

Table 23. Married-couple families by number and relationship of earners, 1967–2008

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	Married-couple families										
	Total	No earners	One earner				Two earners or more				
			Total	Husband only	Wife only	Other family member	Total	Husband and wife	Husband and other family member	Wife and other family member	Husband and wife are not earners
1967.....	43,292	2,943	16,490	15,429	716	345	23,859	18,888	4,639	-	-
1968.....	43,842	2,888	16,375	15,310	730	335	24,579	19,743	4,522	-	-
1969.....	44,436	3,022	16,268	15,133	797	339	25,145	20,327	4,517	-	-
1970.....	44,832	3,252	16,117	14,931	867	320	25,464	20,510	4,622	-	-
1971.....	45,939	3,471	16,847	15,502	1,004	340	25,621	20,641	4,651	-	-
1972.....	46,594	3,632	16,787	15,387	1,003	398	26,175	21,279	4,553	-	-
1973.....	47,185	4,027	16,080	14,547	1,110	423	27,078	22,152	4,535	-	-
1974.....	47,438	4,325	15,795	14,122	1,216	457	27,319	22,451	4,442	-	-
1975.....	47,878	4,943	16,217	14,343	1,394	481	26,717	22,338	3,861	-	-
1976.....	48,150	4,962	15,630	13,690	1,424	516	27,559	23,104	3,829	-	-
1977.....	48,131	5,177	15,119	13,153	1,456	512	27,835	23,474	3,812	-	-
1978.....	48,532	5,226	14,456	12,434	1,509	513	28,850	24,655	3,609	-	-
1979.....	49,132	5,559	13,912	11,934	1,499	480	29,660	25,595	3,476	-	-
1980.....	49,316	5,903	13,900	11,621	1,707	573	29,513	25,557	3,380	-	-
1981.....	49,669	6,213	13,832	11,524	1,680	628	29,624	25,729	3,212	-	-
1982.....	49,947	6,427	14,235	11,575	2,048	613	29,285	25,387	3,149	-	-
1983.....	50,134	6,549	13,692	11,100	1,944	647	29,893	26,119	2,996	-	-
1984.....	50,395	6,630	12,952	10,472	1,852	628	30,814	27,035	2,891	-	-
1985.....	50,978	6,693	12,961	10,406	1,897	658	31,324	27,787	2,764	-	-
1986.....	51,574	6,731	12,565	9,984	1,917	664	32,278	28,811	2,730	-	-
1987.....	51,847	6,741	12,435	9,787	1,946	702	32,671	29,369	2,576	-	-
1988.....	52,149	6,754	11,876	9,463	1,777	636	33,519	30,536	2,303	532	148
1989.....	52,385	6,812	11,748	9,212	1,840	695	33,825	30,879	2,373	435	138
1990.....	52,241	6,770	11,630	9,107	1,826	698	33,841	30,829	2,369	479	164
1991.....	52,549	7,091	11,523	8,873	1,993	657	33,935	31,049	2,161	527	197
1992.....	53,254	7,256	11,977	9,114	2,145	718	34,021	31,268	1,940	624	199
1993.....	53,248	7,282	11,842	8,745	2,411	687	34,123	31,302	2,051	614	156
1994.....	53,929	7,227	11,774	8,719	2,374	681	34,928	32,125	2,048	603	151
1995.....	53,621	7,278	11,739	8,821	2,253	664	34,604	32,061	1,878	539	127
1996.....	53,654	7,148	11,556	8,671	2,214	671	34,950	32,406	1,899	522	123
1997.....	54,362	7,289	11,728	8,792	2,302	634	35,345	32,764	1,853	569	158
1998.....	54,829	7,257	12,279	9,198	2,419	662	35,293	32,810	1,726	616	141
1999.....	55,352	7,163	12,328	9,093	2,595	640	35,861	33,360	1,815	519	167
2000.....	56,643	7,463	12,717	9,515	2,601	600	36,463	33,892	1,865	566	139
2001.....	56,798	7,666	12,907	9,621	2,698	588	36,224	33,696	1,898	501	129
2002.....	57,362	7,803	13,487	10,109	2,818	560	36,071	33,547	1,845	558	121
2003.....	57,767	8,043	14,051	10,469	3,026	557	35,673	33,220	1,789	548	117
2004.....	58,045	7,996	14,352	10,821	2,991	540	35,696	33,131	1,832	610	123
2005.....	58,225	8,017	14,292	10,603	3,096	593	35,915	33,380	1,818	597	121
2006.....	59,050	8,091	14,545	10,693	3,261	591	36,414	33,880	1,752	639	142
2007.....	58,490	7,914	14,264	10,392	3,265	608	36,312	33,718	1,847	597	149
2008.....	59,137	8,078	14,606	10,552	3,434	620	36,452	33,905	1,739	650	158

See note at end of table.

Table 23. Married-couple families by number and relationship of earners, 1967–2008—Continued

(Percent distribution)

Year	Married-couple families										
	Total	No earners	One earner				Two earners or more				
			Total	Husband only	Wife only	Other family member	Total	Husband and wife	Husband and other family member	Wife and other family member	Husband and wife are not earners
1967.....	100.0	6.8	38.1	35.6	1.7	0.8	55.1	43.6	10.7	-	-
1968.....	100.0	6.6	37.4	34.9	1.7	.8	56.1	45.0	10.3	-	-
1969.....	100.0	6.8	36.6	34.1	1.8	.8	56.6	45.7	10.2	-	-
1970.....	100.0	7.3	35.9	33.3	1.9	.7	56.8	45.7	10.3	-	-
1971.....	100.0	7.6	36.7	33.7	2.2	.7	55.8	44.9	10.1	-	-
1972.....	100.0	7.8	36.0	33.0	2.2	.9	56.2	45.7	9.8	-	-
1973.....	100.0	8.5	34.1	30.8	2.4	.9	57.4	46.9	9.6	-	-
1974.....	100.0	9.1	33.3	29.8	2.6	1.0	57.6	47.3	9.4	-	-
1975.....	100.0	10.3	33.9	30.0	2.9	1.0	55.8	46.7	8.1	-	-
1976.....	100.0	10.3	32.5	28.4	3.0	1.1	57.2	48.0	8.0	-	-
1977.....	100.0	10.8	31.4	27.3	3.0	1.1	57.8	48.8	7.9	-	-
1978.....	100.0	10.8	29.8	25.6	3.1	1.1	59.4	50.8	7.4	-	-
1979.....	100.0	11.3	28.3	24.3	3.1	1.0	60.4	52.1	7.1	-	-
1980.....	100.0	12.0	28.2	23.6	3.5	1.2	59.8	51.8	6.9	-	-
1981.....	100.0	12.5	27.8	23.2	3.4	1.3	59.6	51.8	6.5	-	-
1982.....	100.0	12.9	28.5	23.2	4.1	1.2	58.6	50.8	6.3	-	-
1983.....	100.0	13.1	27.3	22.1	3.9	1.3	59.6	52.1	6.0	-	-
1984.....	100.0	13.2	25.7	20.8	3.7	1.2	61.1	53.6	5.7	-	-
1985.....	100.0	13.1	25.4	20.4	3.7	1.3	61.4	54.5	5.4	-	-
1986.....	100.0	13.1	24.4	19.4	3.7	1.3	62.6	55.9	5.3	-	-
1987.....	100.0	13.0	24.0	18.9	3.8	1.4	63.0	56.6	5.0	-	-
1988.....	100.0	13.0	22.8	18.1	3.4	1.2	64.3	58.6	4.4	1.0	0.3
1989.....	100.0	13.0	22.4	17.6	3.5	1.3	64.6	58.9	4.5	.8	.3
1990.....	100.0	13.0	22.3	17.4	3.5	1.3	64.8	59.0	4.5	.9	.3
1991.....	100.0	13.5	21.9	16.9	3.8	1.3	64.6	59.1	4.1	1.0	.4
1992.....	100.0	13.6	22.5	17.1	4.0	1.3	63.9	58.7	3.6	1.2	.4
1993.....	100.0	13.7	22.2	16.4	4.5	1.3	64.1	58.8	3.9	1.2	.3
1994.....	100.0	13.4	21.8	16.2	4.4	1.3	64.8	59.6	3.8	1.1	.3
1995.....	100.0	13.6	21.9	16.5	4.2	1.2	64.5	59.8	3.5	1.0	.2
1996.....	100.0	13.3	21.5	16.2	4.1	1.3	65.1	60.4	3.5	1.0	.2
1997.....	100.0	13.4	21.6	16.2	4.2	1.2	65.0	60.3	3.4	1.0	.3
1998.....	100.0	13.2	22.4	16.8	4.4	1.2	64.4	59.8	3.1	1.1	.3
1999.....	100.0	12.9	22.3	16.4	4.7	1.2	64.8	60.3	3.3	.9	.3
2000.....	100.0	13.2	22.5	16.8	4.6	1.1	64.4	59.8	3.3	1.0	.2
2001.....	100.0	13.5	22.7	16.9	4.8	1.0	63.8	59.3	3.3	.9	.2
2002.....	100.0	13.6	23.5	17.6	4.9	1.0	62.9	58.5	3.2	1.0	.2
2003.....	100.0	13.9	24.3	18.1	5.2	1.0	61.8	57.5	3.1	.9	.2
2004.....	100.0	13.8	24.7	18.6	5.2	.9	61.5	57.1	3.2	1.0	.2
2005.....	100.0	13.8	24.5	18.2	5.3	1.0	61.7	57.3	3.1	1.0	.2
2006.....	100.0	13.7	24.6	18.1	5.5	1.0	61.7	57.4	3.0	1.1	.2
2007.....	100.0	13.5	24.4	17.8	5.6	1.0	62.1	57.6	3.2	1.0	.3
2008.....	100.0	13.7	24.7	17.8	5.8	1.0	61.6	57.3	2.9	1.1	.3

NOTE: These data, collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement, reflect the earnings and work experience of the entire year. Dash indicates data not available.

SOURCE: Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1968–2009, Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.