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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES — 2017

In 2017, 5.8 percent of families included an unemployed person, down from 6.5 percent in 2016, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Of the nation's 82.0 million families, 80.5 percent had at least one employed member in 2017.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of about 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 with and without children under age 18. For further information, see the Technical Note in this news release.

Families and Unemployment

The number of families with at least one member unemployed decreased by 557,000 to 4.7 million in 2017. The proportion of families with an unemployed person declined by 0.7 percentage point to 5.8 percent. In 2017, this proportion was down for White (5.2 percent), Black (9.5 percent), and Hispanic (7.7 percent) families and was little changed for Asian families (5.4 percent). Black and Hispanic families remained more likely to have an unemployed member in 2017 than White or Asian families. (See table 1.)

Just over two-thirds (or 69.1 percent) of families with an unemployed member also had at least one family member who was employed in 2017. The proportion of families with an unemployed member that had at least one family member working full time grew to 60.5 percent in 2017. Black families with an unemployed member remained less likely to also have an employed family member (58.1 percent) than White (71.3 percent), Asian (84.0 percent), and Hispanic families (71.9 percent). (See table 1.)

In 2017, 4.6 percent of married-couple families had an unemployed member, less than the corresponding percentages of families maintained by women or families maintained by men (9.0 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively). Among families with an unemployed family member, those maintained by women were less likely to also have an employed family member (49.8 percent) than families maintained by men and married-couple families (59.4 percent and 80.7 percent, respectively). (See tables 2 and 3.)

Families and Employment

In 2017, 80.5 percent of families had at least one employed family member, little different from the prior year. Over the year, the likelihood of having an employed family member was about unchanged among White (80.1 percent), Asian (88.6 percent), and Hispanic families (86.9 percent). The percentage of Black families having at least one family member employed increased by 0.9 percentage point to 78.7 percent in 2017, with a large increase in the share of Black families that had a family member employed full time. (See table 1.)

In 2017, families maintained by women remained less likely to have an employed member (76.8 percent) than families maintained by men (84.6 percent) or married-couple families (81.0 percent). Among married-couple families, both the husband and wife were employed in 48.3 percent of families; in 19.1 percent of married-couple families only the husband was employed, and in 7.1 percent only the wife was employed. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

In 2017, 33.6 million families included children under age 18, about 41.0 percent of all families. (Children are sons, daughters, step-children, or adopted children living in the household who are under 18 years old. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related and unrelated children, and children not living in the household.) At least one parent was employed in 90.2 percent of families with children, an increase of 0.5 percentage point from the previous year. Among married-couple families with children, 96.9 percent had at least one employed parent, and 61.9 percent had both parents employed. Among families with children, 84.7 percent of fathers were employed in those maintained by fathers, a greater share than the 73.2 percent of mothers who were employed in families maintained by mothers. (See table 4.)

Parents

The labor force participation rate—the percent of the population working or looking for work—for all women with children under age 18 was 71.1 percent in 2017, up 0.6 percentage point from the prior year. Married mothers remained less likely to participate in the labor force, at 68.6 percent, than mothers with other marital statuses, at 76.5 percent. (Other marital status includes persons who are never married; widowed; divorced; separated; and married, spouse absent; as well as persons in same-sex marriages.) The unemployment rate for married mothers was also considerably lower than for mothers with other marital statuses—2.8 percent, compared with 7.3 percent. (See table 5.)

Mothers with young children are less likely to be in the labor force than those with older children. In 2017, the labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 6 years old, at 65.1 percent, was lower than the rate of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old, at 75.7 percent. Among mothers with children under 3 years old, the participation rate of married mothers was lower than the rate of mothers with other marital statuses—60.0 percent versus 67.5 percent. The unemployment rate of mothers who were married and had children under 3 years old, at 2.6 percent, was substantially lower than the rate for their counterparts with other marital statuses, at 9.9 percent. (See tables 5 and 6.)

In 2017, 92.8 percent of all fathers with children under age 18 participated in the labor force. The participation rate for married fathers, at 93.5 percent, continued to be higher than the rate of fathers with other marital statuses (88.1 percent). Married fathers also continued to have a lower unemployment rate (2.3 percent) than fathers with other marital statuses (5.8 percent). The jobless rate of fathers with other

marital statuses declined by 1.2 percentage points from the previous year, and the jobless rate of married fathers decreased by 0.3 percentage point. (See table 5.)

Employed fathers remained more likely to work full time than employed mothers in 2017; 95.7 percent of employed fathers worked full time, compared with 77.2 percent of employed mothers. Among employed mothers, those with older children were somewhat more likely to work full time than those with younger children. In 2017, 79.0 percent of employed mothers with children 6 to 17 years old worked full time, compared with 74.5 percent of mothers with children under 6 years old. Employed fathers with younger and older children were about equally likely to work full time. (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.

Information about the 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 described briefly below.

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 their relationship to the householder. The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption; all such individuals are considered members of one family. The count of families is for "primary" families only. A primary family consists of a householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Sub-families are excluded from the count of families. A sub-family is a family that does not maintain their own household, such as a married couple living in the home of a friend and their family. In this example, the report would include only one family (the householder's or primary family), not two.

Families include those with and without children under 18 years. Families are further categorized as follows:

- *Married-couple families* refer to opposite-sex married couples residing together and any of their family members residing in the household.
- *Families maintained by women or men* are made up of householders residing with one or more family members, but not an opposite-sex spouse. The household may or may not include a same-sex spouse or an unmarried domestic partner of either sex.

This release presents data for two marital status categories, defined below. Marital status is based on a person's status at the time of the survey.

Married, spouse present. Married, spouse present, includes persons in opposite-sex marriages 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. Other marital status includes persons who are never married; widowed; divorced; separated; and married, spouse absent; as well as persons in same-sex marriages. Separated includes persons with legal separations, those living apart with intentions of obtaining a divorce, and other persons permanently or temporarily separated because of marital discord. Married, spouse absent, includes opposite-sex married persons 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; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family. Persons who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, labor disputes, or another reason also are counted as employed.

Full-time workers. Workers who usually work 35 hours or more per week at all jobs.

Part-time workers. Workers who usually work fewer than 35 hours per week at all 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.

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.

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

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2016-2017 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2016	2017
EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	82,092	82,015
With at least one family member employed.....	66,023	66,027
As a percent of total families.....	80.4	80.5
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	60,065	60,395
With no family member employed.....	16,069	15,988
As a percent of total families.....	19.6	19.5
White		
Total families.....	65,083	64,910
With at least one family member employed.....	52,209	52,016
As a percent of total families.....	80.2	80.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	47,611	47,621
With no family member employed.....	12,873	12,894
As a percent of total families.....	19.8	19.9
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,976	10,017
With at least one family member employed.....	7,764	7,886
As a percent of total families.....	77.8	78.7
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	6,835	7,053
With no family member employed.....	2,212	2,131
As a percent of total families.....	22.2	21.3
Asian		
Total families.....	4,707	4,735
With at least one family member employed.....	4,166	4,195
As a percent of total families.....	88.5	88.6
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	3,933	3,978
With no family member employed.....	541	539
As a percent of total families.....	11.5	11.4
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	12,900	12,936
With at least one family member employed.....	11,182	11,244
As a percent of total families.....	86.7	86.9
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	10,217	10,383
With no family member employed.....	1,718	1,692
As a percent of total families.....	13.3	13.1
UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	82,092	82,015
With at least one family member unemployed.....	5,301	4,744
As a percent of total families.....	6.5	5.8
Some family member(s) employed.....	3,656	3,277
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	69.0	69.1
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	3,162	2,870
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	59.7	60.5
White		
Total families.....	65,083	64,910
With at least one family member unemployed.....	3,711	3,343
As a percent of total families.....	5.7	5.2
Some family member(s) employed.....	2,684	2,385
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	72.3	71.3
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	2,343	2,098
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	63.1	62.8
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,976	10,017
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,086	951
As a percent of total families.....	10.9	9.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2016-2017 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2016	2017
Some family member(s) employed.....	628	553
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	57.8	58.1
Some family member employed full time ¹	524	469
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	48.2	49.4
Asian		
Total families.....	4,707	4,735
With at least one family member unemployed.....	265	255
As a percent of total families.....	5.6	5.4
Some family member(s) employed.....	204	214
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	76.9	84.0
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	185	194
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	69.8	76.1
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	12,900	12,936
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,117	994
As a percent of total families.....	8.7	7.7
Some family member(s) employed.....	811	715
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	72.6	71.9
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	702	634
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	62.9	63.8

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, 2016-2017 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES¹				
Total.....	59,747	59,910	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	48,440	48,525	81.1	81.0
Husband only.....	11,649	11,425	19.5	19.1
Wife only.....	4,253	4,265	7.1	7.1
Husband and wife.....	28,693	28,944	48.0	48.3
Other employment combinations.....	3,845	3,891	6.4	6.5
With no family member employed.....	11,307	11,386	18.9	19.0
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN²				
Total.....	15,669	15,438	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	12,001	11,861	76.6	76.8
Householder only.....	6,502	6,333	41.5	41.0
Householder and other member(s).....	3,293	3,372	21.0	21.8
Other member(s), not householder.....	2,205	2,156	14.1	14.0
With no family member employed.....	3,668	3,577	23.4	23.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN²				
Total.....	6,676	6,666	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	5,582	5,641	83.6	84.6
Householder only.....	2,577	2,564	38.6	38.5
Householder and other member(s).....	2,050	2,101	30.7	31.5
Other member(s), not householder.....	955	976	14.3	14.6
With no family member employed.....	1,094	1,025	16.4	15.4

¹ Refers to opposite-sex married-couple families only.

² No opposite-sex 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, 2016-2017 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES¹				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	3,122	2,783	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	2,511	2,245	80.4	80.7
No family member employed.....	612	537	19.6	19.3
Unemployment of family members				
Husband unemployed ²	1,149	1,009	36.8	36.3
Wife employed.....	702	632	22.5	22.7
Wife unemployed, husband employed or not in labor force.....	913	850	29.2	30.6
Husband employed.....	775	700	24.8	25.1
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,060	923	34.0	33.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN³				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	1,543	1,389	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	774	691	50.1	49.8
No family member employed.....	770	697	49.9	50.2
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	710	644	46.0	46.4
Other member(s) employed.....	174	165	11.3	11.9
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	833	744	54.0	53.6
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN³				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	635	573	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	372	340	58.5	59.4
No family member employed.....	264	233	41.5	40.6
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	354	312	55.6	54.5
Other member(s) employed.....	153	132	24.0	23.1
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	282	260	44.4	45.5

¹ Refers to opposite-sex married-couple families only.

² Total families with unemployed husbands, including those with unemployed wives.

³ No opposite-sex 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, 2016-2017 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total families.....	34,206	33,615	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	30,671	30,318	89.7	90.2
No parent employed.....	3,534	3,297	10.3	9.8
Married-couple families¹				
Total.....	23,125	22,855	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	22,379	22,158	96.8	96.9
Mother employed.....	15,377	15,389	66.5	67.3
Both parents employed.....	14,123	14,151	61.1	61.9
Mother employed, not father.....	1,254	1,238	5.4	5.4
Father employed, not mother.....	7,001	6,769	30.3	29.6
Neither parent employed.....	746	697	3.2	3.1
Families maintained by mother²				
Total.....	8,538	8,259	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	6,191	6,043	72.5	73.2
Mother not employed.....	2,347	2,216	27.5	26.8
Families maintained by father²				
Total.....	2,544	2,500	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	2,102	2,117	82.6	84.7
Father not employed.....	442	383	17.4	15.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total families.....	19,774	19,621	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	17,814	17,742	90.1	90.4
No parent employed.....	1,960	1,879	9.9	9.6
Married-couple families¹				
Total.....	13,105	13,032	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,649	12,595	96.5	96.6
Mother employed.....	9,284	9,362	70.8	71.8
Both parents employed.....	8,483	8,553	64.7	65.6
Mother employed, not father.....	801	810	6.1	6.2
Father employed, not mother.....	3,365	3,233	25.7	24.8
Neither parent employed.....	456	437	3.5	3.4
Families maintained by mother²				
Total.....	5,189	5,093	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	3,955	3,890	76.2	76.4
Mother not employed.....	1,234	1,204	23.8	23.6
Families maintained by father²				
Total.....	1,481	1,496	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,211	1,257	81.8	84.1
Father not employed.....	270	239	18.2	15.9
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total families.....	14,432	13,994	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,857	12,576	89.1	89.9
No parent employed.....	1,575	1,418	10.9	10.1
Married-couple families¹				
Total.....	10,020	9,823	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,730	9,562	97.1	97.3
Mother employed.....	6,093	6,027	60.8	61.4
Both parents employed.....	5,640	5,598	56.3	57.0
Mother employed, not father.....	453	428	4.5	4.4
Father employed, not mother.....	3,637	3,536	36.3	36.0
Neither parent employed.....	290	261	2.9	2.7
Families maintained by mother²				
Total.....	3,349	3,166	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	2,236	2,154	66.8	68.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2016-2017 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Mother not employed.....	1,113	1,013	33.2	32.0
Families maintained by father²				
Total.....	1,063	1,005	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	891	860	83.8	85.6
Father not employed.....	172	145	16.2	14.4

¹ Refers to opposite-sex married-couple families only.

² No opposite-sex 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, 2016-2017 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2016			2017		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	65,055	28,992	36,063	64,188	28,740	35,448
Civilian labor force.....	52,321	26,902	25,419	51,875	26,662	25,213
Participation rate.....	80.4	92.8	70.5	80.8	92.8	71.1
Employed.....	50,240	26,039	24,201	50,036	25,920	24,117
Full-time workers ¹	43,352	24,896	18,456	43,433	24,807	18,626
Part-time workers ²	6,887	1,143	5,744	6,604	1,113	5,491
Employment-population ratio.....	77.2	89.8	67.1	78.0	90.2	68.0
Unemployed.....	2,082	864	1,218	1,838	742	1,096
Unemployment rate.....	4.0	3.2	4.8	3.5	2.8	4.3
Married, spouse present³						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	49,472	25,007	24,465	48,974	24,779	24,195
Civilian labor force.....	40,016	23,409	16,607	39,781	23,172	16,609
Participation rate.....	80.9	93.6	67.9	81.2	93.5	68.6
Employed.....	38,866	22,791	16,075	38,775	22,633	16,142
Full-time workers ¹	34,112	21,899	12,214	34,081	21,746	12,334
Part-time workers ²	4,754	892	3,861	4,695	887	3,808
Employment-population ratio.....	78.6	91.1	65.7	79.2	91.3	66.7
Unemployed.....	1,150	618	532	1,006	539	467
Unemployment rate.....	2.9	2.6	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.8
Other marital status⁴						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	15,583	3,985	11,598	15,213	3,961	11,253
Civilian labor force.....	12,305	3,494	8,811	12,093	3,490	8,603
Participation rate.....	79.0	87.7	76.0	79.5	88.1	76.5
Employed.....	11,374	3,248	8,125	11,261	3,287	7,975
Full-time workers ¹	9,240	2,997	6,243	9,352	3,061	6,291
Part-time workers ²	2,134	251	1,883	1,909	226	1,683
Employment-population ratio.....	73.0	81.5	70.1	74.0	83.0	70.9
Unemployed.....	931	246	686	832	203	629
Unemployment rate.....	7.6	7.0	7.8	6.9	5.8	7.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	36,491	16,152	20,338	36,286	16,153	20,133
Civilian labor force.....	30,088	14,836	15,252	30,060	14,812	15,248
Participation rate.....	82.5	91.9	75.0	82.8	91.7	75.7
Employed.....	28,998	14,393	14,605	29,063	14,428	14,635
Full-time workers ¹	25,166	13,785	11,381	25,391	13,830	11,561
Part-time workers ²	3,831	607	3,224	3,672	598	3,074
Employment-population ratio.....	79.5	89.1	71.8	80.1	89.3	72.7
Unemployed.....	1,090	444	646	997	384	612
Unemployment rate.....	3.6	3.0	4.2	3.3	2.6	4.0
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	28,565	12,840	15,724	27,902	12,587	15,315
Civilian labor force.....	22,233	12,066	10,167	21,815	11,849	9,965
Participation rate.....	77.8	94.0	64.7	78.2	94.1	65.1
Employed.....	21,242	11,646	9,596	20,973	11,492	9,481
Full-time workers ¹	18,186	11,110	7,076	18,041	10,977	7,064
Part-time workers ²	3,056	536	2,520	2,932	515	2,417
Employment-population ratio.....	74.4	90.7	61.0	75.2	91.3	61.9
Unemployed.....	992	420	572	841	358	484
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	3.5	5.6	3.9	3.0	4.9
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	188,482	93,505	94,978	190,891	94,535	96,356
Civilian labor force.....	106,866	57,852	49,014	108,445	58,483	49,962
Participation rate.....	56.7	61.9	51.6	56.8	61.9	51.9
Employed.....	101,196	54,529	46,667	103,301	55,482	47,819

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, 2016-2017 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2016			2017		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Full-time workers ¹	80,408	45,671	34,738	82,535	46,764	35,770
Part-time workers ²	20,788	8,858	11,930	20,766	8,718	12,048
Employment-population ratio.....	53.7	58.3	49.1	54.1	58.7	49.6
Unemployed.....	5,670	3,323	2,346	5,144	3,001	2,143
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	5.7	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.3

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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, 2016-2017 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2016				2017			
	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.....	9,158	2,850	3,322	2,985	8,877	2,804	3,208	2,865
Civilian labor force.....	5,662	1,858	2,055	1,749	5,528	1,835	2,016	1,677
Participation rate.....	61.8	65.2	61.9	58.6	62.3	65.4	62.8	58.5
Employed.....	5,343	1,764	1,933	1,645	5,250	1,742	1,923	1,585
Full-time workers ¹	3,870	1,312	1,392	1,165	3,837	1,315	1,385	1,138
Part-time workers ²	1,473	452	540	480	1,413	427	538	447
Employment-population ratio.....	58.3	61.9	58.2	55.1	59.1	62.1	59.9	55.3
Unemployed.....	319	94	123	103	277	93	93	92
Unemployment rate.....	5.6	5.0	6.0	5.9	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.5
Married, spouse present³								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	6,335	1,964	2,302	2,069	6,193	1,951	2,253	1,989
Civilian labor force.....	3,768	1,210	1,367	1,191	3,716	1,207	1,354	1,155
Participation rate.....	59.5	61.6	59.4	57.6	60.0	61.9	60.1	58.1
Employed.....	3,648	1,171	1,321	1,156	3,618	1,167	1,324	1,128
Full-time workers ¹	2,691	876	966	849	2,660	871	970	819
Part-time workers ²	957	294	356	307	958	296	353	309
Employment-population ratio.....	57.6	59.6	57.4	55.9	58.4	59.8	58.8	56.7
Unemployed.....	120	39	46	35	98	40	30	27
Unemployment rate.....	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.2	2.4
Other marital status⁴								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,823	886	1,020	917	2,684	853	956	876
Civilian labor force.....	1,894	648	689	557	1,812	628	662	522
Participation rate.....	67.1	73.1	67.5	60.8	67.5	73.6	69.3	59.6
Employed.....	1,695	594	612	489	1,632	575	600	457
Full-time workers ¹	1,179	436	427	316	1,177	443	415	319
Part-time workers ²	516	158	185	173	455	131	185	138
Employment-population ratio.....	60.0	67.0	60.0	53.4	60.8	67.4	62.7	52.2
Unemployed.....	199	54	77	68	180	53	62	64
Unemployment rate.....	10.5	8.4	11.2	12.2	9.9	8.5	9.4	12.3

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