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WOMEN IN THE LABOR FORCE: A DATABOOK **UPDATED AND AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**

Women in the Labor Force: A Databook has been updated with data through 2004 and is available on the Internet. Between 1970 and 2004, the time period covered in this publication, women increased their labor force participation rate from 43 to 59 percent. At the same time, women advanced their educational attainment and their earnings as a percent of men's also increased.

Women in the Labor Force: A Databook, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, presents data about women workers from the Current Population Survey, a monthly survey of about 60,000 households. This publication includes information on women's labor force status by various characteristics, including age, race, marital status, presence of children, educational attainment, occupation, and industry. Data on women's earnings by race, educational attainment, occupation, and industry also are presented. Some highlights follow:

- Women held half of all management, professional, and related occupations in 2004.
- Nearly 33 percent of women age 25 to 64 years held a college degree in 2004, compared with about 11 percent in 1970.
- Among 2004 high school graduates, young women were more likely than young men to enroll in college (72 percent versus 61 percent).
- From 1979 to 2004, women's earnings as a percent of men's increased by 18 percentage points, from 62 to 80 percent.
- Nearly 60 percent of women who worked at some time in calendar year 2003 worked full time and year round, compared with 41 percent in 1970.
- About 2.3 million women and 3.0 million men experienced job displacement between January 2001 and December 2003.

Women in the Labor Force: A Databook is available on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cps/wlf-databook2005.htm.