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Women's Bureau

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### Labor Force Participation

- **Moms with children under 18**: 57.2%
- **All women**: 57.2%

- **1975**: 47.4%
- **1985**: 53.1%
- **1995**: 59.3%
- **2005**: 66.1%
- **2010**: 70.3%
- **2013**: 70.3%

*** Participation rates for All women are 1975-2013 annual averages; participation rates for Moms with children under 18 are for March 1975-2013.

#### 2013 Unemployment Rates

- **Mothers**: 7.3%
- **Fathers**: 4.9%

**Unemployment rate of mothers by age of youngest child**

- **6-17 years**: 6.2%
- **under 6**: 8.9%
- **under 3**: 9.1%

### Earnings

- **All Men**: 82.1¢
- **All Women**: 74.7¢
- **Fathers**: 756¢
- **Mothers**: 615¢

For every $1 made by a father with children under 18, mothers earn 74.7 cents. The gap for all women is 82.1 cents compared to all men.

### Occupations

- **Fathers**
  - **Management, professional & related**: 44.7%
  - **Production, transportation, & material moving**: 16.8%
  - **Service**: 21.7%
  - **Sales & Office**: 12.2%
  - **Natural Resources, construction, & maintenance**: 18%

- **Mothers**
  - **Management, professional & related**: 19.7%
  - **Service**: 44.7%
  - **Sales & Office**: 9.1%
  - **Production, transportation, & material moving**: 15.8%
  - **Natural Resources, construction, & maintenance**: 19.1%

**Mothers are the sole or primary breadwinner for a record 40% of households today compared with 11% of families in 1960.**

**Mothers with children under 18 in the United States**

- **31M**

**Based on households with children under 18. Includes married mothers who have higher income than their husbands and unmarried mothers who are the head of household.**

**About 25 percent of households today are maintained by unmarried mothers.**

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1. All data are for mothers of children under 18, unless otherwise noted.
2. Unmarried mothers include mothers who have never been married, divorced, widowed, separated, or are married but with spouse not present.
3. All data are 2013 annual averages, unless otherwise noted.
4. All data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, unless otherwise noted.