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 The pamphlet also explains how to obtain unpublished data from micro tapes, and how to obtain BLS publications.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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Information on how to obtain BLS publications appears on page 10.

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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.

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<td>Periodical, Employment and Earnings</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>News release, The Employment Situation</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Report, Employment in Perspective: Working Women</td>
<td>Quarterly: January, April, July, and October</td>
<td>Report 611—data for second quarter 1980</td>
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<td>Women not in the labor force by current activity, reasons for not seeking work, race, age, and work history;</td>
<td>Employment and Earnings</td>
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<td>Annual data on labor force status by age, race, occupation; duration of and reason for unemployment in States and 30 large metropolitan areas.</td>
<td>Report, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Report 545, Marital and Family Status of Workers by State and Area (1978)—data for spring 1976</td>
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<td>State and area data on work experience.</td>
<td>Report 536, Work Experience and Earnings in 1975 by State and Area (1978)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Historical data: Number of women on nonagricultural payrolls by industry division, major industry group, and detailed industry.</td>
<td>Bulletin, Employment and Earnings, United States Also in supplement to monthly periodical Employment and Earnings</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Bulletin 1312-11 September 1980</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Monthly Labor Review, &quot;Marital and Family Characteristics of the Labor Force.&quot;</td>
<td>Annual</td>
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<td>Number of children with mothers in the labor force by employment status of parents and family income in previous year</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report 233, Young Workers and Families: A Special Section</td>
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<td>Characteristics of families maintained by women and changes over time, by age and race of women and median family income.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report, Children of Working Mothers</td>
<td>Occasional</td>
<td>SLFR 217—data for March 1977</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report, Women Who Head Families</td>
<td>Occasional</td>
<td>SLFR 213—data for March 1977</td>
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<td>Number of women in the labor force who were divorced or separated, by age, race, and family income.</td>
<td>Report 575, Women in the Labor Force: Some New Data Series (October 1979)</td>
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<td>Current labor force developments among young people age 16 to 21.</td>
<td>News release, &quot;Job Situation for Youth Deteriorates This Summer&quot;</td>
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<td>August 13, 1980 USDL 80–495</td>
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<td>Persons in the labor force who hold 2 or more jobs at the same time. Contains data on occupation, industry, and hours of work.</td>
<td><em>Monthly Labor Review, &quot;Multiple Jobholders&quot;</em></td>
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<td>Differences in job tenure; relation of tenure to mobility.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report, <em>Job Tenure Declines as Work Force Changes</em></td>
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<td>SLFR 235—data for January 1978</td>
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<td>Extent of change in occupation over the year.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report, <em>Occupational Mobility During 1977</em></td>
<td>Every 5 years</td>
<td>SLFR 231</td>
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<td>Discussion of involuntary part-time work as a form of underutilization of human resources.</td>
<td><em>Monthly Labor Review</em>, September 1975, &quot;Involuntary Part-time Work&quot;</td>
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<td>Patterns of job search for employed workers.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report 202, <em>The Extent of Job Search by Employed Workers</em></td>
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<td>Also reprinted with additional data in <em>Bulletin</em> 2030, <em>Employment Projections for the 1980's</em> (1979)</td>
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<td>Persons who worked or were unemployed for 1 week or more during the preceding calendar year.</td>
<td><em>Monthly Labor Review</em>, &quot;Work Experience of the Population&quot;</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>March 1980—data for 1978</td>
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<td>Labor force status of welfare recipients (the majority of whom are women).</td>
<td><em>Monthly Labor Review</em>, March 1979, &quot;Unemployment Among Recipients of Food Stamps and AFDC&quot;</td>
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<td>SLFR 224—data for 1977</td>
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<td>Persons moving in and out of the labor force.</td>
<td><em>Monthly Labor Review</em>, September 1979, &quot;How Likely are Individuals to Enter the Labor Force?&quot;</td>
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<td>Number of hours unemployed persons want to work.</td>
<td><em>Monthly labor Review</em>, December 1978, &quot;How Many Hours of Work Do the Unemployed Want?&quot;</td>
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### 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 earnings 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).

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<td>Changes in work schedules over the year.</td>
<td><em>Special Labor Force Report, Workers on Late Shift in a Changing Economy</em></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>SLFR 229—data for May 1978</td>
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<td>Straight-time hourly or weekly earnings and earnings distribution by occupation in selected industries.</td>
<td>Bulletins, <em>Industry Wage Surveys</em></td>
<td>Each industry surveyed every 3-5 year years; about 12 industries surveyed each year.</td>
<td>Bulletin 2035, Men's Shirts and Separate Trousers, May 1978 (1979)</td>
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Data on education are collected annually in the Current Population Survey. Education refers to formal education obtained in a regular school system that advances a person toward an elementary school certificate, a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree.

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<td>Special Labor Force Report, Students, Graduates, and Dropouts in the Labor Force</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>SLFR 223—data for October 1978</td>
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<td>Labor force status of persons 16–24 who either graduated from high school or are no longer enrolled in school.</td>
<td>Special Labor Force Report, Back to School at 35 and Over</td>
<td>Annual</td>
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<td>School enrollment status of women 35 years old and over.</td>
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<td>Number of women members and percent of total membership; number of women officers and officials.</td>
<td>Bulletin, Directory of National Unions and Employee Associations</td>
<td>Biennial</td>
<td>Bulletin 2079 (1980) data for 1978</td>
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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.

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<td>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.</td>
<td>Available in microfiche or microdata files from the National Technical Information Service (see above). Also available in hard copy from individual States.</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>March 1980—data for 1977 for 29 States</td>
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<td>Percent of women injured in specific types of accidents.</td>
<td>Work Injury Reports on ladder, scaffold, welding, and power-saw accidents; and eye, face, foot, and head injuries</td>
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<td>Report 605, Accidents Involving Head Injuries (July 1980)</td>
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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 Employment 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.

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.


Bulletins are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, 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.

Libraries

BLS periodicals and other major publications are available at most large public, college, and university libraries.