Chart 5-6. Year-round, full-time work has risen steadily among women

Among women who work at some time during the year, the proportion working year round (50-52 weeks) and full time (35 hours or more per week) has grown over the past several decades. In part, this trend reflects women’s movement into occupations that are typified by year-round, full-time work.

The proportion of men working year round and full time—which is considerably higher than that for women—showed little definitive movement until the early 1980s. It drifted upward during the 1980’s and 1990’s, but has since held fairly steady.