

Female Labor Force Participation Rates by Age, 1948-2014 (%)

Year	16+	16-24	25-49	50-54	55-61	62+	62-64	65+	65-69	70-74	75+
1948	32.7	43.9	--	--	--	--	--	9.1	--	--	--
1950	33.9	43.9	--	--	--	--	--	9.7	--	--	--
1955	35.7	43.1	--	--	--	--	--	10.6	--	--	--
1960	37.7	42.8	--	--	--	--	--	10.8	--	--	--
1965	39.3	44.0	--	--	--	--	--	10.0	--	--	--
1966	40.3	46.5	--	--	--	--	--	9.6	--	--	--
1967	41.1	47.6	46.4	--	--	--	--	9.6	--	--	--
1968	41.6	48.5	47.1	--	--	--	--	9.6	--	--	--
1969	42.7	50.4	48.3	--	--	--	--	9.9	--	--	--
1970	43.3	51.3	49.4	--	--	--	--	9.7	--	--	--
1971	43.4	51.1	49.7	--	--	--	--	9.5	--	--	--
1972	43.9	53.0	50.6	--	--	--	--	9.3	--	--	--
1973	44.7	54.9	52.2	--	--	--	--	8.9	--	--	--
1974	45.7	56.6	53.8	--	--	--	--	8.1	--	--	--
1975	46.3	57.2	55.4	--	--	--	--	8.2	--	--	--
1976	47.3	58.0	57.5	53.0	45.9	11.9	28.3	8.2	14.9	--	--
1977	48.4	59.6	59.3	53.7	45.7	11.9	28.5	8.1	14.5	--	--
1978	50.0	61.7	61.6	54.5	46.2	12.0	28.5	8.3	14.9	--	--
1979	50.9	62.5	63.3	56.5	46.6	12.0	28.8	8.3	15.3	--	--
1980	51.5	61.9	65.0	57.8	46.1	11.7	28.5	8.1	15.1	--	--
1981	52.1	61.9	66.4	58.1	46.6	11.5	27.5	8.0	14.9	--	--
1982	52.6	62.0	67.6	58.0	46.9	11.6	28.5	7.9	14.9	--	--
1983	52.9	61.9	68.4	58.5	46.4	11.6	29.1	7.8	14.7	--	--
1984	53.6	62.8	69.4	59.4	47.1	11.3	28.8	7.5	14.2	--	--
1985	54.5	63.7	70.8	60.8	47.4	11.0	28.6	7.3	13.5	--	--
1986	55.3	64.3	71.9	62.0	48.1	11.1	28.5	7.4	14.3	--	--
1987	56.0	64.6	73.0	63.2	48.9	10.9	27.8	7.4	14.3	6.8	2.4
1988	56.6	64.5	73.6	64.8	49.9	11.4	28.5	7.9	15.4	7.5	2.4
1989	57.4	64.4	74.6	65.9	51.4	12.1	30.3	8.4	16.4	7.9	2.6
1990	57.5	62.9	74.8	66.9	51.7	12.2	30.7	8.6	17.0	8.2	2.7
1991	57.4	61.7	74.8	67.8	52.1	11.8	29.3	8.5	17.0	8.0	2.8
1992	57.8	61.8	75.3	68.7	53.6	11.8	30.5	8.3	16.2	8.2	2.8
1993	57.9	62.0	75.2	69.8	53.8	11.7	31.7	8.1	16.1	7.9	2.8
1994	58.8	62.5	75.9	70.7	55.5	12.8	33.1	9.2	17.9	8.7	3.5
1995	58.9	62.3	76.3	70.7	55.9	12.3	32.5	8.8	17.5	9.3	2.9
1996	59.3	62.2	76.7	71.9	56.4	11.9	31.8	8.6	17.2	8.8	3.1
1997	59.8	62.6	77.1	73.5	57.3	12.1	33.6	8.6	17.6	8.9	2.9
1998	59.8	63.3	77.1	73.0	57.6	12.1	33.3	8.6	17.8	9.3	2.9
1999	60.0	62.9	77.2	74.0	57.9	12.6	33.7	8.9	18.4	9.6	3.3
2000	59.9	63.0	77.2	74.1	58.3	13.0	34.1	9.4	19.5	10.0	3.6
2001	59.8	62.0	76.8	74.1	58.9	13.6	36.7	9.6	20.0	10.9	3.3
2002	59.6	61.1	76.2	74.0	61.1	14.0	37.6	9.8	20.7	11.1	3.5
2003	59.5	59.2	75.8	74.7	62.5	14.9	38.6	10.6	22.7	11.2	4.1
2004	59.2	58.7	75.4	74.5	62.1	15.4	38.7	11.1	23.3	12.0	4.3
2005	59.3	58.6	75.5	74.0	62.7	16.1	39.9	11.5	23.7	12.8	4.5
2006	59.4	57.9	75.6	74.7	63.8	16.7	41.5	11.7	24.2	13.1	4.4
2007	59.3	57.2	75.5	74.7	63.8	17.6	41.8	12.6	25.7	14.0	4.8
2008	59.5	56.5	76.0	74.8	64.6	18.0	42.0	13.3	26.4	14.3	5.2
2009	59.2	55.2	75.8	74.7	65.5	19.0	44.0	13.6	26.6	15.0	5.3
2010	58.6	53.6	75.3	74.6	65.6	19.6	45.3	13.8	27.0	14.7	5.3
2011	58.1	53.3	74.8	74.3	65.2	19.9	44.7	14.0	27.3	14.6	5.4
2012	57.7	53.2	74.7	73.7	65.2	20.0	44.1	14.4	27.6	15.4	5.0
2013	57.2	53.5	74.1	73.0	64.3	20.5	45.2	14.9	27.6	15.8	5.6
2014	57.0	53.6	74.1	72.8	64.0	20.5	44.7	15.1	27.5	15.6	5.9

Source: Urban Institute Program on Retirement Policy calculations from Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014, "Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey," <http://www.bls.gov/cps/data.htm>.

Note: The participation rate is the share of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is working or looking for work.