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## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES — 2015

In 2015, 6.9 percent of families included an unemployed person, down from 8.0 percent in 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Of the nation's 81.4 million families, 80.3 percent had at least one employed member in 2015.

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 without children as well as those with 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 871,000 to 5.6 million in 2015, and the proportion of families with an unemployed person declined by 1.1 percentage points to 6.9 percent. Black and Hispanic families remained more likely to have an unemployed member in 2015 (12.0 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively) than White or Asian families (6.0 percent and 5.7 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

In 2015, about two-thirds (68.2 percent) of families with an unemployed member also had at least one family member who was employed, and 58.8 percent had at least one family member who was employed full time. Both measures were about unchanged from 2014. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families with an unemployed member, the proportion with at least one employed family member was 80.6 percent in 2015. Among families maintained by women (no spouse present) with an unemployed member, 48.2 percent also had an employed family member in 2015; for families maintained by men (no spouse present), the proportion was 57.0 percent. These proportions were all about the same as in the prior year. (See table 3.)

### Families and Employment

In 2015, the share of families with an employed member was 80.3 percent, up by 0.2 percentage point from 2014. The likelihood of having an employed family member rose in 2015 for Black families (from 76.4 percent to 77.7 percent) and for Hispanic families (from 85.9 percent to 86.4 percent). The likelihood for White and Asian families showed little or no change (80.1 percent and 88.6 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

In 2015, families maintained by women with no spouse present remained less likely to have an employed member (75.0 percent) than families maintained by men with no spouse present (82.9 percent) or married-couple families (81.4 percent). Among married-couple families, both the husband and wife were employed in 48.0 percent of families; in 19.8 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 2015, 34.4 million families included children under age 18, about two-fifths 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.) Among families with children, 89.3 percent had at least one employed parent in 2015. Among married-couple families with children, 96.7 percent had at least one employed parent; both parents worked in 60.6 percent of married-couple families. Among families of other marital statuses with children, the mother was employed in 70.8 percent of those maintained by mothers in 2015, and the father was employed in 82.1 percent of those maintained by fathers. (Other marital status refers to persons who never married or are widowed, divorced, separated, or married but living apart from their spouse.) (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 69.9 percent in 2015. The participation rate for married mothers (67.6 percent) remained lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses (74.8 percent). The unemployment rate for married mothers was also considerably lower than for mothers with other marital statuses—3.3 percent, compared with 8.9 percent. (See table 5.)

Mothers with younger children are less likely to be in the labor force than mothers with older children. In 2015, the labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 6 years old was lower than the rate of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old (64.2 percent versus 74.4 percent). The participation rate of mothers with infants under a year old was 58.1 percent. Among mothers with infants, the participation rates of married mothers and mothers with other marital statuses were little different—57.6 percent and 59.1 percent, respectively. However, the unemployment rate of married mothers with infants, at 3.2 percent, was substantially lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses, at 13.9 percent. (See tables 5 and 6.)

In 2015, 92.7 percent of all men with children under age 18 participated in the labor force. The rate for married fathers, at 93.7 percent, continued to be higher than the participation rate of fathers with other marital statuses (86.7 percent). Married fathers also continued to have a lower unemployment rate (2.7 percent) than fathers with other marital statuses (7.4 percent). (See table 5.)

# 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](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.

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](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. 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) or 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.

*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, 2014-2015 annual averages**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2014	2015
<b>EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES</b>		
Total families.....	80,889	81,410
With at least one family member employed.....	64,832	65,360
As a percent of total families.....	80.1	80.3
With at least one family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	58,762	59,520
With no family member employed.....	16,057	16,050
As a percent of total families.....	19.9	19.7
<b>White</b>		
Total families.....	64,476	64,663
With at least one family member employed.....	51,661	51,769
As a percent of total families.....	80.1	80.1
With at least one family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	46,937	47,225
With no family member employed.....	12,815	12,894
As a percent of total families.....	19.9	19.9
<b>Black or African American</b>		
Total families.....	9,793	9,854
With at least one family member employed.....	7,481	7,652
As a percent of total families.....	76.4	77.7
With at least one family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	6,596	6,792
With no family member employed.....	2,312	2,202
As a percent of total families.....	23.6	22.3
<b>Asian</b>		
Total families.....	4,374	4,538
With at least one family member employed.....	3,872	4,020
As a percent of total families.....	88.5	88.6
With at least one family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	3,614	3,786
With no family member employed.....	502	518
As a percent of total families.....	11.5	11.4
<b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>		
Total families.....	12,178	12,602
With at least one family member employed.....	10,456	10,883
As a percent of total families.....	85.9	86.4
With at least one family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	9,429	9,914
With no family member employed.....	1,722	1,719
As a percent of total families.....	14.1	13.6
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES</b>		
Total families.....	80,889	81,410
With at least one family member unemployed.....	6,486	5,615
As a percent of total families.....	8.0	6.9
Some family member(s) employed.....	4,419	3,831
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	68.1	68.2
Some family member(s) employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	3,819	3,302
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	58.9	58.8
<b>White</b>		
Total families.....	64,476	64,663
With at least one family member unemployed.....	4,499	3,908
As a percent of total families.....	7.0	6.0
Some family member(s) employed.....	3,195	2,784
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	71.0	71.2
Some family member(s) employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	2,767	2,408
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	61.5	61.6
<b>Black or African American</b>		
Total families.....	9,793	9,854
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,376	1,184
As a percent of total families.....	14.1	12.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2014-2015 annual averages — Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2014	2015
Some family member(s) employed.....	780	666
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	56.7	56.3
Some family member employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	666	558
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	48.4	47.2
<b>Asian</b>		
Total families.....	4,374	4,538
With at least one family member unemployed.....	328	260
As a percent of total families.....	7.5	5.7
Some family member(s) employed.....	262	213
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	79.8	82.1
Some family member(s) employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	232	191
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	70.9	73.6
<b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>		
Total families.....	12,178	12,602
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,311	1,220
As a percent of total families.....	10.8	9.7
Some family member(s) employed.....	933	864
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	71.1	70.8
Some family member(s) employed full time <sup>1</sup> .....	798	740
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	60.9	60.7

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2014-2015 annual averages**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>				
Total.....	58,806	59,217	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	47,852	48,205	81.4	81.4
Husband only.....	11,713	11,726	19.9	19.8
Wife only.....	4,422	4,209	7.5	7.1
Husband and wife.....	28,042	28,434	47.7	48.0
Other employment combinations.....	3,676	3,837	6.3	6.5
With no family member employed.....	10,954	11,012	18.6	18.6
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	15,581	15,693	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	11,585	11,765	74.4	75.0
Householder only.....	6,368	6,451	40.9	41.1
Householder and other member(s).....	3,059	3,181	19.6	20.3
Other member(s), not householder.....	2,159	2,133	13.9	13.6
With no family member employed.....	3,995	3,928	25.6	25.0
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	6,502	6,499	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	5,394	5,389	83.0	82.9
Householder only.....	2,568	2,517	39.5	38.7
Householder and other member(s).....	1,891	1,932	29.1	29.7
Other member(s), not householder.....	935	940	14.4	14.5
With no family member employed.....	1,108	1,110	17.0	17.1

<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, 2014-2015 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES</b>				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	3,765	3,292	100.0	100.0
<b>Employment of family members</b>				
Some family member(s) employed.....	3,028	2,653	80.4	80.6
No family member employed.....	737	639	19.6	19.4
<b>Unemployment of family members</b>				
Husband unemployed <sup>1</sup> .....	1,398	1,194	37.1	36.3
Wife employed.....	872	739	23.2	22.5
Wife unemployed, husband employed or not in labor force.....	1,121	947	29.8	28.8
Husband employed.....	943	786	25.1	23.9
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,246	1,151	33.1	35.0
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN<sup>2</sup></b>				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	1,933	1,666	100.0	100.0
<b>Employment of family members</b>				
Some family member(s) employed.....	936	804	48.4	48.2
No family member employed.....	997	862	51.6	51.8
<b>Unemployment of family members</b>				
Householder unemployed.....	892	770	46.2	46.2
Other member(s) employed.....	216	181	11.2	10.8
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,040	896	53.8	53.8
<b>FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN<sup>2</sup></b>				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	789	657	100.0	100.0
<b>Employment of family members</b>				
Some family member(s) employed.....	455	375	57.7	57.0
No family member employed.....	333	282	42.3	43.0
<b>Unemployment of family members</b>				
Householder unemployed.....	446	378	56.5	57.5
Other member(s) employed.....	200	158	25.4	24.1
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	343	280	43.5	42.5

<sup>1</sup> Total families with unemployed husbands, including those with unemployed wives.

<sup>2</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, 2014-2015 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>				
Total families.....	34,434	34,363	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	30,545	30,672	88.7	89.3
No parent employed.....	3,889	3,692	11.3	10.7
<b>Married-couple families</b>				
Total.....	23,330	23,401	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	22,528	22,631	96.6	96.7
Mother employed.....	15,347	15,420	65.8	65.9
Both parents employed.....	14,033	14,174	60.2	60.6
Mother employed, not father.....	1,314	1,246	5.6	5.3
Father employed, not mother.....	7,181	7,211	30.8	30.8
Neither parent employed.....	801	771	3.4	3.3
<b>Families maintained by mother<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	8,589	8,505	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	5,958	6,024	69.4	70.8
Mother not employed.....	2,632	2,481	30.6	29.2
<b>Families maintained by father<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	2,515	2,457	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	2,059	2,017	81.9	82.1
Father not employed.....	456	440	18.1	17.9
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b>				
Total families.....	19,850	19,774	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	17,768	17,762	89.5	89.8
No parent employed.....	2,082	2,012	10.5	10.2
<b>Married-couple families</b>				
Total.....	13,239	13,306	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,753	12,842	96.3	96.5
Mother employed.....	9,321	9,363	70.4	70.4
Both parents employed.....	8,453	8,565	63.9	64.4
Mother employed, not father.....	868	798	6.6	6.0
Father employed, not mother.....	3,432	3,479	25.9	26.1
Neither parent employed.....	486	464	3.7	3.5
<b>Families maintained by mother<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	5,130	5,080	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	3,811	3,790	74.3	74.6
Mother not employed.....	1,319	1,290	25.7	25.4
<b>Families maintained by father<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	1,481	1,388	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,204	1,130	81.3	81.4
Father not employed.....	277	258	18.7	18.6
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>				
Total families.....	14,584	14,589	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,777	12,910	87.6	88.5
No parent employed.....	1,807	1,680	12.4	11.5
<b>Married-couple families</b>				
Total.....	10,091	10,096	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,775	9,789	96.9	97.0
Mother employed.....	6,027	6,057	59.7	60.0
Both parents employed.....	5,580	5,609	55.3	55.6
Mother employed, not father.....	447	448	4.4	4.4
Father employed, not mother.....	3,749	3,732	37.1	37.0
Neither parent employed.....	315	307	3.1	3.0
<b>Families maintained by mother<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	3,460	3,425	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	2,147	2,234	62.1	65.2

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2014-2015 annual averages — Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Mother not employed.....	1,313	1,191	37.9	34.8
<b>Families maintained by father<sup>1</sup></b>				
Total.....	1,034	1,069	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	854	887	82.7	83.0
Father not employed.....	179	182	17.3	17.0

<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, 2014-2015 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2014			2015		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	65,643	29,040	36,602	65,564	29,095	36,469
Civilian labor force.....	52,580	26,939	25,641	52,476	26,978	25,498
Participation rate.....	80.1	92.8	70.1	80.0	92.7	69.9
Employed.....	49,948	25,899	24,049	50,238	26,079	24,159
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	42,727	24,615	18,112	43,250	24,880	18,370
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	7,221	1,284	5,937	6,989	1,199	5,790
Employment-population ratio.....	76.1	89.2	65.7	76.6	89.6	66.2
Unemployed.....	2,632	1,040	1,592	2,238	899	1,339
Unemployment rate.....	5.0	3.9	6.2	4.3	3.3	5.3
<b>Married, spouse present</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	49,739	25,098	24,641	49,822	25,122	24,700
Civilian labor force.....	40,220	23,505	16,715	40,226	23,532	16,694
Participation rate.....	80.9	93.7	67.8	80.7	93.7	67.6
Employed.....	38,804	22,762	16,042	39,026	22,889	16,137
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	33,773	21,751	12,022	34,148	21,958	12,190
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	5,032	1,012	4,020	4,877	931	3,947
Employment-population ratio.....	78.0	90.7	65.1	78.3	91.1	65.3
Unemployed.....	1,415	742	673	1,200	643	557
Unemployment rate.....	3.5	3.2	4.0	3.0	2.7	3.3
<b>Other marital status<sup>3</sup></b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	15,904	3,943	11,961	15,742	3,973	11,769
Civilian labor force.....	12,360	3,434	8,926	12,250	3,446	8,804
Participation rate.....	77.7	87.1	74.6	77.8	86.7	74.8
Employed.....	11,143	3,137	8,007	11,213	3,190	8,022
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	8,955	2,864	6,090	9,101	2,922	6,179
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	2,189	272	1,917	2,111	268	1,843
Employment-population ratio.....	70.1	79.6	66.9	71.2	80.3	68.2
Unemployed.....	1,217	298	919	1,038	256	782
Unemployment rate.....	9.8	8.7	10.3	8.5	7.4	8.9
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	36,486	16,114	20,372	36,616	16,171	20,445
Civilian labor force.....	29,989	14,768	15,221	30,057	14,840	15,218
Participation rate.....	82.2	91.6	74.7	82.1	91.8	74.4
Employed.....	28,689	14,244	14,445	28,923	14,392	14,531
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	24,746	13,594	11,153	25,073	13,785	11,288
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	3,943	650	3,292	3,850	607	3,243
Employment-population ratio.....	78.6	88.4	70.9	79.0	89.0	71.1
Unemployed.....	1,300	524	775	1,134	448	687
Unemployment rate.....	4.3	3.6	5.1	3.8	3.0	4.5
<b>WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	29,157	12,927	16,230	28,948	12,924	16,024
Civilian labor force.....	22,591	12,171	10,420	22,419	12,138	10,281
Participation rate.....	77.5	94.2	64.2	77.4	93.9	64.2
Employed.....	21,259	11,655	9,604	21,315	11,687	9,628
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	17,981	11,021	6,959	18,177	11,095	7,082
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	3,278	634	2,644	3,139	592	2,547
Employment-population ratio.....	72.9	90.2	59.2	73.6	90.4	60.1
Unemployed.....	1,332	516	816	1,104	451	652
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	4.2	7.8	4.9	3.7	6.3
<b>WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	182,304	90,707	91,596	185,237	92,006	93,231
Civilian labor force.....	103,342	55,943	47,399	104,654	56,643	48,011
Participation rate.....	56.7	61.7	51.7	56.5	61.6	51.5
Employed.....	96,357	51,793	44,564	98,595	53,052	45,544

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, 2014-2015 annual averages — Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2014			2015		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	75,991	43,214	32,777	78,243	44,471	33,772
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	20,366	8,579	11,787	20,353	8,581	11,772
Employment-population ratio.....	52.9	57.1	48.7	53.2	57.7	48.9
Unemployed.....	6,985	4,150	2,835	6,058	3,591	2,468
Unemployment rate.....	6.8	7.4	6.0	5.8	6.3	5.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Usually work less than 35 hours per 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, 2014-2015 annual averages**  
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2014				2015			
	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
<b>TOTAL MOTHERS</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	9,224	2,834	3,293	3,097	9,308	2,920	3,254	3,134
Civilian labor force.....	5,624	1,799	2,056	1,770	5,714	1,869	2,024	1,821
Participation rate.....	61.0	63.5	62.4	57.1	61.4	64.0	62.2	58.1
Employed.....	5,169	1,661	1,880	1,628	5,336	1,741	1,897	1,698
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	3,685	1,185	1,325	1,175	3,882	1,280	1,370	1,232
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	1,484	477	555	453	1,455	462	526	466
Employment-population ratio.....	56.0	58.6	57.1	52.6	57.3	59.6	58.3	54.2
Unemployed.....	456	137	176	142	377	127	128	123
Unemployment rate.....	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.0	6.6	6.8	6.3	6.7
<b>Married, spouse present</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	6,243	1,934	2,300	2,009	6,341	1,974	2,252	2,114
Civilian labor force.....	3,691	1,153	1,376	1,163	3,772	1,198	1,356	1,218
Participation rate.....	59.1	59.6	59.8	57.9	59.5	60.7	60.2	57.6
Employed.....	3,526	1,104	1,307	1,116	3,628	1,149	1,300	1,179
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	2,602	807	950	844	2,698	864	961	873
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	925	296	357	271	931	285	339	306
Employment-population ratio.....	56.5	57.1	56.8	55.5	57.2	58.2	57.7	55.8
Unemployed.....	165	49	68	47	144	49	55	39
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	4.3	5.0	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.2
<b>Other marital status<sup>3</sup></b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,981	900	993	1,088	2,967	946	1,001	1,020
Civilian labor force.....	1,933	646	681	607	1,942	670	669	603
Participation rate.....	64.9	71.8	68.6	55.8	65.4	70.9	66.8	59.1
Employed.....	1,642	558	573	512	1,708	592	596	519
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> .....	1,083	377	375	330	1,184	415	409	359
Part-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	559	180	197	182	524	177	187	160
Employment-population ratio.....	55.1	62.0	57.7	47.0	57.6	62.6	59.5	50.9
Unemployed.....	291	88	108	95	234	78	72	84
Unemployment rate.....	15.0	13.6	15.8	15.6	12.0	11.6	10.8	13.9

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