

Table 9-6. Labor Force Participation Rates of Women by Presence and Age of Youngest Child, Selected Years, 1947-2009

	With Children Under Age 18					
	No Children Under 18	Total	Age 6-17 Only	Under Age 6		
				Total	Under 3	Under 2
April 1947	29.8	18.6	27.3	12.0	NA	NA
April 1950	31.4	21.6	32.8	13.6	NA	NA
April 1955	33.9	17.0	38.4	18.2	NA	NA
March 1960	35.0	30.4	42.5	20.2	NA	NA
March 1965	36.5	35.0	45.7	25.3	21.4	NA
March 1970	42.8	42.4	51.6	32.2	27.3	NA
March 1975	45.1	47.4	54.9	39.0	34.3	31.5
March 1980	48.1	56.6	64.3	46.8	41.9	39.2
March 1985	50.4	62.1	69.9	53.5	49.5	48.0
March 1990	52.3	66.7	74.7	58.2	53.6	52.1
March 1995	52.9	69.7	76.4	62.3	58.7	57.9
March 2000	54.8	72.9	79.0	65.3	61.0	NA
March 2005	53.5	70.5	76.9	62.6	58.9	NA
March 2006	53.6	70.6	76.9	63.0	59.9	NA
March 2007	53.9	71.3	77.7	63.5	60.1	NA
March 2008	54.3	71.2	77.5	63.6	59.6	NA
March 2009	53.8	71.6	78.2	63.6	61.1	NA

Source: Table prepared by CRS based on data from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. For years prior to 1975, data come from previous editions of the Green Book. For 1975 forward, data are from *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook*, 2010 edition, pp. 18-20, published by the Department of Labor and available online at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/wlf-databook-2010.pdf>.

Notes: NA = not available. Data for 1994 and beyond are not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years because of introduction of a major redesign in the Current Population Survey (household survey) questionnaire and collection methodology and the introduction of 1990 census-based population controls, adjusted for the estimated undercount (Polivka & Rothgeb, 1993).