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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES —2013

In 2013, 9.6 percent of families included an unemployed person, down from 10.5 percent in 2012, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Of the nation's 80.4 million families, 80.0 percent had at least one employed member in 2013.

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 7.7 million in 2013 from 8.4 million in 2012. The proportion of families with an unemployed member decreased to 9.6 percent in 2013. Black and Hispanic families remained more likely to have an unemployed member in 2013 (16.0 percent and 12.9 percent, respectively) than white and Asian families (8.5 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

Two-thirds (67.6 percent) of families with an unemployed member in 2013 also had at least one family member who was employed, essentially unchanged from 2012. Among families with an unemployed family member, 4.5 million, or 58.0 percent, also had at least one family member who was employed full time. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families with an unemployed member, the proportion of families with at least one employed family member was 79.4 percent in 2013, down from 80.2 percent in 2012. Among families maintained by men (no spouse present) with an unemployed member, 56.4 percent had an employed member in 2013; for families maintained by women (no spouse present), the proportion was 47.4 percent. Both proportions increased from 2012. (See table 3.)

Families and Employment

The share of families with an employed member was unchanged at 80.0 percent in 2013. The likelihood of having an employed family member rose in 2013 for Asian families (to 88.8 percent) and for

Hispanic families (to 85.1 percent). The likelihood for white and black families showed little or no change (80.1 percent and 75.7 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

In 2013, families maintained by women with no spouse present remained less likely to have an employed member (73.3 percent) than married-couple families (81.5 percent) or families maintained by men with no spouse present (81.7 percent). Both the husband and wife were employed in 47.4 percent of married-couple families in 2013. The husband was the only worker in 20.1 percent of married-couple families, and the wife was the only worker in 7.8 percent of these families. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

In 2013, about 43 percent of all families included children (sons, daughters, step-children, or adopted children) under age 18. Among the 34.4 million families with children, 88.2 percent had at least one employed parent in 2013. The mother was employed in 68.2 percent of families maintained by women with no spouse present in 2013, and the father was employed in 81.2 percent of families maintained by men with no spouse present. Among married-couple families with children, 96.3 percent had at least one employed parent in 2013. The share of married-couple families with children where both parents worked was 59.1 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 69.9 percent in 2013. The participation rate for married mothers with a spouse present (67.8 percent) remained lower in 2013 than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses (74.2 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 about as likely to be employed as mothers with other marital statuses, with employment-population ratios of 64.5 percent and 65.3 percent, respectively. However, the unemployment rate of married mothers was substantially lower—4.8 percent, compared with 12.0 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 2013, the labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 6 years old (63.9 percent) was lower than the rate of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old (74.7 percent). The participation rate of mothers with infants under a year old was 57.3 percent. Among mothers with infants, there was essentially no difference in the participation rate of married mothers (57.5 percent) and those with other marital statuses (56.7 percent). However, the unemployment rate for married mothers of infants, at 4.8 percent, was considerably lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses, at 19.0 percent. (See tables 5 and 6.)

Changes to estimation methodology for tables 5 and 6

Estimates in tables 5 and 6 of this release have been created using a different estimation methodology than was used in past versions of this annual release. This new methodology results in higher estimates of mothers and fathers. It was implemented to provide more accurate counts of the number of people with children, particularly among those classified in the category "other marital status." Because of this change, the estimates in tables 5 and 6 of this release are not strictly comparable with data for previous years. The change also was applied to data for 2012 in tables 5 and 6; therefore, 2012 estimates presented in these tables do not match those published in the "Employment Characteristics of Families—2012" news release.

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 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, 2012-2013 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2012	2013
EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	80,141	80,445
With at least one family member employed.....	64,091	64,318
As a percent of total families.....	80.0	80.0
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	58,007	58,113
With no family member employed.....	16,050	16,127
As a percent of total families.....	20.0	20.0
White		
Total families.....	64,246	64,294
With at least one family member employed.....	51,491	51,471
As a percent of total families.....	80.1	80.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	46,710	46,636
With no family member employed.....	12,755	12,822
As a percent of total families.....	19.9	19.9
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,671	9,737
With at least one family member employed.....	7,290	7,373
As a percent of total families.....	75.4	75.7
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	6,419	6,451
With no family member employed.....	2,380	2,363
As a percent of total families.....	24.6	24.3
Asian		
Total families.....	4,024	4,156
With at least one family member employed.....	3,546	3,692
As a percent of total families.....	88.1	88.8
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	3,315	3,441
With no family member employed.....	478	464
As a percent of total families.....	11.9	11.2
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	11,769	12,023
With at least one family member employed.....	9,962	10,231
As a percent of total families.....	84.6	85.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	8,978	9,242
With no family member employed.....	1,808	1,792
As a percent of total families.....	15.4	14.9
UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	80,141	80,445
With at least one family member unemployed.....	8,444	7,685
As a percent of total families.....	10.5	9.6
Some family member(s) employed.....	5,702	5,192
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	67.5	67.6
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	4,902	4,453
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	58.1	58.0
White		
Total families.....	64,246	64,294
With at least one family member unemployed.....	6,133	5,471
As a percent of total families.....	9.5	8.5
Some family member(s) employed.....	4,321	3,845
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	70.5	70.3
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	3,719	3,310
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	60.6	60.5
Black or African American		
Total families.....	9,671	9,737
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,629	1,555
As a percent of total families.....	16.8	16.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2012-2013 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2012	2013
Some family member(s) employed.....	885	880
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	54.3	56.6
Some family member employed full time ¹	752	733
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	46.1	47.1
Asian		
Total families.....	4,024	4,156
With at least one family member unemployed.....	370	323
As a percent of total families.....	9.2	7.8
Some family member(s) employed.....	292	262
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	79.0	81.1
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	259	232
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	70.1	72.0
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	11,769	12,023
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,707	1,547
As a percent of total families.....	14.5	12.9
Some family member(s) employed.....	1,197	1,078
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	70.1	69.7
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	1,020	919
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	59.7	59.4

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, 2012-2013 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total.....	58,431	58,529	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	47,830	47,722	81.9	81.5
Husband only.....	11,815	11,755	20.2	20.1
Wife only.....	4,696	4,578	8.0	7.8
Husband and wife.....	27,708	27,748	47.4	47.4
Other employment combinations.....	3,612	3,640	6.2	6.2
With no family member employed.....	10,601	10,807	18.1	18.5
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN¹				
Total.....	15,517	15,507	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	11,236	11,360	72.4	73.3
Householder only.....	6,403	6,359	41.3	41.0
Householder and other member(s).....	2,896	2,933	18.7	18.9
Other member(s), not householder.....	1,937	2,069	12.5	13.3
With no family member employed.....	4,281	4,147	27.6	26.7
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN¹				
Total.....	6,192	6,410	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	5,025	5,236	81.1	81.7
Householder only.....	2,514	2,529	40.6	39.5
Householder and other member(s).....	1,622	1,736	26.2	27.1
Other member(s), not householder.....	889	971	14.4	15.1
With no family member employed.....	1,168	1,174	18.9	18.3

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, 2012-2013 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	5,140	4,586	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	4,123	3,639	80.2	79.4
No family member employed.....	1,017	946	19.8	20.6
Unemployment of family members				
Husband unemployed ¹	2,066	1,824	40.2	39.8
Wife employed.....	1,307	1,134	25.4	24.7
Wife unemployed, husband employed or not in labor force.....	1,567	1,346	30.5	29.4
Husband employed.....	1,328	1,129	25.8	24.6
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,507	1,416	29.3	30.9
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN²				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	2,372	2,165	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	1,081	1,026	45.6	47.4
No family member employed.....	1,290	1,139	54.4	52.6
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	1,191	1,053	50.2	48.6
Other member(s) employed.....	250	251	10.6	11.6
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	1,180	1,112	49.8	51.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN²				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	932	934	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	497	527	53.3	56.4
No family member employed.....	435	408	46.7	43.6
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	535	550	57.4	58.8
Other member(s) employed.....	209	238	22.5	25.5
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	397	385	42.6	41.2

¹ Total families with unemployed husbands, including those with unemployed wives.

² 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, 2012-2013 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total families.....	34,566	34,392	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	30,351	30,336	87.8	88.2
No parent employed.....	4,215	4,056	12.2	11.8
Married-couple families				
Total.....	23,297	23,259	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	22,429	22,408	96.3	96.3
Mother employed.....	15,243	15,200	65.4	65.4
Both parents employed.....	13,739	13,746	59.0	59.1
Mother employed, not father.....	1,503	1,454	6.5	6.3
Father employed, not mother.....	7,186	7,208	30.8	31.0
Neither parent employed.....	868	851	3.7	3.7
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	8,757	8,575	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	5,872	5,851	67.1	68.2
Mother not employed.....	2,885	2,724	32.9	31.8
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	2,512	2,558	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	2,050	2,077	81.6	81.2
Father not employed.....	462	481	18.4	18.8
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total families.....	19,577	19,767	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	17,355	17,592	88.6	89.0
No parent employed.....	2,222	2,175	11.4	11.0
Married-couple families				
Total.....	12,982	13,183	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,471	12,676	96.1	96.2
Mother employed.....	9,028	9,213	69.5	69.9
Both parents employed.....	8,104	8,291	62.4	62.9
Mother employed, not father.....	924	922	7.1	7.0
Father employed, not mother.....	3,443	3,463	26.5	26.3
Neither parent employed.....	511	507	3.9	3.8
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	5,149	5,125	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	3,711	3,727	72.1	72.7
Mother not employed.....	1,437	1,398	27.9	27.3
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,447	1,459	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,173	1,188	81.1	81.4
Father not employed.....	274	271	18.9	18.6
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total families.....	14,989	14,625	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,996	12,745	86.7	87.1
No parent employed.....	1,992	1,880	13.3	12.9
Married-couple families				
Total.....	10,315	10,076	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,958	9,732	96.5	96.6
Mother employed.....	6,215	5,987	60.3	59.4
Both parents employed.....	5,635	5,455	54.6	54.1
Mother employed, not father.....	580	532	5.6	5.3
Father employed, not mother.....	3,744	3,745	36.3	37.2
Neither parent employed.....	357	344	3.5	3.4
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	3,609	3,450	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	2,161	2,124	59.9	61.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2012-2013 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Mother not employed.....	1,448	1,326	40.1	38.4
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,065	1,100	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	877	889	82.4	80.9
Father not employed.....	188	210	17.6	19.1

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, 2012-2013 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2012			2013		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	65,620	28,943	36,676	65,385	28,947	36,438
Civilian labor force.....	52,754	26,954	25,800	52,335	26,869	25,466
Participation rate.....	80.4	93.1	70.3	80.0	92.8	69.9
Employed.....	49,101	25,460	23,641	49,146	25,540	23,606
Full-time workers ¹	41,698	24,055	17,643	41,844	24,207	17,637
Part-time workers ²	7,403	1,405	5,999	7,302	1,333	5,969
Employment-population ratio.....	74.8	88.0	64.5	75.2	88.2	64.8
Unemployed.....	3,653	1,494	2,159	3,189	1,329	1,860
Unemployment rate.....	6.9	5.5	8.4	6.1	4.9	7.3
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	49,595	25,013	24,582	49,595	25,035	24,560
Civilian labor force.....	40,277	23,481	16,796	40,096	23,447	16,650
Participation rate.....	81.2	93.9	68.3	80.8	93.7	67.8
Employed.....	38,261	22,374	15,886	38,325	22,478	15,847
Full-time workers ¹	32,961	21,277	11,684	33,196	21,436	11,759
Part-time workers ²	5,299	1,097	4,202	5,130	1,042	4,088
Employment-population ratio.....	77.1	89.5	64.6	77.3	89.8	64.5
Unemployed.....	2,017	1,106	910	1,771	969	802
Unemployment rate.....	5.0	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	4.8
Other marital status³						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,025	3,930	12,095	15,789	3,912	11,878
Civilian labor force.....	12,477	3,473	9,004	12,238	3,422	8,817
Participation rate.....	77.9	88.4	74.4	77.5	87.5	74.2
Employed.....	10,840	3,085	7,755	10,820	3,062	7,759
Full-time workers ¹	8,736	2,777	5,959	8,648	2,771	5,878
Part-time workers ²	2,104	308	1,796	2,172	291	1,881
Employment-population ratio.....	67.6	78.5	64.1	68.5	78.3	65.3
Unemployed.....	1,636	388	1,249	1,418	360	1,058
Unemployment rate.....	13.1	11.2	13.9	11.6	10.5	12.0
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	35,786	15,777	20,009	36,218	16,007	20,212
Civilian labor force.....	29,573	14,545	15,028	29,815	14,714	15,101
Participation rate.....	82.6	92.2	75.1	82.3	91.9	74.7
Employed.....	27,722	13,791	13,931	28,216	14,047	14,169
Full-time workers ¹	23,783	13,074	10,709	24,181	13,361	10,819
Part-time workers ²	3,939	717	3,222	4,035	686	3,349
Employment-population ratio.....	77.5	87.4	69.6	77.9	87.8	70.1
Unemployed.....	1,851	754	1,097	1,599	667	933
Unemployment rate.....	6.3	5.2	7.3	5.4	4.5	6.2
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	29,834	13,167	16,667	29,166	12,940	16,226
Civilian labor force.....	23,181	12,409	10,772	22,519	12,155	10,365
Participation rate.....	77.7	94.2	64.6	77.2	93.9	63.9
Employed.....	21,379	11,669	9,710	20,930	11,493	9,437
Full-time workers ¹	17,915	10,981	6,934	17,663	10,846	6,817
Part-time workers ²	3,464	688	2,776	3,267	647	2,620
Employment-population ratio.....	71.7	88.6	58.3	71.8	88.8	58.2
Unemployed.....	1,802	740	1,062	1,589	662	928
Unemployment rate.....	7.8	6.0	9.9	7.1	5.4	8.9
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	177,665	88,400	89,264	180,295	89,609	90,686
Civilian labor force.....	102,221	55,373	46,848	103,055	55,798	47,256
Participation rate.....	57.5	62.6	52.5	57.2	62.3	52.1
Employed.....	93,368	50,096	43,272	94,783	50,813	43,971

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, 2012-2013 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2012			2013		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Full-time workers ¹	73,111	41,423	31,688	74,470	42,128	32,342
Part-time workers ²	20,257	8,673	11,584	20,313	8,685	11,629
Employment-population ratio.....	52.6	56.7	48.5	52.6	56.7	48.5
Unemployed.....	8,853	5,277	3,575	8,271	4,986	3,285
Unemployment rate.....	8.7	9.5	7.6	8.0	8.9	7.0

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³ 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. Data for 2012 and 2013 reflect improved methodology that provides more accurate estimates of the number of mothers and fathers and, as a result, are not strictly comparable with data for previous years. Data for 2012 incorporate the new methodology; therefore, 2012 estimates do not match those published in the "Employment Characteristics of Families 2012" news release.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2012-2013 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2012				2013			
	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.....	9,540	2,922	3,393	3,224	9,211	2,877	3,266	3,069
Civilian labor force.....	5,839	1,890	2,119	1,830	5,626	1,875	1,995	1,757
Participation rate.....	61.2	64.7	62.5	56.7	61.1	65.2	61.1	57.3
Employed.....	5,245	1,708	1,909	1,628	5,113	1,723	1,798	1,593
Full-time workers ¹	3,690	1,215	1,314	1,161	3,615	1,240	1,251	1,124
Part-time workers ²	1,555	493	595	467	1,497	482	547	469
Employment-population ratio.....	55.0	58.5	56.3	50.5	55.5	59.9	55.0	51.9
Unemployed.....	594	181	210	202	514	152	197	164
Unemployment rate.....	10.2	9.6	9.9	11.0	9.1	8.1	9.9	9.3
Married, spouse present								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	6,334	1,940	2,288	2,106	6,224	1,913	2,232	2,080
Civilian labor force.....	3,808	1,198	1,409	1,200	3,689	1,194	1,299	1,196
Participation rate.....	60.1	61.8	61.6	57.0	59.3	62.4	58.2	57.5
Employed.....	3,600	1,134	1,332	1,134	3,503	1,141	1,224	1,138
Full-time workers ¹	2,595	816	928	852	2,541	835	867	839
Part-time workers ²	1,005	318	405	282	962	305	357	299
Employment-population ratio.....	56.8	58.5	58.2	53.8	56.3	59.6	54.9	54.7
Unemployed.....	208	64	77	66	186	54	75	58
Unemployment rate.....	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.8	4.8
Other marital status³								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	3,206	982	1,105	1,119	2,987	964	1,034	989
Civilian labor force.....	2,031	691	710	630	1,937	681	695	561
Participation rate.....	63.4	70.4	64.2	56.3	64.9	70.6	67.3	56.7
Employed.....	1,645	574	577	494	1,610	582	573	455
Full-time workers ¹	1,095	399	386	309	1,075	405	384	285
Part-time workers ²	550	175	191	185	535	177	189	169
Employment-population ratio.....	51.3	58.5	52.2	44.2	53.9	60.3	55.5	46.0
Unemployed.....	386	117	133	136	327	99	122	107
Unemployment rate.....	19.0	17.0	18.8	21.6	16.9	14.5	17.5	19.0

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