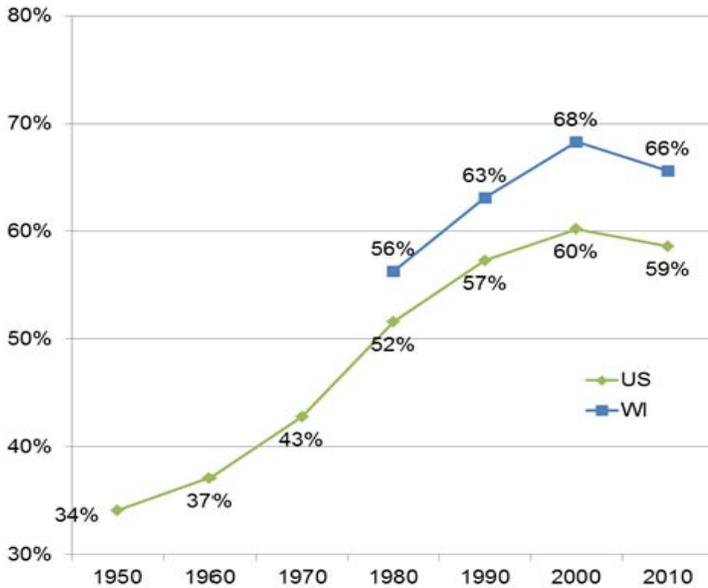




Chart 1. Over Time

Women's Labor Force Participation, 1950 to 2010
 Women aged 16 years of age and older
 Wisconsin* and United States



66%

Labor force participation rates for women have increased substantially in recent decades, both in Wisconsin and the United States.

Wisconsin ranks 8th nationally. With two-thirds of women in the labor force, Wisconsin women are among the most likely in the nation to work.

Wisconsin's labor force participation rate for women has consistently outpaced growth nationally.

Women's Labor Force Participation Rates, by Age Group, Wisconsin and US, 2010

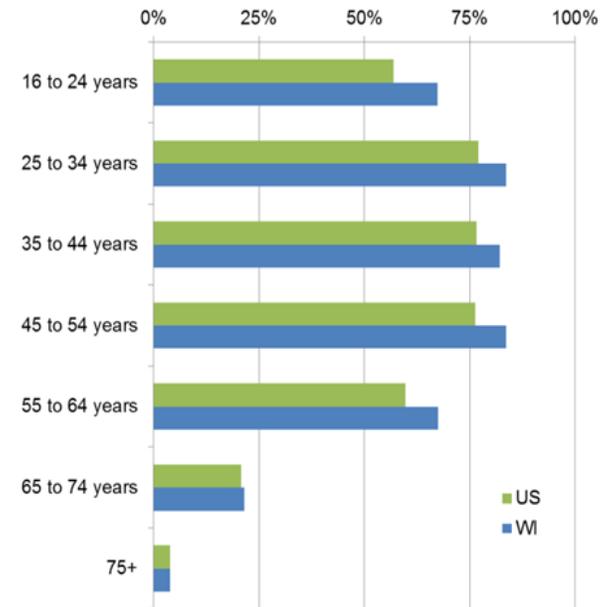


Chart 2. By Age

77%

More than three-quarters of women in Wisconsin between the ages of 25 and 54 are in the labor force.

From age 16 to 74, across the various age groups, Wisconsin women are more likely than their counterparts nationally to be in the labor force.

Women, Work and Families, Wisconsin, 2011

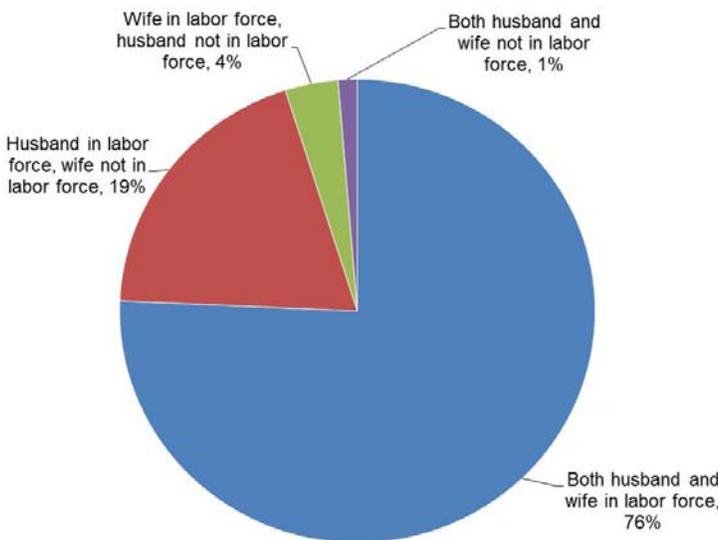


Chart 3. Among Married Women With Children

80%

More than three-quarters of married women with children under age 18 work in paid employment. Both the husband and wife are in the labor force in 75% of Wisconsin's married couple families with minor children. Overall, 80% of married women with children under age 18 are in the labor force.

Among single-mother households—female-headed households (no husband present) with minor children—84% of women are in the labor force.

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Data are for the civilian, non-institutional population, 16 years old and over, in the civilian labor force. *Notes on the Chart 1: State-level data on women's labor force participation has only been included in Census Bureau's *Statistical Abstracts of the United States* since 1979. Wisconsin 1990 data are actually for 1991 as 1990 data were not published by this source. Sources: US Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstracts of the United States* (by year); Institute for Women's Policy Research, 2010 State-by-State Overview (www.iwpr.org); US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010, B23001, and 2011, S2302. For general information, see also, US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Women in the Labor Force: A Databook* (2011).