

**Table 9-7. Labor Force Participation Rates of Women with Children by Marital Status and Age of Youngest Child, Select Years, 1980-2009**

	1980	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2008	2009	% Increase, 1980-2009
<u>Married Women</u>									
Youngest Under 6	45.0	58.9	61.7	63.7	60.8	60.3	61.6	61.6	36.9%
Youngest 6-17	61.8	73.6	76.0	76.8	76.8	75.3	76.2	76.7	24.1%
<u>Other Marital Statuses<sup>a</sup></u>									
Youngest Under 6	52.2	59.3	59.2	70.7	73.6	70.6	68.8	68.5	31.2%
Youngest 6-17	66.6	75.0	70.7	79.6	83.0	80.6	80.6	81.6	22.5%
All Women with Children Under 18 (regardless of marital status)	56.6	66.7	68.4	72.3	72.2	70.6	71.2	71.6	26.5%

**Source:** Table prepared by CRS based on data from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. For years prior to 2002, data come from previous editions of the Green Book. For 2002 forward, data are from annual editions of *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook*, published by the Department of Labor and available online at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/publications.htm>. Most recently, the 2009 data are from Table 6 on p. 15 of the 2010 edition.

**Notes:** 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).

a. This category includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.