

Labor force participation rates of Minnesota and U.S. women with own children have increased significantly over the years.

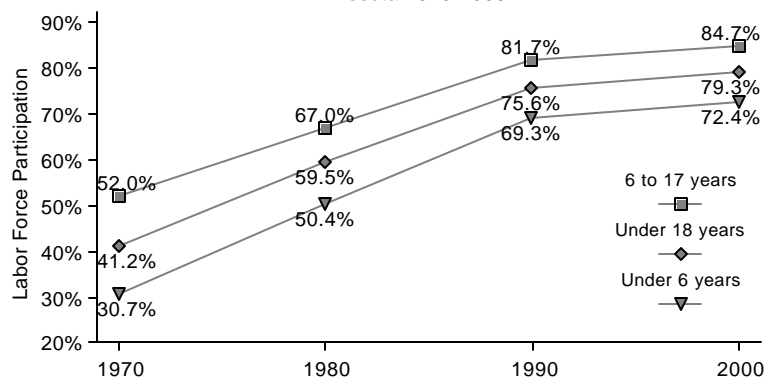
Minnesota women with children have higher rates of labor force participation than comparable U.S. women. Although rates are highest for women with older children, the increase in rates has been greatest for women with young children (under 6 years).

- Between 1970 and 2000, the percentage of Minnesota women in the labor force with children under six years more than doubled, from 30.7 percent to 72.4 percent.
- Between 1970 and 2000, the percentage of Minnesota women in the labor force with a youngest children age six to 17 years increased more than 1.6 times, from just over one-half (52.0%) to nearly 85 percent (84.7%).

Minnesota

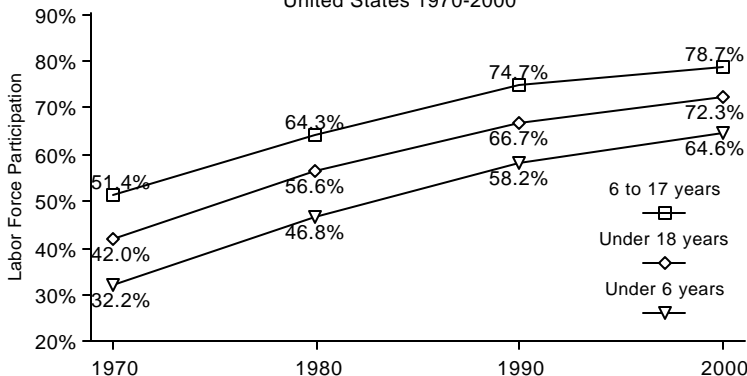
- In 1970, just over two in five (41.2%) Minnesota women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force. Labor force participation rates of Minnesota women with children were similar to the rates of U.S. women.
- In 1980, nearly three in five (59.5%) Minnesota women with children under 18 years were in the labor force. Labor force participation rates of Minnesota women with children were slightly higher than the national rates.
- In 1990, just over three in four (75.6%) Minnesota women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force. Labor force participation rates of Minnesota women with children were significantly higher than the comparable national rates.
- In 2000, nearly four in five (79.3%) Minnesota women with children under 18 years were in the labor force. Minnesota women with children continued to have significantly higher labor force participation rates than their national counterparts.

Labor Force Participation of Women with Own Children by Age of Youngest Child
Minnesota 1970-2000



United States

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- In 1970, just over four in ten (42.0%) U.S. women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force.
- In 1980, more than one-half (56.6%) of U.S. women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force.
- In 1990, two in three (66.7%) U.S. women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force.
- In 2000, just under three in four (72.3%) U.S. women with children under 18 years participated in the labor force.

Sources: Minnesota data compiled from U.S. Census Bureau decennial census data, SF3.
U.S. data compiled from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

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