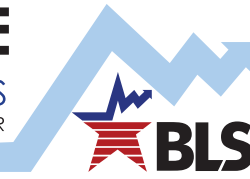


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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES — 2025

In 2025, 5.7 percent of families included an unemployed person, up from 5.3 percent in 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Of the nation's 85.9 million families, 79.8 percent had at least one employed member in 2025, down 0.3 percentage point over the year.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey of about 60,000 households. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses present. Unless otherwise noted, families include those with and without children under age 18. For further information, see the Technical Note in this news release.

Families and Unemployment

In 2025, the number of families with at least one unemployed family member increased by 367,000 to 4.9 million. The proportion of families with an unemployed person increased by 0.4 percentage point from the prior year to 5.7 percent. The proportion of families with an unemployed person rose for White families (to 5.0 percent), Black families (to 9.0 percent), and Asian families (to 5.8 percent) in 2025. The share of Hispanic families with an unemployed person (7.7 percent) was little changed over the year. Black and Hispanic families remained more likely to have an unemployed member than White or Asian families. (See table 1.)

Federal Government Shutdown Impact on Families Data

The Current Population Survey (CPS) for October 2025 was not collected due to the federal government shutdown. As a result, annual estimates for 2025 household survey data were produced using 11-month averages that exclude October. Consequently, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

For information about the impact of the federal government shutdown on CPS data, see www.bls.gov/cps/methods/2025-federal-government-shutdown-impact-cps.htm.

Among families with an unemployed member in 2025, 71.8 percent also had at least one employed family member, little changed from the prior year. The proportion of families with an unemployed member that had at least one family member working full time changed little, at 63.2 percent, in 2025. Among families with an unemployed member, Black families remained less likely to also have at least one family member who was working in 2025 (63.0 percent of families) than White (73.9 percent), Asian (78.2 percent), and Hispanic (72.9 percent) families. (See table 1.)

In 2025, 5 percent of married-couple families had an unemployed member, which was less than the shares for families maintained by women (9 percent) and for families maintained by men (8 percent). Among families with an unemployed member, both those maintained by women and those maintained by men were less likely to also include an employed family member (56.0 percent and 63.8 percent, respectively) than married-couple families (81.4 percent). (See tables 2 and 3.)

Families and Employment

The share of families with at least one employed family member decreased by 0.3 percentage point to 79.8 percent in 2025. The likelihood of having an employed family member changed little over the year for Black (80.1 percent), Asian (87.8 percent), and Hispanic (87.4 percent) families. This likelihood decreased by 0.4 percentage point for White families (to 78.9 percent) in 2025. White families were the least likely to have an employed family member. (See table 1.)

The share of families with an employed member decreased for married-couple families by 0.5 percentage point to 79.1 percent in 2025. The share of families maintained by men with an employed member (86.2 percent) increased by 1.4 percentage points over the year, while the share of families maintained by women with an employed member (79.2 percent) was little changed. Families maintained by women remained less likely to have an employed member than families maintained by men. Families maintained by women and married-couple families were about equally likely to include an employed member. (See table 2.)

In 2025, both spouses were employed in 49.1 percent of married-couple families, 0.5 percentage point lower than the prior year. Only one spouse was employed in 23.4 percent of married-couple families. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

In 2025, 32.9 million families, or nearly two-fifths of all families, included children under age 18. (Included are biological, step-, or adopted children living in the household who are under age 18. Nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related and unrelated children, and children not living in the household are not included.) At least one parent was employed in 91.6 percent of families with children, little changed from the prior year. Among married-couple families with children, 97.4 percent had at least one employed parent in 2025, and in 66.3 percent of these families both parents were employed. Among families maintained by fathers, 86.6 percent of fathers were employed, up from 84.8 percent in 2024. This was a larger share than the 75.6 percent of mothers

who were employed in families maintained by mothers, little changed from the prior year. (See tables 1 and 4.)

Parents

The labor force participation rate—the percent of the population working or looking for work—for all mothers with children under age 18 was 73.9 percent in 2025, little changed from the prior year. The participation rate for fathers with children under age 18 was also little changed at 93.7 percent in 2025. (See table 5.)

The participation rates for married mothers and for married fathers (72.1 percent and 94.4 percent, respectively) changed little in 2025. The rates for mothers and fathers with other marital statuses (78.1 percent and 89.8 percent, respectively) were also little changed from the previous year. Married mothers remained less likely to participate in the labor force in 2025 than mothers with other marital statuses. By contrast, married fathers remained more likely to participate in the labor force than fathers with other marital statuses. (Other marital status includes people who are never married; widowed; divorced; separated; and married, spouse absent.) (See table 5.)

Mothers of younger children remained less likely to participate in the labor force than mothers with older children. In 2025, 68.0 percent of mothers with children under age 6 participated in the labor force compared with 78.2 percent of mothers whose youngest child was ages 6 to 17. Conversely, fathers with children under age 6 were more likely to participate in the labor force than those whose youngest child was ages 6 to 17 (95.3 percent versus 92.5 percent). (See table 5.)

In 2025, the unemployment rates for both mothers and fathers changed little (3.7 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively). The unemployment rate for married mothers remained considerably lower than the rate for mothers with other marital statuses in 2025—2.4 percent compared with 6.3 percent. Married fathers also continued to have a lower unemployment rate than fathers with other marital statuses (2.1 percent versus 4.7 percent). Among mothers who had children under age 3, the unemployment rate for those with other marital statuses was more than three times higher than that for married mothers (8.9 percent versus 2.5 percent). (See tables 5 and 6.)

Employed fathers remained more likely to work full time than employed mothers in 2025—95 percent compared with 79 percent. Among employed mothers, those with older children remained more likely to work full time than those with younger children. In 2025, 80 percent of employed mothers with children ages 6 to 17 worked full time compared with 77 percent of mothers with children under age 6. However, employed fathers of older children and those with younger children were about equally likely to work full time (95 percent and 96 percent, respectively). (See table 5.)

Technical Note

The estimates in this news release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS, which is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is a monthly survey of about 60,000 eligible households that provides information on the labor force status, demographics, and other characteristics of the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over.

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Definitions

Definitions of the principal terms used in this news release are described briefly below.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the people) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of their relationship to the householder. The race and Hispanic ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder.

Family. A family is a group of two or more people residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption; all such individuals are considered members of one family. Sub-families are excluded from the count of families. A sub-family is a family that does not maintain their own household, such as a married couple living in the home of a friend and their family. In this example, the report would include only one family, not two.

Families include those with and without children under age 18. Families are further categorized as follows:

- *Married-couple families* refer to opposite-sex and same-sex married couples residing together and any of their family members residing in the household.
- *Families maintained by women or men* are made up of householders residing with one or more family members but no spouse of either sex present. Unmarried domestic partners of either sex may or may not be present in the household.

This news release presents data for two marital status categories, defined below. Marital status is

based on a person's status at the time of the survey.

Total married, spouse present. Married, spouse present, includes people in either opposite-sex or same-sex marriages living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, on vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, or for other reasons.

Other marital status. Other marital status includes people who are never married; widowed; divorced; separated; and married, spouse absent. Separated includes people with legal separations, those living apart with intentions of obtaining a divorce, and other people permanently or temporarily separated because of marital discord. Married, spouse absent, includes married people living apart because either a husband or wife was employed and living at a considerable distance from home, was serving away from home in the Armed Forces, had moved to another area, or had a different place of residence for any other reason except separation as defined above.

Children. Data on children refer to own children under age 18 that live in the household. Included are biological, step-, and adopted children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household. Children not living in the household also are not included.

Parents. Data on parents refer to people living in a household with their own children under age 18. (This includes those living with biological, step-, and adopted children.)

Employed. Employed people are all those who, during the survey reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family. People who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, labor disputes, or another reason also are counted as employed.

Full-time workers. Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours or more per week at all jobs.

Part-time workers. Part-time workers are those who usually work fewer than 35 hours per week at all jobs.

Unemployed. The unemployed are people who had no employment during the reference week,

were available for work at that time, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. People who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force comprises all people classified as employed or unemployed.

Labor force participation rate. The labor force participation rate is the number of people in the labor force as a percent of the population.

Employment-population ratio. The employment-population ratio is the number of employed people as a percent of the population.

Unemployment rate. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the true population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many

reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

Information about the reliability of data from the CPS and guidance on estimating standard errors are available at www.bls.gov/cps/methods/reliability-of-CPS-estimates.htm.

Comparability of the estimates

Effective with data for 2020, estimates of the number of married people refer to those in opposite-sex and same-sex marriages. Prior to 2020, estimates of the number of married people referred to those in opposite-sex marriages only. The definition of families incorporated this change by expanding the definition of married-couple families to include same-sex married couples. This new classification resulted in a larger estimate of the number of people who are married with a spouse present. It also resulted in a larger estimate of the number of married-couple families and the total number of families.

In addition, the data presented in this news release are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the introduction of updated population estimates, or controls, used in the CPS. The population controls are updated each year in January to reflect the latest information about population change. Additional information is available from the BLS website at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2024-2025 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2024	2025
EMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	84,327	85,915
With at least one family member employed.....	67,512	68,545
As a percent of total families.....	80.1	79.8
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	61,786	62,734
With no family member employed.....	16,816	17,370
As a percent of total families.....	19.9	20.2
White		
Total families.....	65,483	66,441
With at least one family member employed.....	51,940	52,407
As a percent of total families.....	79.3	78.9
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	47,440	47,870
With no family member employed.....	13,543	14,034
As a percent of total families.....	20.7	21.1
Black or African American		
Total families.....	10,531	10,641
With at least one family member employed.....	8,422	8,526
As a percent of total families.....	80.0	80.1
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	7,679	7,742
With no family member employed.....	2,108	2,116
As a percent of total families.....	20.0	19.9
Asian		
Total families.....	5,551	5,931
With at least one family member employed.....	4,859	5,210
As a percent of total families.....	87.5	87.8
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	4,591	4,929
With no family member employed.....	692	721
As a percent of total families.....	12.5	12.2
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	14,720	15,364
With at least one family member employed.....	12,827	13,427
As a percent of total families.....	87.1	87.4
With at least one family member employed full time ¹	11,776	12,365
With no family member employed.....	1,893	1,937
As a percent of total families.....	12.9	12.6
UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAMILIES		
Total families.....	84,327	85,915
With at least one family member unemployed.....	4,497	4,864
As a percent of total families.....	5.3	5.7
Some family member(s) employed.....	3,240	3,492
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	72.0	71.8
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	2,838	3,076
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	63.1	63.2
White		
Total families.....	65,483	66,441
With at least one family member unemployed.....	3,151	3,296
As a percent of total families.....	4.8	5.0
Some family member(s) employed.....	2,344	2,437
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	74.4	73.9
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	2,050	2,136
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	65.0	64.8
Black or African American		
Total families.....	10,531	10,641
With at least one family member unemployed.....	828	962
As a percent of total families.....	7.9	9.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 2024-2025 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2024	2025
Some family member(s) employed.....	498	606
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	60.2	63.0
Some family member employed full time ¹	437	532
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	52.8	55.2
Asian		
Total families.....	5,551	5,931
With at least one family member unemployed.....	285	341
As a percent of total families.....	5.1	5.8
Some family member(s) employed.....	235	267
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	82.4	78.2
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	214	249
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	75.2	72.9
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		
Total families.....	14,720	15,364
With at least one family member unemployed.....	1,144	1,181
As a percent of total families.....	7.8	7.7
Some family member(s) employed.....	844	861
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	73.7	72.9
Some family member(s) employed full time ¹	739	755
As a percent of families with at least one family member unemployed.....	64.6	64.0

¹ Usually work 35 hours or more per week at all jobs.

NOTE: The race or ethnicity of the family is determined by that of the householder, the family reference person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data. Annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2024-2025 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
TOTAL MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total.....	61,482	62,640	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	48,930	49,559	79.6	79.1
With only one spouse employed.....	14,364	14,671	23.4	23.4
With both spouses employed.....	30,476	30,729	49.6	49.1
Other employment combinations.....	4,089	4,159	6.7	6.6
With no family member employed.....	12,552	13,081	20.4	20.9
Opposite-sex married-couple families				
Total.....	60,734	61,814	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	48,278	48,861	79.5	79.0
Husband only.....	10,060	10,297	16.6	16.7
Wife only.....	4,148	4,198	6.8	6.8
Husband and wife.....	29,990	30,221	49.4	48.9
Other employment combinations.....	4,080	4,145	6.7	6.7
With no family member employed.....	12,456	12,953	20.5	21.0
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN¹				
Total.....	15,269	15,515	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	12,159	12,293	79.6	79.2
Householder only.....	6,138	6,102	40.2	39.3
Householder and other member(s).....	3,799	3,898	24.9	25.1
Other member(s), not householder.....	2,223	2,293	14.6	14.8
With no family member employed.....	3,110	3,222	20.4	20.8
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN¹				
Total.....	7,576	7,761	100.0	100.0
With at least one family member employed.....	6,423	6,693	84.8	86.2
Householder only.....	2,872	2,953	37.9	38.1
Householder and other member(s).....	2,495	2,644	32.9	34.1
Other member(s), not householder.....	1,056	1,097	13.9	14.1
With no family member employed.....	1,154	1,067	15.2	13.8

¹ Includes families with no spouse present.

NOTE: In families maintained by women or men with no spouse present, householder refers to the woman or man maintaining the family. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data. Annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2024-2025 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
TOTAL MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	2,604	2,832	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	2,151	2,306	82.6	81.4
No family member employed.....	453	526	17.4	18.6
Unemployment of family members				
At least one spouse unemployed ¹	1,642	1,781	63.0	62.9
One spouse employed.....	1,210	1,302	46.4	46.0
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	963	1,051	37.0	37.1
Opposite-sex married-couple families				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	2,574	2,786	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	2,123	2,269	82.5	81.4
No family member employed.....	451	517	17.5	18.6
Unemployment of family members				
Husband unemployed ²	874	950	33.9	34.1
Wife employed.....	551	592	21.4	21.2
Wife unemployed, husband employed or not in labor force.....	744	794	28.9	28.5
Husband employed.....	637	680	24.7	24.4
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	957	1,043	37.2	37.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN³				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	1,258	1,411	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	714	790	56.8	56.0
No family member employed.....	544	621	43.2	44.0
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	564	629	44.8	44.6
Other member(s) employed.....	173	184	13.8	13.0
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	694	782	55.2	55.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN³				
With at least one family member unemployed, total.....	634	622	100.0	100.0
Employment of family members				
Some family member(s) employed.....	374	397	59.0	63.8
No family member employed.....	260	225	41.0	36.2
Unemployment of family members				
Householder unemployed.....	356	344	56.2	55.3
Other member(s) employed.....	160	178	25.2	28.6
Other family member(s) unemployed.....	278	278	43.8	44.7

¹ Includes families with both spouses unemployed.

² Total opposite-sex married couple families with unemployed husbands, including those with unemployed wives.

³ Includes families with no spouse present.

NOTE: In families maintained by women or men with no spouse present, householder refers to the woman or man maintaining the family. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data. Annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2024-2025 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total families.....	32,695	32,895	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	29,888	30,124	91.4	91.6
No parent employed.....	2,807	2,771	8.6	8.4
 Total married-couple families				
Total.....	22,531	22,708	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	21,975	22,125	97.5	97.4
Both parents employed.....	14,991	15,048	66.5	66.3
Only one parent employed.....	6,985	7,077	31.0	31.2
Neither parent employed.....	556	583	2.5	2.6
 Opposite-sex married couple families				
Total.....	22,411	22,555	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	21,856	21,974	97.5	97.4
Mother employed.....	16,002	16,029	71.4	71.1
Both parents employed.....	14,900	14,941	66.5	66.2
Mother employed, not father.....	1,102	1,089	4.9	4.8
Father employed, not mother.....	5,854	5,945	26.1	26.4
Neither parent employed.....	555	581	2.5	2.6
 Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	7,491	7,479	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	5,645	5,656	75.4	75.6
Mother not employed.....	1,846	1,824	24.6	24.4
 Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	2,672	2,708	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	2,268	2,344	84.8	86.6
Father not employed.....	405	364	15.2	13.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total families.....	19,358	19,473	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	17,756	17,884	91.7	91.8
No parent employed.....	1,603	1,589	8.3	8.2
 Total married-couple families				
Total.....	12,908	12,992	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,547	12,624	97.2	97.2
Both parents employed.....	8,964	9,008	69.4	69.3
Only one parent employed.....	3,583	3,616	27.8	27.8
Neither parent employed.....	361	368	2.8	2.8
 Opposite-sex married couple families				
Total.....	12,832	12,913	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,472	12,547	97.2	97.2
Mother employed.....	9,634	9,680	75.1	75.0
Both parents employed.....	8,904	8,952	69.4	69.3
Mother employed, not father.....	730	728	5.7	5.6
Father employed, not mother.....	2,838	2,866	22.1	22.2
Neither parent employed.....	360	367	2.8	2.8
 Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	4,805	4,817	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	3,817	3,841	79.4	79.7
Mother not employed.....	988	975	20.6	20.3
 Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,645	1,664	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	1,392	1,419	84.6	85.3
Father not employed.....	254	245	15.4	14.7
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total families.....	13,337	13,422	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	12,132	12,240	91.0	91.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2024-2025 annual averages — Continued
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
No parent employed.....	1,204	1,182	9.0	8.8
Total married-couple families				
Total.....	9,623	9,716	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,428	9,501	98.0	97.8
Both parents employed.....	6,026	6,040	62.6	62.2
Only one parent employed.....	3,402	3,461	35.3	35.6
Neither parent employed.....	195	215	2.0	2.2
Opposite-sex married couple families				
Total.....	9,578	9,642	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed.....	9,384	9,427	98.0	97.8
Mother employed.....	6,368	6,349	66.5	65.8
Both parents employed.....	5,996	5,988	62.6	62.1
Mother employed, not father.....	372	361	3.9	3.7
Father employed, not mother.....	3,016	3,078	31.5	31.9
Neither parent employed.....	195	215	2.0	2.2
Families maintained by mother¹				
Total.....	2,686	2,663	100.0	100.0
Mother employed.....	1,828	1,814	68.1	68.1
Mother not employed.....	858	848	31.9	31.9
Families maintained by father¹				
Total.....	1,027	1,044	100.0	100.0
Father employed.....	876	925	85.3	88.6
Father not employed.....	151	119	14.7	11.4

¹ Includes families with no spouse present.

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Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2024-2025 annual averages
 [Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2024			2025		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	62,226	28,209	34,018	62,707	28,485	34,222
Civilian labor force.....	51,542	26,384	25,159	51,985	26,685	25,300
Participation rate.....	82.8	93.5	74.0	82.9	93.7	73.9
Employed.....	50,010	25,746	24,264	50,396	26,020	24,375
Full-time workers ¹	43,782	24,561	19,221	44,102	24,821	19,281
Part-time workers ²	6,227	1,185	5,043	6,293	1,199	5,094
Employment-population ratio.....	80.4	91.3	71.3	80.4	91.3	71.2
Unemployed.....	1,533	638	895	1,589	664	924
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	2.4	3.6	3.1	2.5	3.7
 Total married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	47,756	24,049	23,707	48,221	24,296	23,925
Civilian labor force.....	39,814	22,666	17,149	40,181	22,924	17,257
Participation rate.....	83.4	94.3	72.3	83.3	94.4	72.1
Employed.....	38,972	22,230	16,743	39,273	22,435	16,838
Full-time workers ¹	34,450	21,316	13,134	34,766	21,509	13,257
Part-time workers ²	4,522	914	3,609	4,507	926	3,581
Employment-population ratio.....	81.6	92.4	70.6	81.4	92.3	70.4
Unemployed.....	842	436	406	908	489	419
Unemployment rate.....	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.4
 Other marital status³						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	14,470	4,160	10,310	14,486	4,189	10,297
Civilian labor force.....	11,728	3,718	8,010	11,804	3,761	8,043
Participation rate.....	81.0	89.4	77.7	81.5	89.8	78.1
Employed.....	11,037	3,516	7,521	11,123	3,585	7,537
Full-time workers ¹	9,332	3,245	6,087	9,336	3,312	6,024
Part-time workers ²	1,705	271	1,434	1,787	273	1,514
Employment-population ratio.....	76.3	84.5	73.0	76.8	85.6	73.2
Unemployed.....	691	202	489	681	176	505
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	5.4	6.1	5.8	4.7	6.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	35,978	16,185	19,793	36,288	16,383	19,905
Civilian labor force.....	30,417	14,975	15,443	30,715	15,154	15,561
Participation rate.....	84.5	92.5	78.0	84.6	92.5	78.2
Employed.....	29,549	14,610	14,939	29,834	14,808	15,027
Full-time workers ¹	26,027	13,930	12,096	26,181	14,100	12,080
Part-time workers ²	3,522	680	2,842	3,654	708	2,946
Employment-population ratio.....	82.1	90.3	75.5	82.2	90.4	75.5
Unemployed.....	868	364	504	881	346	534
Unemployment rate.....	2.9	2.4	3.3	2.9	2.3	3.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	26,248	12,024	14,224	26,418	12,102	14,317
Civilian labor force.....	21,125	11,409	9,716	21,269	11,531	9,739
Participation rate.....	80.5	94.9	68.3	80.5	95.3	68.0
Employed.....	20,461	11,136	9,325	20,561	11,213	9,349
Full-time workers ¹	17,755	10,630	7,125	17,922	10,721	7,201
Part-time workers ²	2,705	505	2,200	2,640	492	2,148
Employment-population ratio.....	78.0	92.6	65.6	77.8	92.7	65.3
Unemployed.....	664	273	391	708	318	390
Unemployment rate.....	3.1	2.4	4.0	3.3	2.8	4.0
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	206,345	102,730	103,615	210,946	104,997	105,950
Civilian labor force.....	116,564	62,590	53,974	118,823	63,832	54,990
Participation rate.....	56.5	60.9	52.1	56.3	60.8	51.9
Employed.....	111,336	59,567	51,769	113,097	60,542	52,555

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2024-2025 annual averages — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2024			2025		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Full-time workers ¹	89,579	50,294	39,284	90,825	50,966	39,859
Part-time workers ²	21,757	9,273	12,485	22,272	9,576	12,697
Employment-population ratio.....	54.0	58.0	50.0	53.6	57.7	49.6
Unemployed.....	5,228	3,023	2,205	5,725	3,290	2,435
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.8	5.2	4.4

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Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and marital status, 2024-2025 annual averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2024				2025			
	With own children under 3 years old				With own children under 3 years old			
	Total	2 years	1 year	Under 1 year	Total	2 years	1 year	Under 1 year
TOTAL MOTHERS								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	8,063	2,632	2,904	2,526	8,067	2,572	2,879	2,615
Civilian labor force.....	5,275	1,831	1,879	1,565	5,241	1,714	1,907	1,620
Participation rate.....	65.4	69.6	64.7	61.9	65.0	66.6	66.2	61.9
Employed.....	5,067	1,765	1,802	1,500	5,019	1,646	1,823	1,550
Full-time workers ¹	3,822	1,347	1,371	1,104	3,830	1,298	1,359	1,173
Part-time workers ²	1,245	418	431	396	1,189	348	464	377
Employment-population ratio.....	62.8	67.1	62.0	59.4	62.2	64.0	63.3	59.3
Unemployed.....	208	66	77	65	221	68	84	70
Unemployment rate.....	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3
Total married, spouse present								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	5,941	1,906	2,179	1,855	5,957	1,884	2,115	1,958
Civilian labor force.....	3,871	1,300	1,404	1,167	3,842	1,234	1,384	1,223
Participation rate.....	65.2	68.2	64.4	62.9	64.5	65.5	65.4	62.5
Employed.....	3,778	1,266	1,366	1,145	3,745	1,204	1,345	1,196
Full-time workers ¹	2,873	975	1,046	852	2,900	954	1,022	923
Part-time workers ²	904	291	320	294	845	249	323	273
Employment-population ratio.....	63.6	66.4	62.7	61.7	62.9	63.9	63.6	61.1
Unemployed.....	94	34	38	22	97	31	39	27
Unemployment rate.....	2.4	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.2
Other marital status³								
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,122	726	726	671	2,110	689	764	657
Civilian labor force.....	1,403	531	475	398	1,399	480	523	396
Participation rate.....	66.1	73.2	65.4	59.3	66.3	69.7	68.4	60.3
Employed.....	1,290	499	436	354	1,274	443	478	354
Full-time workers ¹	949	372	325	252	930	344	337	249
Part-time workers ²	341	128	111	102	344	99	141	104
Employment-population ratio.....	60.8	68.8	60.1	52.8	60.4	64.3	62.5	53.8
Unemployed.....	114	32	39	43	125	38	45	42
Unemployment rate.....	8.1	6.0	8.1	10.9	8.9	7.8	8.6	10.7

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