Overall, about 4 in 5 families had an employed member in 2005. Those maintained by women with no spouse present were somewhat less likely than other families to have an employed member.

- Families with children are more likely to have an employed member (91 percent) than families with no children (75 percent). Many families without children are made up of older persons, who are less likely to be in the labor force.

- Of the 5.3 million families with an unemployed member in 2005, 70 percent had at least one worker.