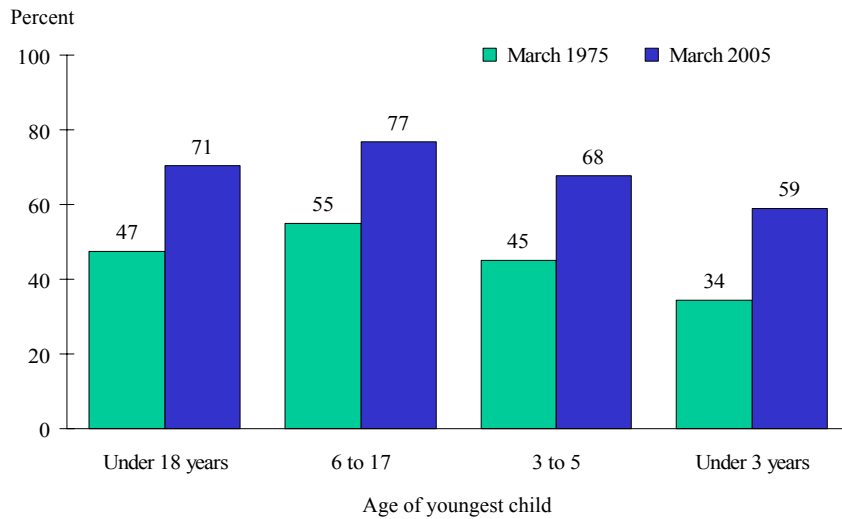


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- In 2005, about 7 out of 10 mothers were labor force participants. In 1975, about 5 out of 10 were working or looking for work.
- In 2005, participation rates ranged from 59 percent for mothers whose youngest child was under 3 years old to 77 percent for those whose youngest child was 6 to 17.