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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 2006

In 2006, the share of families with an unemployed member declined to 6.4 percent from 7.0 percent in the prior year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The proportion of families with an unemployed member has declined each year since 2003, when it was 8.1 percent. Of the nation's 77.0 million families, 82.4 percent had at least one employed member in 2006, essentially unchanged from 2005.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of approximately 60,000 households. Families include married-couple families, as well as families maintained by a man or woman with no spouse present; some families have children while others do not. For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

Families and Unemployment

In 2006, 4.9 million families had at least one member who was unemployed, down from 5.3 million in 2005. The proportion of black families with an unemployed member (11.4 percent) continued to be about twice that for white (5.6 percent) and Asian (5.2 percent) families. For Hispanic families, about 8.0 percent had an unemployed member. For each of these groups, the proportion of families with an unemployed member in 2006 was down from the prior year. (See table 1.)

In families with an unemployed member, 69.6 percent also had at least one employed member in 2006, about the same as in 2005. Among married-couple families with unemployment in 2006, 82.3 percent contained an employed member. Among families maintained by men with an unemployed member, 58.3 percent had an employed member in 2006; for families headed by women, the proportion was 47.3 percent. These proportions were little changed from the prior year for these three family types. (See table 3.)

Families and Employment

In 2006, the proportion of all families with at least one employed member, at 82.4 percent, was about unchanged from the prior year. There was little or no change in the proportion of families with employed members among white (82.7 percent), black (78.1 percent), and Asian (89.9 percent) families. For Hispanic families, the share with an employed member edged up in 2006 to 87.2 percent. (See table 1.)

Among married-couple families, 83.8 percent had an employed member in 2006, unchanged from 2005. For families maintained by men or women (no spouse present), the proportions with an employed member were 84.9 and 76.0 percent, respectively. Both proportions were little changed from the prior year. (See table 2.)

The proportion of married-couple families in which only the husband worked declined to 19.8 percent in 2006 from 20.2 percent in 2005. The proportion of married-couple families in which only the wife worked remained at 6.5 percent. The proportion that were dual-worker couples (both husband and wife employed) rose from 51.3 to 51.8 percent. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

Just under half of all families include children (sons, daughters, step-children, and adopted children) under age 18. In 2006, among the 35.6 million families with children under 18, 90.5 percent had an employed parent, up by 0.3 percentage point from 2005. The 2006 proportion was still below the most recent peak of 92.0 percent in 2000. In 2006, the mother was employed in 72.0 percent of families maintained by women, and the father was employed in 83.5 percent of those maintained by men. Among married-couple families, 97.3 percent had an employed parent in 2006, up from 97.1 percent in 2005. The proportion of married-couple families in which both parents were employed rose by 0.7 percentage point to 62.0 percent in 2006. (See table 4.)

Mothers

The labor force participation rate for all mothers, at 70.9 percent, was little changed in 2006; it most recently peaked at 72.3 percent in 2000. The participation rate of married mothers (68.6 percent) was also about unchanged in 2006. The proportion of unmarried mothers—those who were widowed, divorced, separated, or never married—who were in the labor force in 2006 was 76.6 percent, about the same as in the prior year.

In 2006, the unemployment rate for all mothers with children under 18 declined by 0.5 percentage point to 4.8 percent. The jobless rate for married mothers, at 3.1 percent in 2006, also fell by 0.5 percentage point over the year. The rate for unmarried mothers edged down in 2006 to 8.5 percent. For all mothers with children under 6 years, the unemployment rate decreased to 6.0 percent in 2006. (See table 5.)

Among mothers with children younger than a year old, 56.1 percent were in the labor force in 2006, slightly higher than in the prior year. The labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers with children under a year old rose by 4.3 percentage points to 59.0 percent in 2006, while the rate for married mothers, at 55.0 percent, was about unchanged. The unemployment rate for all mothers of children under age 1 was 7.4 percent in 2006, little changed from 2005. (See table 6.)

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 60,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

The data for 2006 presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for 2005 and earlier years because of the introduction in January 2006 of revised population controls used in the CPS. The effect of the revised population controls on the family estimates is unknown. However, the effect of the new controls on the monthly CPS estimates was to decrease the December 2005 employment level by 123,000 and the unemployment level by 8,000. The updated controls had little or no effect on unemployment rates and other ratios. For additional information, see "Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2006," available on the internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps06adj.pdf>.

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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.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

Definitions of the principal terms used in this release are presented below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder. The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, on vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, or for other reasons. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children, of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Employed. Employed persons are (a) all those who, during the survey reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family-operated enterprise; and (b) all those who did not work but had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, bad weather, vacation, child-care problems, labor disputes, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work at that time, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force comprises all persons classified as employed or unemployed.

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

Labor force participation rate. The labor force participation rate is the labor force as a percent of the population.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Total | | |
| Total families | 76,443 | 77,017 |
| With employed member(s) | 62,933 | 63,492 |
| As percent of total families | 82.3 | 82.4 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 58,276 | 58,918 |
| With no employed member | 13,509 | 13,525 |
| As percent of total families | 17.7 | 17.6 |
| With unemployed member(s) | 5,318 | 4,913 |
| As percent of total families | 7.0 | 6.4 |
| Some member(s) employed | 3,717 | 3,419 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 69.9 | 69.6 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 3,310 | 3,049 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 62.2 | 62.1 |
| White | | |
| Total families | 62,567 | 62,977 |
| With employed member(s) | 51,645 | 52,054 |
| As percent of total families | 82.5 | 82.7 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 47,883 | 48,395 |
| With no employed member | 10,922 | 10,923 |
| As percent of total families | 17.5 | 17.3 |
| With unemployed member(s) | 3,801 | 3,556 |
| As percent of total families | 6.1 | 5.6 |
| Some member(s) employed | 2,782 | 2,582 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 73.2 | 72.6 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 2,477 | 2,306 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 65.2 | 64.8 |
| Black or African American | | |
| Total families | 8,952 | 9,058 |
| With employed member(s) | 6,986 | 7,078 |
| As percent of total families | 78.0 | 78.1 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 6,353 | 6,437 |
| With no employed member | 1,966 | 1,980 |
| As percent of total families | 22.0 | 21.9 |
| With unemployed member(s) | 1,140 | 1,036 |
| As percent of total families | 12.7 | 11.4 |
| Some member(s) employed | 657 | 596 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 57.7 | 57.6 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 583 | 526 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 51.1 | 50.8 |
| Asian | | |
| Total families | 3,218 | 3,251 |
| With employed member(s) | 2,889 | 2,924 |
| As percent of total families | 89.8 | 89.9 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 2,741 | 2,772 |
| With no employed member | 329 | 327 |
| As percent of total families | 10.2 | 10.1 |
| With unemployed member(s) | 199 | 171 |
| As percent of total families | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| Some member(s) employed | 160 | 137 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 80.7 | 80.4 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 145 | 123 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 72.8 | 72.2 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2005-06 annual averages—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | | |
| Total families | 9,603 | 9,905 |
| With employed member(s) | 8,312 | 8,641 |
| As percent of total families | 86.6 | 87.2 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 7,786 | 8,129 |
| With no employed member | 1,291 | 1,264 |
| As percent of total families | 13.4 | 12.8 |
| With unemployed member(s) | 860 | 793 |
| As percent of total families | 9.0 | 8.0 |
| Some member(s) employed | 606 | 544 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 70.5 | 68.6 |
| Some usually work full time ¹ | 544 | 491 |
| As percent of families with unemployed member(s) | 63.2 | 61.9 |

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

NOTE: The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. In addition,

persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Data for 2006 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | Number | | Percent distribution | |
|--|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES | | | | |
| Total | 57,167 | 57,509 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total | 47,895 | 48,196 | 83.8 | 83.8 |
| Husband only | 11,562 | 11,399 | 20.2 | 19.8 |
| Wife only | 3,715 | 3,754 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Husband and wife | 29,330 | 29,799 | 51.3 | 51.8 |
| Other employment combinations | 3,288 | 3,244 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| No member(s) employed | 9,272 | 9,313 | 16.2 | 16.2 |
| FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN ¹ | | | | |
| Total | 14,035 | 14,208 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total | 10,609 | 10,796 | 75.6 | 76.0 |
| Householder only | 6,052 | 6,103 | 43.1 | 43.0 |
| Householder and other member(s) | 2,830 | 2,955 | 20.2 | 20.8 |
| Other member(s), not householder | 1,727 | 1,738 | 12.3 | 12.2 |
| No member(s) employed | 3,426 | 3,412 | 24.4 | 24.0 |
| FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN ¹ | | | | |
| Total | 5,242 | 5,300 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Member(s) employed, total | 4,430 | 4,500 | 84.5 | 84.9 |
| Householder only | 2,093 | 2,089 | 39.9 | 39.4 |
| Householder and other member(s) | 1,639 | 1,715 | 31.3 | 32.4 |
| Other member(s), not householder | 698 | 696 | 13.3 | 13.1 |
| No member(s) employed | 812 | 800 | 15.5 | 15.1 |

¹ No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for 2006 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | Number | | Percent distribution | |
|--|--------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES | | | | |
| With unemployed member(s), total | 3,243 | 2,968 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No member employed | 580 | 526 | 17.9 | 17.7 |
| Some member(s) employed | 2,664 | 2,442 | 82.1 | 82.3 |
| Husband unemployed | 1,190 | 1,061 | 36.7 | 35.7 |
| Wife employed | 753 | 679 | 23.2 | 22.9 |
| Wife unemployed | 1,004 | 898 | 31.0 | 30.3 |
| Husband employed | 873 | 772 | 26.9 | 26.0 |
| Other family member unemployed | 1,049 | 1,010 | 32.4 | 34.0 |
| FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN ¹ | | | | |
| With unemployed member(s), total | 1,539 | 1,429 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No member employed | 797 | 753 | 51.8 | 52.7 |
| Some member(s) employed | 743 | 675 | 48.2 | 47.3 |
| Householder unemployed | 746 | 688 | 48.5 | 48.2 |
| Other member(s) employed | 161 | 132 | 10.5 | 9.3 |
| Other member(s) unemployed | 793 | 740 | 51.5 | 51.8 |
| FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN ¹ | | | | |
| With unemployed member(s), total | 536 | 516 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No member employed | 225 | 215 | 42.1 | 41.7 |
| Some member(s) employed | 310 | 301 | 57.9 | 58.3 |
| Householder unemployed | 301 | 284 | 56.1 | 55.0 |
| Other member(s) employed | 122 | 118 | 22.8 | 22.8 |
| Other member(s) unemployed | 235 | 232 | 43.9 | 45.0 |

¹ No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data for 2006 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | Number | | Percent distribution | |
|--|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS | | | | |
| Total | 35,402 | 35,605 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 31,917 | 32,216 | 90.2 | 90.5 |
| No parent employed | 3,485 | 3,388 | 9.8 | 9.5 |
| Married-couple families | 24,942 | 25,022 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 24,218 | 24,344 | 97.1 | 97.3 |
| Mother employed | 16,501 | 16,721 | 66.2 | 66.8 |
| Both parents employed | 15,298 | 15,516 | 61.3 | 62.0 |
| Mother employed, not father | 1,203 | 1,205 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Father employed, not mother | 7,716 | 7,623 | 30.9 | 30.5 |
| Neither parent employed | 724 | 678 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Families maintained by women ¹ | 8,347 | 8,407 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mother employed | 5,943 | 6,054 | 71.2 | 72.0 |
| Mother not employed | 2,404 | 2,352 | 28.8 | 28.0 |
| Families maintained by men ¹ | 2,113 | 2,176 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Father employed | 1,756 | 1,818 | 83.1 | 83.5 |
| Father not employed | 357 | 359 | 16.9 | 16.5 |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER | | | | |
| Total | 20,202 | 20,283 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 18,319 | 18,446 | 90.7 | 90.9 |
| No parent employed | 1,882 | 1,837 | 9.3 | 9.1 |
| Married-couple families | 13,781 | 13,752 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 13,350 | 13,356 | 96.9 | 97.1 |
| Mother employed | 9,990 | 10,016 | 72.5 | 72.8 |
| Both parents employed | 9,210 | 9,245 | 66.8 | 67.2 |
| Mother employed, not father | 780 | 771 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| Father employed, not mother | 3,360 | 3,339 | 24.4 | 24.3 |
| Neither parent employed | 431 | 396 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| Families maintained by women ¹ | 5,147 | 5,195 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mother employed | 3,913 | 3,976 | 76.0 | 76.5 |
| Mother not employed | 1,233 | 1,219 | 24.0 | 23.5 |
| Families maintained by men ¹ | 1,274 | 1,336 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Father employed | 1,056 | 1,114 | 82.9 | 83.4 |
| Father not employed | 218 | 222 | 17.1 | 16.6 |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS | | | | |
| Total | 15,200 | 15,322 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 13,598 | 13,770 | 89.5 | 89.9 |
| No parent employed | 1,602 | 1,551 | 10.5 | 10.1 |
| Married-couple families | 11,161 | 11,270 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Parent(s) employed | 10,868 | 10,989 | 97.4 | 97.5 |
| Mother employed | 6,511 | 6,705 | 58.3 | 59.5 |
| Both parents employed | 6,089 | 6,271 | 54.6 | 55.6 |
| Mother employed, not father | 422 | 434 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Father employed, not mother | 4,357 | 4,284 | 39.0 | 38.0 |
| Neither parent employed | 293 | 281 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Families maintained by women ¹ | 3,200 | 3,212 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mother employed | 2,030 | 2,078 | 63.4 | 64.7 |
| Mother not employed | 1,170 | 1,133 | 36.6 | 35.3 |
| Families maintained by men ¹ | 839 | 840 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Father employed | 700 | 704 | 83.5 | 83.8 |
| Father not employed | 139 | 136 | 16.5 | 16.2 |

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. Data for 2006 reflect revised population controls used in the Current Population Survey.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | 2005 | | | 2006 | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 64,482 | 28,065 | 36,417 | 64,680 | 28,188 | 36,492 |
| Civilian labor force | 52,056 | 26,399 | 25,657 | 52,391 | 26,530 | 25,861 |
| Participation rate | 80.7 | 94.1 | 70.5 | 81.0 | 94.1 | 70.9 |
| Employed | 49,882 | 25,587 | 24,294 | 50,388 | 25,774 | 24,614 |
| Employment-population ratio | 77.4 | 91.2 | 66.7 | 77.9 | 91.4 | 67.4 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 42,852 | 24,713 | 18,139 | 43,485 | 24,884 | 18,601 |
| Part-time workers ² | 7,029 | 875 | 6,155 | 6,902 | 890 | 6,013 |
| Unemployed | 2,174 | 811 | 1,363 | 2,004 | 756 | 1,247 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.2 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 4.8 |
| Married, spouse present | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 51,519 | 25,578 | 25,942 | 51,670 | 25,648 | 26,022 |
| Civilian labor force | 41,905 | 24,215 | 17,690 | 42,136 | 24,295 | 17,842 |
| Participation rate | 81.3 | 94.7 | 68.2 | 81.5 | 94.7 | 68.6 |
| Employed | 40,614 | 23,556 | 17,058 | 40,960 | 23,680 | 17,280 |
| Employment-population ratio | 78.8 | 92.1 | 65.8 | 79.3 | 92.3 | 66.4 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 35,086 | 22,808 | 12,278 | 35,500 | 22,925 | 12,575 |
| Part-time workers ² | 5,528 | 748 | 4,780 | 5,460 | 755 | 4,705 |
| Unemployed | 1,291 | 659 | 632 | 1,176 | 614 | 562 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
| Other marital status ³ | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 12,963 | 2,487 | 10,475 | 13,010 | 2,541 | 10,470 |
| Civilian labor force | 10,151 | 2,184 | 7,967 | 10,255 | 2,236 | 8,019 |
| Participation rate | 78.3 | 87.8 | 76.1 | 78.8 | 88.0 | 76.6 |
| Employed | 9,268 | 2,032 | 7,236 | 9,427 | 2,094 | 7,333 |
| Employment-population ratio | 71.5 | 81.7 | 69.1 | 72.5 | 82.4 | 70.0 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 7,766 | 1,905 | 5,861 | 7,985 | 1,960 | 6,026 |
| Part-time workers ² | 1,502 | 127 | 1,375 | 1,442 | 134 | 1,308 |
| Unemployed | 883 | 152 | 731 | 827 | 142 | 686 |
| Unemployment rate | 8.7 | 7.0 | 9.2 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 8.5 |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 35,937 | 15,590 | 20,348 | 35,912 | 15,594 | 20,318 |
| Civilian labor force | 30,068 | 14,496 | 15,572 | 30,100 | 14,515 | 15,585 |
| Participation rate | 83.7 | 93.0 | 76.5 | 83.8 | 93.1 | 76.7 |
| Employed | 28,953 | 14,066 | 14,887 | 29,076 | 14,124 | 14,952 |
| Employment-population ratio | 80.6 | 90.2 | 73.2 | 81.0 | 90.6 | 73.6 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 25,074 | 13,606 | 11,468 | 25,277 | 13,648 | 11,629 |
| Part-time workers ² | 3,880 | 460 | 3,419 | 3,799 | 476 | 3,323 |
| Unemployed | 1,115 | 430 | 684 | 1,024 | 392 | 632 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.7 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 4.1 |
| WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 28,545 | 12,475 | 16,070 | 28,768 | 12,594 | 16,174 |
| Civilian labor force | 21,988 | 11,903 | 10,085 | 22,291 | 12,015 | 10,276 |
| Participation rate | 77.0 | 95.4 | 62.8 | 77.5 | 95.4 | 63.5 |
| Employed | 20,928 | 11,521 | 9,407 | 21,311 | 11,650 | 9,661 |
| Employment-population ratio | 73.3 | 92.4 | 58.5 | 74.1 | 92.5 | 59.7 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 17,778 | 11,107 | 6,671 | 18,208 | 11,236 | 6,972 |
| Part-time workers ² | 3,150 | 414 | 2,736 | 3,103 | 414 | 2,689 |
| Unemployed | 1,060 | 381 | 678 | 980 | 365 | 615 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.8 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS | | | | | | |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 159,751 | 79,237 | 80,514 | 162,438 | 80,719 | 81,718 |
| Civilian labor force | 95,545 | 51,914 | 43,631 | 97,427 | 53,115 | 44,312 |
| Participation rate | 59.8 | 65.5 | 54.2 | 60.0 | 65.8 | 54.2 |
| Employed | 90,171 | 48,709 | 41,462 | 92,460 | 50,148 | 42,312 |
| Employment-population ratio | 56.4 | 61.5 | 51.5 | 56.9 | 62.1 | 51.8 |
| Full-time workers ¹ | 72,515 | 41,496 | 31,019 | 74,638 | 42,859 | 31,780 |
| Part-time workers ² | 17,657 | 7,213 | 10,444 | 17,821 | 7,289 | 10,532 |
| Unemployed | 5,374 | 3,205 | 2,169 | 4,967 | 2,967 | 2,000 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.5 |

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

² Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

³ Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2005-06 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

| | Civilian noninstitutional population | Civilian labor force | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| | | Total | Percent of population | Employed | | | | Unemployed | |
| | | | | Total | Percent of population | Full-time workers ¹ | Part-time workers ² | Number | Percent of labor force |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL MOTHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 9,365 | 5,470 | 58.4 | 5,077 | 54.2 | 3,501 | 1,576 | 393 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 2,845 | 1,773 | 62.3 | 1,654 | 58.1 | 1,162 | 492 | 119 | 6.7 |
| 1 year | 3,287 | 1,958 | 59.6 | 1,823 | 55.5 | 1,247 | 576 | 135 | 6.9 |
| Under 1 year | 3,233 | 1,740 | 53.8 | 1,600 | 49.5 | 1,092 | 508 | 140 | 8.0 |
| Married, spouse present | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 6,951 | 3,939 | 56.7 | 3,776 | 54.3 | 2,588 | 1,188 | 164 | 4.2 |
| 2 years | 2,118 | 1,268 | 59.9 | 1,214 | 57.3 | 840 | 374 | 55 | 4.3 |
| 1 year | 2,435 | 1,389 | 57.0 | 1,337 | 54.9 | 901 | 436 | 52 | 3.7 |
| Under 1 year | 2,398 | 1,282 | 53.5 | 1,225 | 51.1 | 847 | 378 | 58 | 4.5 |
| Other marital status ³ | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 2,414 | 1,531 | 63.4 | 1,301 | 53.9 | 913 | 388 | 230 | 15.0 |
| 2 years | 726 | 504 | 69.5 | 440 | 60.6 | 322 | 118 | 64 | 12.7 |
| 1 year | 852 | 569 | 66.8 | 486 | 57.0 | 346 | 139 | 83 | 14.6 |
| Under 1 year | 836 | 457 | 54.7 | 375 | 44.9 | 245 | 130 | 82 | 18.0 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL MOTHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 9,431 | 5,675 | 60.2 | 5,315 | 56.4 | 3,751 | 1,564 | 360 | 6.3 |
| 2 years | 2,864 | 1,847 | 64.5 | 1,746 | 61.0 | 1,280 | 466 | 101 | 5.5 |
| 1 year | 3,318 | 2,006 | 60.5 | 1,883 | 56.7 | 1,305 | 577 | 123 | 6.1 |
| Under 1 year | 3,248 | 1,822 | 56.1 | 1,686 | 51.9 | 1,166 | 520 | 136 | 7.4 |
| Married, spouse present | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 6,998 | 4,076 | 58.2 | 3,933 | 56.2 | 2,756 | 1,177 | 143 | 3.5 |
| 2 years | 2,114 | 1,305 | 61.7 | 1,265 | 59.8 | 910 | 354 | 40 | 3.1 |
| 1 year | 2,494 | 1,456 | 58.4 | 1,404 | 56.3 | 962 | 442 | 52 | 3.6 |
| Under 1 year | 2,390 | 1,315 | 55.0 | 1,264 | 52.9 | 883 | 381 | 51 | 3.9 |
| Other marital status ³ | | | | | | | | | |
| With own children under 3 years old | 2,433 | 1,600 | 65.7 | 1,382 | 56.8 | 996 | 386 | 217 | 13.6 |
| 2 years | 750 | 543 | 72.3 | 481 | 64.2 | 369 | 112 | 61 | 11.3 |
| 1 year | 824 | 550 | 66.7 | 479 | 58.1 | 344 | 135 | 71 | 13.0 |
| Under 1 year | 859 | 507 | 59.0 | 422 | 49.2 | 283 | 139 | 85 | 16.7 |

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