportions were little changed from 2011. (See table 3.)

Families and Employment

The share of families with an employed member edged up to 80.0 percent in 2012 from 79.8 percent in 2011. The likelihood of having an employed family member rose in 2012 for black and Hispanic

families, to 75.4 percent and 84.6 percent, respectively. The likelihood for white and Asian families showed little change at 80.1 percent and 88.1 percent, respectively. (See table 1.)

In 2012, families maintained by women with no spouse present remained less likely to have an employed member (72.4 percent) than married-couple families (81.9 percent) or families maintained by men with no spouse present (81.1 percent). Both the husband and wife were employed in 47.4 percent of married-couple families in 2012. The husband was the only worker in 20.2 percent of married-couple families, and the wife was the only worker in 8.0 percent of these families. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

In 2012, 43.1 percent of all families included children (sons, daughters, step-children, or adopted children) under age 18. Among the 34.6 million families with children, 87.8 percent had at least one employed parent in 2012, up from 87.2 percent in 2011. The mother was employed in 67.1 percent of families with children maintained by women with no spouse present in 2012, and the father was employed in 81.6 percent of families with children maintained by men with no spouse present. Among married-couple families with children, 96.3 percent had at least one employed parent in 2012. The share of married-couple families with children where both parents worked was 59.0 percent. (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 age 18 was 70.5 percent in 2012, little different from the prior year. In 2012, the participation rate for married mothers with a spouse present (68.3 percent) remained lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses (75.2 percent). (Other marital status refers to persons who never married or are widowed, divorced, separated, or married but living apart from their spouse.) Married mothers were equally as likely to be employed as mothers with other marital statuses in 2012, but their unemployment rate was substantially lower—5.4 percent, compared with 14.1 percent for mothers with other marital statuses. (See table 5.)

Mothers with younger children are less likely to be in the labor force than mothers with older children. In 2012, the labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 6 years old (64.8 percent) was lower than the rate of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old (75.1 percent). The participation rate of mothers with infants under a year old was 57.0 percent. Among mothers with infants, there was virtually no difference in the participation rate of married mothers (57.0 percent) and those with other marital statuses (56.9 percent). However, the unemployment rate for married mothers of infants, at 5.5 percent, was considerably lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses, at 23.2 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). The CPS, which is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is a monthly survey of about 60,000 eligible households that provides information on the labor force status, demographics, and other characteristics of the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over.

The data presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the introduction of updated population estimates, or controls, used in the CPS. The population controls are updated each year in January to reflect the latest information about population change. Additional information is available from the BLS website at 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.

Additional information about reliability of data from the CPS and guidance on estimating standard errors is available at 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. Families include those without children as well as those with children under 18.

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 under age 18 that live in the household. Included are 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 all those who, during the survey reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; (c) worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family member's operated businesses. Persons who were temporarily absent from their because of illness, vacation, labor disputes, or another reason also are counted as employed.

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

Employment-population ratio. The employment-population ratio is the employed as a percent of the population.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2011-2012 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2011	2012
EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	78,362	80,141
With at least one family member employed.....	62,529	64,091
As a percent of total families.....	79.8	80.0
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	56,498	58,007
With no family member employed.....	15,833	16,050
As a percent of total families.....	20.2	20.0
White		
Total families.....	63,635	64,246
With at least one family member employed.....	51,030	51,491
As a percent of total families.....	80.2	80.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	46,203	46,710
With no family member employed.....	12,605	12,755
As a percent of total families.....	19.8	19.9
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,370	9,671
With at least one family member employed.....	6,954	7,290
As a percent of total families.....	74.2	75.4
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	6,105	6,419
With no family member employed.....	2,416	2,380
As a percent of total families.....	25.8	24.6
Asian		
Total families.....	3,559	4,024
With at least one family member employed.....	3,131	3,546
As a percent of total families.....	88.0	88.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	2,932	3,315
With no family member employed.....	427	478
As a percent of total families.....	12.0	11.9
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	10,902	11,769
With at least one family member employed.....	9,178	9,962
As a percent of total families.....	84.2	84.6
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	8,201	8,978
With no family member employed.....	1,724	1,808
As a percent of total families.....	15.8	15.4
UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	78,362	80,141
With at least one family member unemployed.....	9,043	8,444
As a percent of total families.....	11.5	10.5
Some family member(s) employed.....	6,079	5,702
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	67.2	67.5
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	5,211	4,902
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	57.6	58.1
White		
Total families.....	63,635	64,246
With at least one family member unemployed.....	6,608	6,133
As a percent of total families.....	10.4	9.5
Some family member(s) employed.....	4,627	4,321
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	70.0	70.5
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	3,964	3,719
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	60.0	60.6
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,370	9,671
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,767	1,629
As a percent of total families.....	18.9	16.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2011-2012 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2011	2012
Some family member(s) employed.....	985	885
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	55.7	54.3
Some family member employed full time ¹	835	752
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	47.3	46.1
Asian		
Total families.....	3,559	4,024
With at least one family member unemployed.....	389	370
As a percent of total families.....	10.9	9.2
Some family member(s) employed.....	298	292
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	76.4	79.0
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	270	259
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	69.3	70.1
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	10,902	11,769
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,781	1,707
As a percent of total families.....	16.3	14.5
Some family member(s) employed.....	1,226	1,197
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	68.8	70.1
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	1,030	1,020
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	57.8	59.7

¹ Usually work 35 hours or more per week at all jobs.

NOTE: The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder, the family reference person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. 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, 2011-2012 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total.....	57,290	58,431	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	46,910	47,830	81.9	81.9
Husband only.....	11,426	11,815	19.9	20.2
Wife only.....	4,764	4,696	8.3	8.0
Husband and wife.....	27,229	27,708	47.5	47.4
Other employment combinations.....	3,491	3,612	6.1	6.2
With no family member employed.....	10,379	10,601	18.1	18.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN¹				
Total.....	15,147	15,517	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	10,867	11,236	71.7	72.4
Householder only.....	6,248	6,403	41.2	41.3
Householder and other member(s).....	2,683	2,896	17.7	18.7
Other member(s), not householder.....	1,937	1,937	12.8	12.5
With no family member employed.....	4,280	4,281	28.3	27.6
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN¹				
Total.....	5,926	6,192	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	4,752	5,025	80.2	81.1
Householder only.....	2,399	2,514	40.5	40.6
Householder and other member(s).....	1,506	1,622	25.4	26.2
Other member(s), not householder.....	847	889	14.3	14.4
With no family member employed.....	1,174	1,168	19.8	18.9

1 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, 2011-2012 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	5,576	5,140	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	4,413	4,123	79.2	80.2
No family member employed.....	1,162	1,017	20.8	19.8
Unemployment of family members				
Husband unemployed.....	2,387	2,066	42.8	40.2
Wife employed.....	1,497	1,307	26.9	25.4
Wife unemployed.....	1,610	1,567	28.9	30.5
Husband employed.....	1,350	1,328	24.2	25.8
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,579	1,507	28.3	29.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN¹				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	2,498	2,372	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	1,146	1,081	45.9	45.6
No family member employed.....	1,352	1,290	54.1	54.4
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	1,268	1,191	50.8	50.2
Other member(s) employed.....	275	250	11.0	10.6
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,229	1,180	49.2	49.8
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN¹				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	970	932	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	520	497	53.6	53.3
No family member employed.....	450	435	46.4	46.7
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	575	535	59.4	57.4
Other member(s) employed.....	231	209	23.8	22.5
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	394	397	40.6	42.6

¹ 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, 2011-2012 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total families.....	34,269	34,566	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	29,891	30,351	87.2	87.8
No parent employed.....	4,379	4,215	12.8	12.2
Married-couple families				
Total.....	23,334	23,297	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	22,360	22,429	95.8	96.3
Mother employed.....	15,267	15,243	65.4	65.4
Both parents employed.....	13,649	13,739	58.5	59.0
Mother employed, not father.....	1,618	1,503	6.9	6.5
Father employed, not mother.....	7,093	7,186	30.4	30.8
Neither parent employed.....	974	868	4.2	3.7
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	8,538	8,757	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	5,622	5,872	65.9	67.1
Mother not employed.....	2,916	2,885	34.1	32.9
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	2,397	2,512	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,908	2,050	79.6	81.6
Father not employed.....	489	462	20.4	18.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total families.....	19,301	19,577	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	17,027	17,355	88.2	88.6
No parent employed.....	2,274	2,222	11.8	11.4
Married-couple families				
Total.....	12,927	12,982	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,388	12,471	95.8	96.1
Mother employed.....	9,118	9,028	70.5	69.5
Both parents employed.....	8,136	8,104	62.9	62.4
Mother employed, not father.....	982	924	7.6	7.1
Father employed, not mother.....	3,270	3,443	25.3	26.5
Neither parent employed.....	539	511	4.2	3.9
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	5,043	5,149	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	3,575	3,711	70.9	72.1
Mother not employed.....	1,468	1,437	29.1	27.9
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,330	1,447	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,063	1,173	79.9	81.1
Father not employed.....	267	274	20.1	18.9
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total families.....	14,969	14,989	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,864	12,996	85.9	86.7
No parent employed.....	2,105	1,992	14.1	13.3
Married-couple families				
Total.....	10,407	10,315	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,972	9,958	95.8	96.5
Mother employed.....	6,149	6,215	59.1	60.3
Both parents employed.....	5,512	5,635	53.0	54.6
Mother employed, not father.....	636	580	6.1	5.6
Father employed, not mother.....	3,824	3,744	36.7	36.3
Neither parent employed.....	435	357	4.2	3.5
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	3,495	3,609	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	2,047	2,161	58.6	59.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2011-2012 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Mother not employed.....	1,448	1,448	41.4	40.1
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,067	1,065	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	845	877	79.2	82.4
Father not employed.....	222	188	20.8	17.6

1 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, 2011-2012 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2011			2012		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	63,885	28,143	35,743	63,796	27,889	35,907
Civilian labor force.....	51,521	26,302	25,219	51,342	26,028	25,314
Participation rate.....	80.6	93.5	70.6	80.5	93.3	70.5
Employed.....	47,578	24,619	22,959	47,872	24,665	23,207
Full-time workers ¹	40,275	23,245	17,029	40,672	23,348	17,323
Part-time workers ²	7,303	1,374	5,930	7,200	1,317	5,883
Employment-population ratio.....	74.5	87.5	64.2	75.0	88.4	64.6
Unemployed.....	3,943	1,683	2,260	3,470	1,362	2,108
Unemployment rate.....	7.7	6.4	9.0	6.8	5.2	8.3
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	49,999	25,392	24,607	49,590	25,010	24,580
Civilian labor force.....	40,783	23,873	16,911	40,273	23,478	16,795
Participation rate.....	81.6	94.0	68.7	81.2	93.9	68.3
Employed.....	38,379	22,480	15,900	38,257	22,372	15,885
Full-time workers ¹	32,940	21,322	11,618	32,958	21,275	11,683
Part-time workers ²	5,440	1,158	4,282	5,299	1,097	4,202
Employment-population ratio.....	76.8	88.5	64.6	77.1	89.4	64.6
Unemployed.....	2,404	1,393	1,011	2,017	1,106	910
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.4
Other marital status³						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	13,886	2,751	11,135	14,206	2,879	11,327
Civilian labor force.....	10,737	2,429	8,308	11,068	2,549	8,519
Participation rate.....	77.3	88.3	74.6	77.9	88.6	75.2
Employed.....	9,198	2,139	7,059	9,615	2,294	7,322
Full-time workers ¹	7,335	1,923	5,412	7,714	2,074	5,640
Part-time workers ²	1,864	216	1,647	1,901	220	1,681
Employment-population ratio.....	66.2	77.8	63.4	67.7	79.7	64.6
Unemployed.....	1,539	290	1,249	1,453	256	1,197
Unemployment rate.....	14.3	11.9	15.0	13.1	10.0	14.1
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	35,027	15,431	19,596	35,353	15,539	19,814
Civilian labor force.....	29,193	14,289	14,904	29,234	14,347	14,887
Participation rate.....	83.3	92.6	76.1	82.7	92.3	75.1
Employed.....	27,178	13,422	13,756	27,421	13,620	13,801
Full-time workers ¹	23,186	12,735	10,450	23,520	12,918	10,602
Part-time workers ²	3,992	686	3,306	3,901	702	3,199
Employment-population ratio.....	77.6	87.0	70.2	77.6	87.6	69.7
Unemployed.....	2,015	867	1,148	1,813	727	1,086
Unemployment rate.....	6.9	6.1	7.7	6.2	5.1	7.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	28,858	12,712	16,146	28,443	12,350	16,094
Civilian labor force.....	22,328	12,013	10,315	22,108	11,681	10,427
Participation rate.....	77.4	94.5	63.9	77.7	94.6	64.8
Employed.....	20,400	11,197	9,203	20,451	11,045	9,406
Full-time workers ¹	17,089	10,510	6,579	17,152	10,430	6,721
Part-time workers ²	3,311	687	2,624	3,299	615	2,684
Employment-population ratio.....	70.7	88.1	57.0	71.9	89.4	58.4
Unemployed.....	1,928	816	1,112	1,657	635	1,021
Unemployment rate.....	8.6	6.8	10.8	7.5	5.4	9.8
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	175,732	88,175	87,558	179,488	89,455	90,033
Civilian labor force.....	102,096	55,673	46,423	103,633	56,299	47,334
Participation rate.....	58.1	63.1	53.0	57.7	62.9	52.6
Employed.....	92,291	49,671	42,620	94,597	50,890	43,707

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, 2011-2012 annual averages — Continued
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2011			2012		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Full-time workers ¹	72,282	41,087	31,194	74,137	42,129	32,008
Part-time workers ²	20,010	8,584	11,426	20,460	8,761	11,699
Employment-population ratio.....	52.5	56.3	48.7	52.7	56.9	48.5
Unemployed.....	9,805	6,002	3,803	9,036	5,409	3,627
Unemployment rate.....	9.6	10.8	8.2	8.7	9.6	7.7

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Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2011-2012 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2011				2012			
	With own children under 3 years old				With own children under 3 years old			
	Total	2 years	1 year	Under 1 year	Total	2 years	1 year	Under 1 year
TOTAL MOTHERS								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	9,259	2,893	3,353	3,013	9,134	2,829	3,256	3,049
Civilian labor force.....	5,613	1,848	2,083	1,682	5,612	1,832	2,044	1,737
Participation rate.....	60.6	63.9	62.1	55.8	61.4	64.7	62.8	57.0
Employed.....	4,977	1,645	1,844	1,488	5,047	1,656	1,845	1,546
Full-time workers ¹	3,486	1,169	1,296	1,021	3,552	1,177	1,272	1,102
Part-time workers ²	1,492	476	548	467	1,495	479	572	444
Employment-population ratio.....	53.8	56.9	55.0	49.4	55.3	58.6	56.7	50.7
Unemployed.....	635	202	239	194	564	175	199	190
Unemployment rate.....	11.3	11.0	11.5	11.5	10.1	9.6	9.7	11.0
Married, spouse present								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	6,488	1,999	2,381	2,109	6,334	1,940	2,288	2,106
Civilian labor force.....	3,854	1,220	1,434	1,200	3,808	1,198	1,409	1,200
Participation rate.....	59.4	61.0	60.2	56.9	60.1	61.8	61.6	57.0
Employed.....	3,603	1,138	1,342	1,123	3,600	1,134	1,332	1,134
Full-time workers ¹	2,594	822	967	805	2,595	816	928	852
Part-time workers ²	1,009	316	375	318	1,005	318	405	282
Employment-population ratio.....	55.5	56.9	56.4	53.3	56.8	58.5	58.2	53.8
Unemployed.....	251	82	92	77	208	64	77	66
Unemployment rate.....	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5
Other marital status³								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,771	894	973	905	2,800	889	968	943
Civilian labor force.....	1,759	628	649	482	1,804	633	634	537
Participation rate.....	63.5	70.3	66.8	53.2	64.4	71.2	65.5	56.9
Employed.....	1,375	508	502	365	1,447	522	512	412
Full-time workers ¹	892	347	329	216	957	361	345	251
Part-time workers ²	483	161	173	149	490	161	167	162
Employment-population ratio.....	49.6	56.8	51.6	40.3	51.7	58.8	52.9	43.7
Unemployed.....	384	120	147	117	357	111	122	124
Unemployment rate.....	21.8	19.2	22.6	24.2	19.8	17.5	19.2	23.2

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