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This pamphlet is a guide to locating specific data about working women in the various news releases, periodicals, bulletins, and reports published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). It shows where to obtain data on women's (1) labor force status, employment, and unemployment; (2) earnings and hours of work; (3) education; (4) membership in labor organizations; and (5) occupational injuries and illnesses. The pamphlet also explains how to obtain unpublished data from micro tapes, and how to obtain BLS publications. A list of BLS regional offices is included. (KC)

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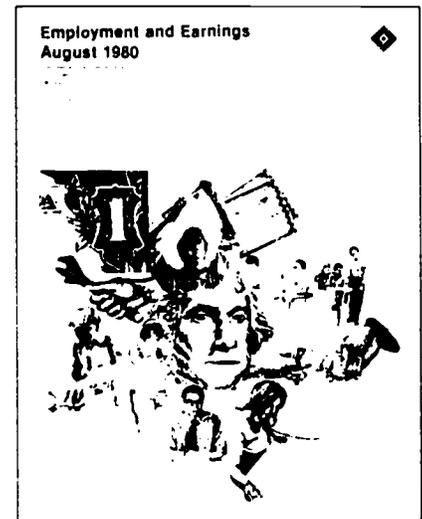
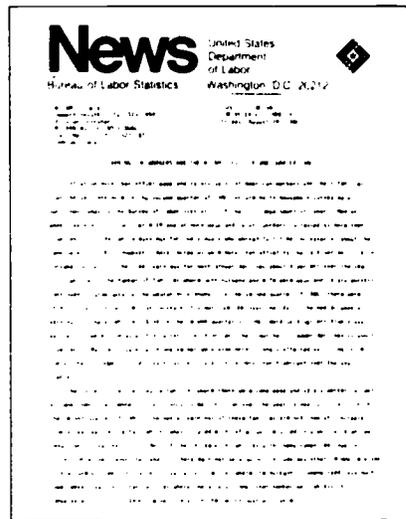
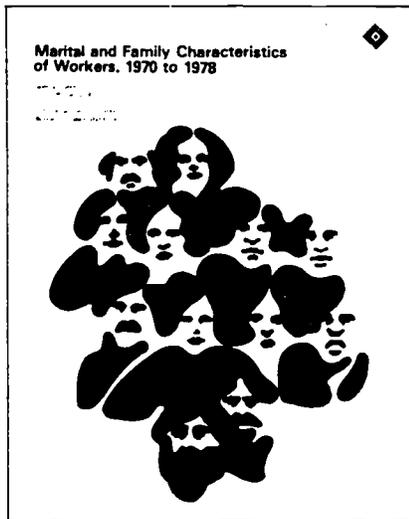
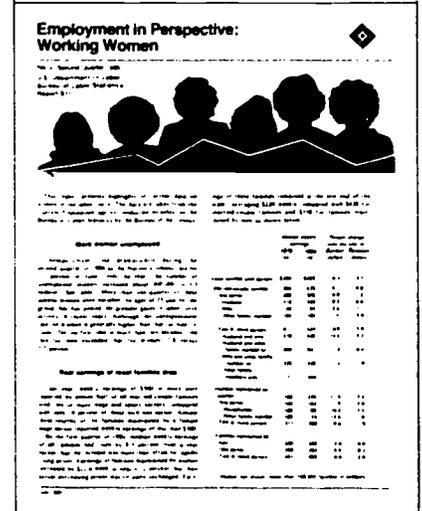
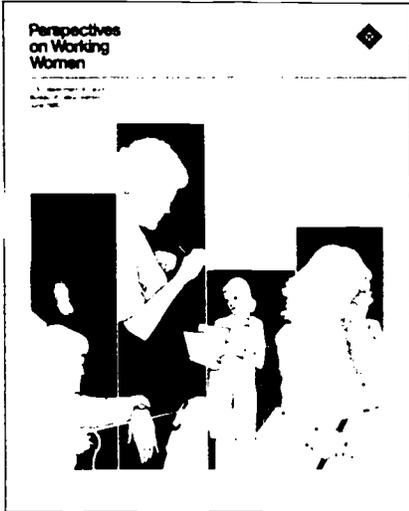
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Preface

As part of its mission as the primary collector and distributor of data on working Americans, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes a wide array of data about working women. This information is presented to the public through a variety of publications, including news releases, periodicals, bulletins, and reports. The purpose of this pamphlet is to identify the particular publications in which specific data series may be found.

Information on how to obtain BLS publications appears on page 10.

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Where to Find BLS Statistics on Women

Labor Force Status, Employment, and Unemployment

The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes a great variety of statistics on the labor force status, employment, and unemployment of women. BLS also prepares analytical articles and reports based on these statistics.

Most of the information comes from a monthly household interview survey—the Current Population

Survey (CPS)—conducted for the BLS by the Bureau of the Census.

Some data on women by industry of employment come from a monthly survey of business establishments—the Current Employment Survey—conducted jointly by the BLS and State employment security agencies.

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
<p>Statistics from the Current Population Survey</p> <p>Characteristics of working women and changing trends since 1950.</p>	Bulletin, <i>Databook</i>	Occasional	Bulletin 2080, <i>Perspectives on Working Women: A Databook</i> (1980)
<p>Current monthly data: Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, marital status, occupation, industry, and class of worker;</p> <p>Unemployment by age, race, marital status, duration, reason, occupation and industry of last job, and jobseeking methods.</p>	Periodical, <i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Monthly	September 1980
<p>Seasonally adjusted and unadjusted data on the employment and unemployment status of women 16 years and over and 20 years and over, and unemployment rates by age and race.</p>	News release, <i>The Employment Situation</i>	Monthly	September 1980
<p>Current quarterly data: Labor force and employment status of women 16 years and over and brief highlights on a variety of subjects such as Occupations, dual-worker families, displaced homemakers, and education.</p>	Report, <i>Employment in Perspective: Working Women</i>	Quarterly: January, April, July, and October	Report 611—data for second quarter 1980

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue			
Employment status of women 16 years and over by race and Hispanic origin.	Report, <i>Employment in Perspective: Minority Workers</i>	Quarterly: February, May, August, and November	Report 616—data for second quarter 1980			
Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, Hispanic origin, location in metropolitan or nonmetropolitan areas, poverty or nonpoverty areas;	} <i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Quarterly: January, April, July, and October issues	July 1980—data for second quarter			
Women not in the labor force by current activity, reasons for not seeking work, race, age, and work history;						
Unemployment by age, race, location in metropolitan or nonmetropolitan areas, poverty or nonpoverty areas.						
Current annual data:	} <i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Annual: January issue	January 1980			
Labor force and employment status by age, race, family relationship, marital status, occupation, detailed occupation, class of worker, industry, and detailed industry;						
Unemployment by age, race, marital status, duration, reason, occupation and industry of last job, and jobsearch methods.						
State and area data:	} <i>Report, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment</i>	Annual	Report 571—data for 1978			
Annual data on labor force status by age, race, occupation; duration of and reason for unemployment in States and 30 large metropolitan areas.						
Annual average distribution of employment by occupation and race in States and 30 large metropolitan areas.						
State and area data on the labor force characteristics of women by marital and family status, presence and age of children, number of earners in families, by type of family.						
State and area data on work experience.						
Historical data:				Report 545, <i>Marital and Family Status of Workers by State and Area</i> (1978)—data for spring 1976	One-time	
Labor force, employment, and unemployment by age, race, Hispanic origin, marital status, occupation, industry, class of worker, education, and reason for nonparticipation in the labor force.				Report 536, <i>Work Experience and Earnings in 1975 by State and Area</i> (1978)	One-time	
	Bulletin, <i>Handbook of Labor Statistics</i>	Annual	1978 Edition, Bulletin 2000			

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Statistics from the survey of business establishments			
Current monthly data: Number of women on nonagricultural payrolls for 437 industries.	<i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Monthly	September 1980
Current annual data: Number of women on nonagricultural payrolls for 437 industries.	<i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Annual: March issue	
Historical data: Number of women on nonagricultural payrolls by industry division, major industry group, and detailed industry.	Bulletin, <i>Employment and Earnings, United States</i>	Annual	Bulletin 1312-11
	Also in supplement to monthly periodical <i>Employment and Earnings</i>	Annual	September 1980
Analyses			
Labor force characteristics by marital and family status, race, and Hispanic origin; shows presence and age of children, number of children; family income and number of earners in families, by type of family.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Marital and Family Characteristics of the Labor Force."	Annual	April 1980—data for March 1979
Labor force participation of mothers by age of children and type of family, number of children with working mothers by age of children.	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 219—data for March 1978
	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , October 1979, "Working Mothers in the 1970's: A Look at the Statistics"	One-time	
Number of children with mothers in the labor force by employment status of parents and family income in previous year	Special Labor Force Report 233, <i>Young Workers and Families: A Special Section</i>	One-time	
	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Children of Working Mothers</i>	Occasional	SLFR 217—data for March 1977
Characteristics of families maintained by women and changes over time, by age and race of women and median family income.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Women Who Head Families</i>	Occasional	SLFR 213—data for March 1977
Brief overview of the changing labor market conditions for women and steps taken by BLS to keep statistics on women relevant to the current social and economic setting.	Report 575, <i>Women in the Labor Force: Some New Data Series</i> (October 1979)	One-time	
Number of women in the labor force who were divorced or separated, by age, race, and family income.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Divorced and Separated Women in the Labor Force—An Update</i>	Occasional	SLFR 220—data for March 1977
Characteristics of never-married women in the labor force.	Special Labor Force Report 228, <i>Labor Force Patterns of Single Women</i> (1979)	One-time	

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Over-the-year comparison of labor force changes; occupational and industrial characteristics.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Employment and Unemployment During 1979: An Analysis</i>	Annual	SLFR 234
Seasonal employment and unemployment patterns.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , January 1980, "Seasonal Variations in Employment and Unemployment During 1951-1975"	One-time	
Number of families with 2 workers or more; historical trends.	Special Labor Force Report 189, <i>Families and the Rise of Working Wives—An Overview</i> (data for 1975)	One-time	
Working women in three major age groups, 16-24, 25-54, and 55 and over; historical trends, 1950-74.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , November 1975, "Women in the Labor Force: The Early Years, the Middle Years, and the Later Years"	One-time	
An analysis of women workers, by industry and occupation.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , May 1974, "Where Women Work—An Analysis by Industry and Occupation" (Reprint 2964)	One-time	
Employment patterns of family members.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , December 1976, "New Data Series on Families Shows Most Jobless Have Working Relatives"	One-time	
Work-life expectancy, by marital status and presence of children.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Length of Working Life for Men and Women</i>	Occasional	SLFR 187 (1977) revised data for 1970
Current labor force developments among young people age 16 to 21.	News release, "Job Situation for Youth Deteriorates This Summer"	Annual	August 13, 1980 USDL 80-495
Analysis and charts on characteristics of teenage workers and trends over three decades.	Bulletin 2039, <i>Profile of the Teenage Worker</i> (1980)	One-time	
Employment and unemployment among young female and male workers.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , October 1979, "Young and Marginal: An Overview of Youth Employment." Also in SLFR 233	One-time	
Discussion of labor force status of teenagers by area of residence—central city, suburban, and nonmetropolitan—in 1975 and previous years.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Youth in the Labor Force: An Area Study"	Occasional	July 1976
Employment problems of young persons in their teens and early twenties.	BLS Staff Paper 11, <i>The Youth Labor Market: A Dynamic Overview</i> (1979)	One-time	
Trends among young adult workers.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , May 1978, "Young Adults—A Transitional Group With Changing Labor Force Patterns"	One-time	
Labor force trends among older workers, 1950-78.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , November 1979, "The Labor Force Status of Older Workers"	One-time	
Persons in the labor force who hold 2 or more jobs at the same time. Contains data on occupation, industry, and hours of work.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Multiple Jobholders"	Annual	May 1980—data for May 1979

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Differences in job tenure; relation of tenure to mobility.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Job Tenure Declines as Work Force Changes</i>	Every 5 years	SLFR 235—data for January 1978
Extent of change in occupation over the year.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Occupational Mobility During 1977</i>	Every 5 years	SLFR 231
Part-time employment of women.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , October 1978, "A Profile of Women on Part-time Schedules"	One-time	
Discussion of involuntary part-time work as a form of underutilization of human resources.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , September 1975, "Involuntary Part-time Work"	One-time	
Patterns of job search for employed workers.	Special Labor Force Report 202, <i>The Extent of Job Search by Employed Workers</i>	One-time	
Methods used to find jobs in 1972.	Bulletin 1886, <i>Jobseeking Methods Used by American Workers</i> (1975)	One-time	
Projections of the labor force to 1990.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Labor Force Projections to 1990: Three Possible Paths" Also reprinted with additional data in Bulletin 2030, <i>Employment Projections for the 1980's</i> (1979)	Occasional	December 1978
Persons who worked or were unemployed for 1 week or more during the preceding calendar year.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Work Experience of the Population"	Annual	March 1980—data for 1978
	Special Labor Force Report	Annual	SLFR 224—data for 1977
Labor force status of welfare recipients (the majority of whom are women).	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , March 1979, "Unemployment Among Recipients of Food Stamps and AFDC"	One-time	
Characteristics of persons receiving unemployment insurance.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , February 1979, "Job Recipients of Unemployment Insurance"	One-time	
Persons moving in and out of the labor force.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , September 1979, "How Likely are Individuals to Enter the Labor Force?"	One-time	
Number of hours unemployed persons want to work.	<i>Monthly labor Review</i> , December 1978, "How Many Hours of Work Do the Unemployed Want?"	One-time	
Characteristics of the unemployed; women as a percent of total unemployed.	Bulletin 1965, <i>Who Are the Unemployed? A Chartbook</i> (1977)	One-time	
Discussion of trends in the household and establishment survey series for unemployed due to layoff.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , November 1976, "Workers on Layoff: A Comparison of Two Data Series"	One-time	
Patterns of jobs search for unemployed workers.	Special Labor Force Report 210, <i>Job Search of the Unemployed, May 1976</i>	One-time	

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Trends and characteristics of the unemployed, 1967-72.	Special Labor Force Report 157, <i>Job Losers, Leavers, and Entrants: Traits and Trends</i>	One-time	
Discussion of the black-white unemployment differential.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , July 1975, "Investment in Human Capital and Black-White Unemployment"	One-time	
Characteristics of black workers during the 1975-78 recovery.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , May 1979, "The Black Labor Force During the 1975-78 Recovery"	One-time	
Employment and unemployment among black youths.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , October 1979, "The Labor Market Experience of Black Youth, 1954-1978" Also in SLFR 233	One-time	
Charts showing selected characteristics of the Hispanic population and labor force.	Bulletin 1970, <i>Workers of Spanish Origin: A Chartbook</i> (1978); Bulletin 1971, Spanish-language version	One-time	
Characteristics of Hispanic workers.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , December 1978, "A Profile of Hispanics in the U.S. Work Force"	One-time	
International comparisons: Unemployment and labor force participation rates by age and sex, adjusted to U.S. concepts, for nine industrial countries.	Bulletin 1979, <i>International Comparisons of Unemployment</i> (August 1978) updated in supplements	One-time, with occasional supplements	April 1980 supplement
Labor force participation rates of women in nine industrial nations, 1970-77.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , May 1979, "Recent Labor Market Trends in Nine Industrial Nations"	One-time	

Earnings and Hours of Work

The BLS publishes data collected quarterly and annually from the Current Population Survey on earnings of women and their families; data on the hours they work are collected annually. The BLS also conducts surveys of wages by occupation in selected industries and areas, as well as occasional surveys of hourly earn-

ings and weekly hours of all nonsupervisory employees in the private nonfarm economy. A listing of all occupational wage surveys conducted by the BLS is available in *Directory of Occupational Wage Surveys, 1970-79*, Report 606 (1980).

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Characteristics of wage-earning families by type of family; weekly earnings for individual wage and salary workers by demographic group and occupation.	News release, "Earnings of Workers and their Families: Second Quarter 1980"	Quarterly	Aug. 29, 1980 USDL 80-540

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Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Trends in weekly and hourly earnings for major labor force groups.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Weekly and Hourly Earnings of U.S. Workers"	Annual	August 1979—data for 1967-78
	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Weekly and Hourly Earnings from the Current Population Survey</i>	Occasional	SLFR 195—data for May 1976
Wage and salary employees who work more than the standard 40-hour week.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Long Hours and Premium Pay</i>	Annual	SLFR 226—data for May 1978
Analysis of lost worktime as measured in the household survey.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Absence From Work—Measuring the Hours Lost</i>	Annual	SLFR 229—data for May 1978
Changes in work schedules over the year.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Workers on Late Shift in a Changing Economy</i>	Annual	SLFR 232—data for May 1978
Discussion of wage gap between men and women and whites and blacks—trends from 1967 to 1974.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , August 1975, "Trends in Weekly Earnings: An Analysis"	One-time	
Annual earnings of year-round, full-time workers.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Year-Round Full-Time Earnings</i>	Occasional	SLFR 230—data for 1977
Effect of joblessness on family income.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , December 1979, "The Effect of Unemployment on Family Income in 1977"	One-time	
Effects of changing composition of work and the work force, union contracts, and Federal laws on weekly hours, 1968-79.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , March 1980, "Recent Trends in Worktime: Hours Edge Downward"	One-time	
Working wives and husbands' incomes.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , June 1979, "More Wives in the Labor Force Have Husbands With Above Average Incomes"	One-time	
Earnings patterns among men and women and unequal distribution among women.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , April 1980, "The Distribution of Earnings Among Men and Women, 1955-78"	One-time	
Hourly earnings among workers in men's apparel industries.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , January 1980, "Individual Hourly Earnings in Men's Apparel, 1978"	One-time	
Working wives' contribution to family income.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , October 1979, "Working Wives' Contribution to Family Income in 1977"	One-time	
Straight-time hourly or weekly earnings and earnings distribution by occupation in selected industries.	Bulletins, <i>Industry Wage Surveys</i>	Each industry surveyed every 3-5 year years; about 12 industries surveyed each year.	Bulletin 2035, <i>Men's Shirts and Separate Trousers</i> , May 1978 (1979)
			Bulletin 2040, <i>Electric and Gas Utilities</i> , February 1978 (1979)
Straight-time hourly or weekly earnings and earnings distribution by occupation in 70 metropolitan areas.	Bulletins, <i>Area Wage Surveys</i>	Each area surveyed annually	Bulletin series 3000 (1980)

Education

Data on education are collected annually in the Current Population Survey. Education refers to formal education obtained in a regular school system that ad-

vances a person toward an elementary school certificate, a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree.

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Changes in the educational levels of members of the labor force.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Trends in Educational Attainment Among Workers in the 1970's"	Annual	July 1980—data for March 1979
Labor force status of persons 16–24 who either graduated from high school or are no longer enrolled in school.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Educational Attainment of Workers</i>	Annual	SLFR 225—data for March 1978
School enrollment status of women 35 years old and over.	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Students, Graduates, and Dropouts in the Labor Force</i>	Annual	SLFR 223—data for October 1978
	Special Labor Force Report, <i>Back to School at 35 and Over</i>	Annual	SLFR 227—data for October 1978

Membership in Labor Organizations

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Trends in women's participation in unions and employee associations.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Women in Labor Organizations: Their Ranks are Increasing"	Occasional	August 1978—data for 1952–76
Number of women members and percent of total membership; number of women officers and officials.	Bulletin, <i>Directory of National Unions and Employee Associations</i>	Biennial	Bulletin 2079 (1980) data for 1978
Differences in earnings of union and nonunion workers.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , "Measuring Union-Nonunion Earnings Differences"	Occasional	December 1974
Comparisons of earnings and other data from the CPS on union and non-union workers.	Report, <i>Earnings and Other Characteristics of Organized Workers</i>	Occasional	Report 556 (1979) data for 1977 Report 417 (1972) data for 1970

Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

Statistics on occupational injuries and illnesses of women are produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Supplementary Data System (SDS). The information comes from reports submitted by employers to workers' compensation agencies of individual states participating in the system. Standard tabulations are produced by BLS for each participating State and made available to the

public from the State agency or through the National Technical Information Service, which also can provide copies of State microdata files on tape. (Write to National Technical Information Service at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22151.) Analyses and publications of their own data are available from many of the participating States on an annual basis.

Characteristics of data	Where published	Frequency of publication	Most recent issue
Data include a description of the injury or illness; the age, industry, and occupation of the injured or ill worker; and, for some States, indemnity compensation and medical payments.	Available in microfiche or microdata files from the National Technical Information Service (see above). Also available in hard copy from individual States.	Annual	March 1980—data for 1977 for 29 States
Patterns of injury occurrence by length of service.	<i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , January 1979, "The First Work Injury Data Available from New BLS Study"	One-time	
Percent of women injured in specific types of accidents.	<i>Work Injury Reports</i> on ladder, scaffold, welding, and power-saw accidents; and eye, face, foot, and head injuries	One-time for each type	Report 605, <i>Accidents Involving Head Injuries</i> (July 1980)

Unpublished Data

Labor force statistics. The Bureau can generate special data on the labor force and other socioeconomic variables concerning women through use of the Current Population Survey's individual record (micro) tapes. These tape files contain records of the responses to the survey questionnaire for all households in the survey. Except for certain items, mostly pertaining to specific addresses and household identification, analysts can obtain and cross-classify a wide variety of information from these tapes on families, households, and persons. A library of CPS micro tapes is available for all months since January 1976; for the month of March since 1968; for May since 1973; and for various other months in years prior to 1976. BLS Report 507, *BLS Data Bank Files and Statistical Routines*, describes the contents of computer files available from the Bureau as of 1978. Inquiries regarding the micro tapes should be addressed to the Data Services Group, Office of Current Employ-

ment Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212.

Family expenditures. Tapes and unpublished tables can also be obtained for the Consumer Expenditure Survey containing data on expenditures by families maintained by women by size of family and age of women; and families where both husband and wife are earners. For information, write to the Division of Living Conditions Studies and Consumer Expenditure Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212.

Labor force participation. Listings of the civilian labor force by age, sex, and race for each year, 1980 to 1990. For information, write to Office of Economic Growth and Employment Projections, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212.

How to Obtain BLS Publications

Placing orders

News releases and reports are available free of charge, as long as supplies last, from the regional offices of the BLS (see inside back cover) or from the national office (Inquiries and Correspondence, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212).

Periodicals are for sale by subscription and single copy. Among the Bureau's six periodicals are:

Employment and Earnings (monthly). Subscription—\$22 per year (\$27.50 foreign mailing). Single copy, \$2.75.

Monthly Labor Review. Subscription \$18 per year (\$22.50 foreign mailing). Single copy, \$2.50.

Occupational Outlook Quarterly. Subscription—\$6 per year (\$7.50 foreign mailing). Single copy, \$1.75.

For any of the above, write to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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D.C. 20402, or at the regional offices of the BLS (see inside back cover).

Mailing lists

News releases. To receive *The Employment Situation* monthly, ask the national office to put your name on Mailing List 365.

For *Employment in Perspective: Working Women* (quarterly) and other publications devoted to women and their families, ask to be put on Mailing List 326.

For *Employment in Perspective: Minority Workers*, ask to be put on Mailing List 334.

Special Labor Force Reports. Special Labor Force Reports are reprints of articles from the *Monthly Labor Review* with supplementary tables and technical notes. To receive Special Labor Force Reports as they become available, ask to be put on Mailing List 308.

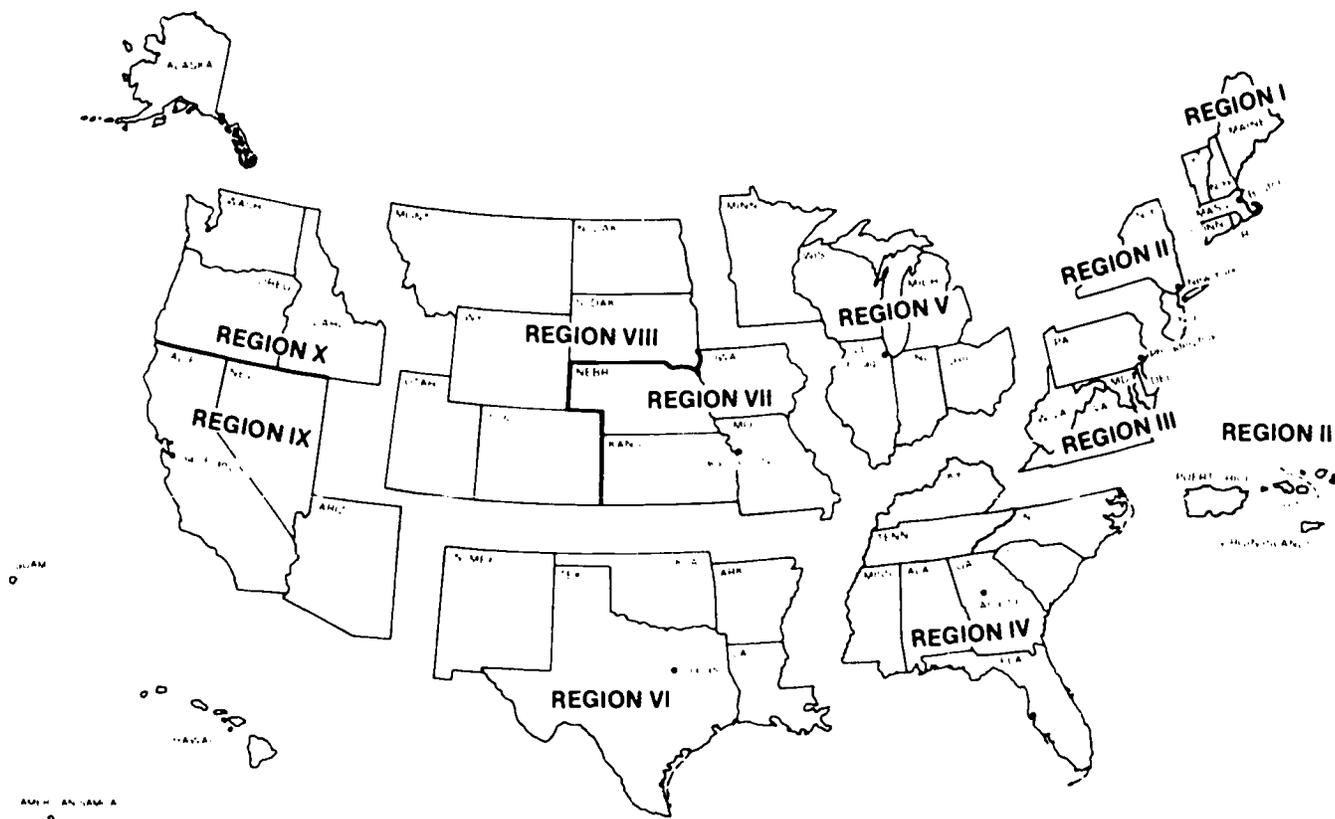
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