# NEGRO WOMEN <br> IN THE POPULATION AND <br> IN THE LABOR FORCE 


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## NEGRO WOMEN IN THE POPULATION <br> AND THE LABOR FORCE

Negro Women in the Population
The Negro population totaled 20,944,000 in 1965. (Table 1) Slightly more than half ( 52 percent) were females. About two-thirds of both the females and males were under 35 years of age.

Most of the Negro population (93 percent) were nonfarm residents in 1964. (Table 2) This compares with about four-fifths (79 percent) in 1950. The movement of the Negro population away from the South as well as away fram the farm over the same period is clearly indicated--only 54 percent lived there in 1964 compared with 68 percent in 1950.

More than 1 out of 3 Negro wamen 18 years of age and over wes widowed, divorced, or separated from her husband in March 1964. (Table 3) This was true of only about 1 out of 5 white women.

There were 4,440,000 Negro families in Karch 1964. (Table 4) The average Negro family had 4.3 members. Nearly one-fourth of the Negro families were headed by a woman.

Information on the number of Negro families living in poverty $1 /$ is not available. In 1963, 2,007,000, or more than 2 out of 5, nonwite families were livins in poverty as compared with less then 1 out of 8 white families. (Table 5)

Families most apt to be living in poverty are those headed by a woman or those with a large number of children. In 1963, 71 percent of the 1.1 million nonwhite families headed by a woman were poor. (Chart A) of the 3.8 million white families headed by a woman, 31 percent were poor. Of all families with 5 or more own children, 76 percent of the nonwhite and 31 percent of the white were living in poverty in 1963. 2/

There were 15.1 million children under 18 years of age living in poverty in 1963-9. 3 million white and 5.8 million nonwhite. 3/ About 60 percent of all nonwhite children were members of poor families compared with 16 percent of all white children. About 86 percent of the children in nonwhite families headed by a woman were living in poverty.

[^0]Chart A. -- Percent of Families Living in Poverty in 1963, by Type of Family and Color, March 1964


Husband - Wife Families


Source: U.S. Department Heath, Educatiopand Whttare, Social Security Administration.

## Negro Wamen Workers

The percent of the Negro woman population at work or seeking work is increasing. Nearly half ( 49 percent) of the Negro wamen 18 years of age and over were in the labor force in March 1964. (Table 6) Figures for 1950 and 1960, while not strictly comparable since they refer to nonwhite women 18 years of age and over, show that the proportion of nonwhite wamen in the labor force was 40 percent and 45 percent, respectively. (Table 7)

White women 18 years of age and over are less likely to be in the labor force than are Negro or nonwhite wamen. The labor force participation of white wamen rose fram 29 percent in 1950 to 35 percent in 1960 and 38 percent in 1964. (Tables 6 and 7)

More than half of all Negro women 25 to 54 years of age were working or seeking work in March 1964. (Table 8) In contrast, among all women, only in the age group 45 to 54 years were as many as half in the labor force.

About half ( 51 percent) of the Negro wamen in the civilian labor force in March 1964 were married and living with their husbands. (Table 9) About a third ( 34 percent) were widowed, divorced, or separated from their husbands. Only 15 percent were single.

Many of these married women workers living with their husbands made a substantial contribution to the family incame. Among nonfarm nonwite wives, 58 percent contributed 20 percent or more of the femily income, 39 percent contributed 30 percent or more, and 25 percent contributed 40 percent or more. (Chart B, Table 10) The comparable percentages for nonfarm white wives were 55 percent, 39 percent, and 22 percent, respectively.

Information is not available on the number of Negro mothers who are in the labor force. However, the tendency of Negro mothers to seek paid employment is illustrated by recent figures on nonwhite mothers. In March $1965,1,399,000$ nonwite mothers with children under 18 years of age were in the labor force. (Table 11) They represented 46 percent of all nonwite mothers with children of this age. Nonwhite mothers who are widowed, divorced, or separated are more likely to work than are those living with their husbands. Their labor-force participation rates were 55 percent and 43 percent, respectively, in March 1965. Many nonwite mothers with young children (under 6 years of age) also work or seek paid employment. They numbered 683,000 in March 1965 and constituted 38 percent of all nomuite mothers with young children.

White mothers are less likely to work than are nonwhite mothers. Among white women with children under 18 years of age, 34 percent were in the labor force; mong those with children under 6, only 24 percent were working or seeking work.

Chart B. -- Percent of Nonfarm Family Income in 1963 Contributed by Wife, by Color, March 1964


Source: U.S. Depariment of Lobor, Bureau of Labar Statistics.

## Child Care Arrangements

Working mothers (both white and nonwhite), many of wham work out of econamic need, often find it difficult to secure adequate day care for their children. Of the 12.3 mililon children under 14 years of age in February 1965 whose mothers worked for 27 weeks or more in 1964, the largest proportion were cared for in their own hame, usually by their father or another relative. (Table 12) This was true for both the 10.1 million white children ( 46 percent) and the 2.2 million nomwite children ( 44 percent). Nomwite children were cared for more frequently in someone else's hame ( 22 percent) than were white ( 15 percent). About 10 percent of all nombite children and 8 percent of all white looked after themselves; among those 12 or 13 years of age, 26 percent of the nonwitite and 20 percent of the white children did so. Only 2 percent of both white and nonwhite childaren were provided group care such as furnished by day care centers.

## Occupations

Most Negro wanen are employed as service workers. In March 1964, 37 percent were private-household workers and 26 percent were service workers outside the hame. (Table 13) In contrast the majority of Negro men are craftbmen and foremen, operatives, and nonfarm laborers. About 60 percent of them were employed in these occupations in March 1964.

Figures on the employment of nonwhite women and men in 1950 and 1960, although not strictly comparable (about 93 percent were Negro), indicate the movement of Negro workers into white-collar occupations. (Table 14) The proportion of women in this type of work rose from 13 to 19 percent over the 10 -year period. The comparable percentages for men were 9 and 13 percent. It would appear that more nonwhite women than men hold professional or technical jobs. But most of these women are working as school teachers in rural areas in the South. Over half of the nonwhite women, but only onefourth of the nonwhite men, in professional and technical occupations in 1960 were employed as teachers (except college).

Unemployment
Unemployment is more severe among Negro women than among Negro men. In April 1966 the unemployment rates (seasonally adjusted) vere 8.1 percent for nowhite romen and 6.3 percent for nonwhite men. (Data for Negroes are not available.) In contrast, unemployment rates for white women and men vere 4.4 percent and 2.8 percent, respectively.

Unemployment is more widespread among teenagers than adults, among nonwhite than wite teenagers, and among girls than boys. In April 1966 nonwite girls 14 to 19 years of age had the highest rate of unemployment (31 percent): (Chart C, Table 15) The rates for other teenagers were 19.5 percent for nomilite boys, 12.2 percent for white girls, and 9.7 percent for wilite boys.

Chart C. -- Unemployment Rates, by Sex, Color, and Age, 1954-65 and April 1966
(Persons 14 years of age and over)



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Monpower Policy, Evaluation and Research.

Unemployment among all adult workers has declined steadily since 1061 but at a more rapid rate among men than anong women. Unemployment amons white teenacers, both boys and Girls, and among nonwhite boys has also decreased fairly steadily over the same period. Cn the other hand, unemployment among nonwhite girls 14 to 19 years o: age is higher today than it was in 1061 or even in 2054 .

Unemployment is also higher among Nezro women than among Negro men at each level of educational attainment. In liarch 10 $64,8.2$ percent of Negro women, but only 6.1 percent of Negro men, with some college training were unemployed. (Table 16) The unemployment rates for Negro women and men who had attended high school were 13.6 percent and 10.9 percent, respectively.

## Educational Attainment

A larger proportion of Negro males than of Negro females 5 to $3^{4}$ years of age were enrolled in school in October $10031-62$ percent compared with 57 percent. (Table 17) The distribution of these enrollees by level of school, however, was almost identical for males and females. (Table 18) On the other hand, about 6,000 more Necro males than females were enrolled in college.

The median years of school completed by Negro wumen 18 years of are and over in March 1964 was 9.9 years; by Negro men, 9.0 years. (Table 19) Both white women and men had completed 12.1 years of schooling on the average.

Although more Negro men than women had 8 years or less of schooling ( 49.7 percent compared with 42.8 percent), a slightly higher proportion of Negro men ( 9.5 percent) than of Negro women ( 9.1 percent) had completed 1 year or more of college. (Chart D)

Nonwhite men and women have made signiricant gains in educational attainment since 2952. (Table 20) This is particularly true of nonwhite men and women in the labor force. (Comparable dada for Negro men and women are not available for earlier years.) The median years of school completed by nonwhite women 18 years of age and over in the civilian labor force rose from 8.1 years in 1952 to 11.1 years in 1965 . The comparable figures for nonwhite men workers were 7.2 years in 1952 and 10.0 years in 1965 . The gap in the educational attainment of white and nonwhite workers has narrowed considerably over the l3-year period.

## Wage or Salary Income

Among year-round full-time workers, the wage or salary income of nonwhite women has been consistently lower than that of all other workers throughout the period from 1939 to 1964. (Chart E , Table 21) However, the gap has narrowed. Between 1939 and 1964 , the earnings of nonwhite

## Chart D. -- Educational Attainment of the Population, by Race and Sex, March 1964

(Persons 18 years of age and over)

$L_{\text {Includea persons reporting no school years completed. }}$
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; U.S. Department of Labor, Burcou of Labor Statistics.

Chart E. -- Median Wage or Salary Income of Year-Round Full-Time Workers, by Sex and Color, 1939 and 1955-64
(Median wage or salary income in 1960 constant dollars)


Sourte: U.S. Deportment of Commerce, Burtau of the Census.
women who worked year round full time increased br 266 percent. (Chart F) This compares with an increase of 200 percent for nonwhite men, 105 percent for white men, and 100 percent for white women. However, nonwhite women's earnings in 1964 were still only 62 percent of those of nonwhite men and 69 percent of those of white women.

Coverage by Minimum Wage
There were 5,611,000 Negroes employed in nonsupervisory jobs in 10,64-3,114,000 men and 2,497,000 women. 4/ Of these, 67 percent of the men, but only 25 percent of the women, were covered by the minimum wage provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Some of the remaining 1,040,0 J Negro men and $1,877,000$ Negro women were covered by Staie protective labor legislation. However, many Negroes, and especially women, work in low-paying service occupations such as hospital attendant, kitchen worler, cook, and waitress, which are rarely covered by State minimum wage laws or in private-household worl: where coverage is practically nonexistent.

NOTE

Because of rounding, numbers and percentazes in statistical tables do not necessarily add to totals.

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## Chart F. -- Percent Increase in the Wage or Salary Income of Year-Round Full-Time Workers, by Sex and Color, for Selected Periods from 1939 to 1964

(Median wage or salary income in 1960 constant dallars)


Source: U.S. Depariment of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

|  | Mole |  |  |  | Fomale |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1965 | 1964 | 1.960 | $13501 /$ | 1965 | 1964 | 1960 | 195017 |
| Number (in thousands) | 10,046 | 9,970 | 9,098 | 7,269 | 10,898 | 10,769 | 9,751 | 7,758 |
| Porcont | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 5 years | 14.9 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 12.2 |
| 5 to 13 years | 23.3 | 23.2 | 22.2 | 18.0 | 21.6 | 21.5 | 20.7 | 17.0 |
| 14 to 19 years | 11.3 | 11.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 9.8 |
| 20 to 24 years | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 8.6 |
| 25 to 29 yeare | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 8.6 |
| 30 to 34 yeare | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| 35 to 44 yeare | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.6 | 14.3 |
| 45 to 54 years | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.3 |
| 55 to 64 years | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 5.7 |
| 65 years and over | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Median age | 20.4 | 20.4 | 22.3 | 25.8 | 22.7 | 22.9 | 24.5 | 26.4 |

1/ Excludes Alaska and Hawail.
Sources U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, Nos. 145 and 142.

Table 2.-aPercent Distribution of the Population, by Race, Farm or Nonfarm Reaidence, and Region, 1964, 1960, and 1950

| Residence and region | 1964 |  | 1960 |  | $\begin{gathered} 1950 \\ \text { (census) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | White | Negro | White | Negra | White | Negro |
| Number (in thousands) | 167,046 | 20,739 | 158,838 | 18,849 | 134,942 | 15,042 |
|  | Resid |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Nonfarm <br> Farm | 93.4 6.6 | $\begin{array}{r} 93.1 \\ 6.9 \end{array}$ | 92.5 7.5 | $\begin{array}{r} 98.1 \\ 7.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85.4 \\ \mathrm{I} / 14.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 79.0 \\ I / 21.0 \end{array}$ |
|  | Reg |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Northeast | 26.1 | 18.1 | 26.1 | 16.0 | 27.7 | 13.4 |
| North Central | 29.4 | 19.4 | 30.2 | 18.3 | 31.2 | 14.8 |
| South | 27.4 | 54.4 | 27.4 | 60.0 | 27.3 | 68.0 |
| Weat | 17.1 | 8.1 | 16.3 | 5.7 | 13.8 | 3.8 |

1/ These figures exclude urban farm residents. (Among whites this amounted to 0.2 percent.)
Source: U.S. Department of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 142, and 1950 U.S. Census of Population.

Table 3.--Marital Status of Women in the Population, by Race, March 1964
(Women 18 years of age and over)

| Marital status | White |  | Negro |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent distribution | Number | Percent distribution |
| Total | 56,052,000 | 100.0 | 6,152,000 | 100.0 |
| Single | 6,686,000 | 11.9 | 727,000 | 11.8 |
| Married (husband present) | 38,284,000 | 68.3 | 3,290,000 | 53.5 |
| Other 1/ | 11,085,000 | 19.8 | 2,134,000 | 34.7 |

I/ Refers to wrmen who are widowed, divorced, or separated, or whose husbands are absent for other reasons.

Source: U.S. Department of Camerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Popur Lation Reports, P-20, Nos. 135 and 142.

Table 4.--Families, by Type of Family and Race, March 1964

| Type of family | White | Negro |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number | $42,663,000$ | $4,440,000$ |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Husband-wife | 88.6 | 72.6 |
| Other male head | 2.5 | 3.6 |
| Female head | 8.9 | 23.8 |
| Median number of members |  |  |
| per family | 3.6 | 4.3 |
|  |  |  |

Source: U.S. Department of Comnerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 142.

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Table 5.--Families Living in Poverty in 1963, by Type of Family and Color, March 1964

| Type of family | $\underset{\text { families }}{\text { All }}$ | Poor families |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | As percent of <br> all families |
|  | White |  |  |
| Total | 42,663,000 | 5,158,000 | 12.1 |
| Husband-wife | 37,799,000 | 3,818,000 | 10.1 |
| Male head (without wife) | 1,067,000 | 155,000 | 14.5 |
| Female head | 3,797,000 | 1,185,000 | 31.2 |
|  | Nomwhite |  |  |
| Total | 4,773,000 | 2,027,000 | 42.5 |
| Husband-wife | 3,511,000 | 1,204,000 | 34.3 |
| Male head (without wife) | 177,000 | 55,000 | 31.2 |
| Female head | 1,085,000 | 768,000 | 70.8 |

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social Security Administration: Social Security Bulletin, January 1965.

Tabl 3 6.--Employment Status of the Population, by Sex and Race, March 1964
(Porsons 18 years of age and over)

| Eaployment status | White |  | Negro |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent distribution | Number | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percent } \\ & \text { distribution } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Women |  |  |  |
| Population 1/ | 55,369,000 | 100.0 | 6,081,000 | 100.0 |
| Civilian labor force | 21,182,000 | 38.3 | 2,958,000 | $\underline{48.6}$ |
| Employed | 20,034,000 | 36.2 | 2,619,000 | 43.1 |
| Unemployed | $1,148,000$ | 2.1 | 339,000 | 5.6 |
| Less than 15 weeks | 837,000 | 1.5 | 248,000 | 4.1 |
| 15 weeks or more | 321,000 | . 6 | 91,000 | 1.5 |
| Not in the labor force | 34,187,000 | 61.7 | 3,123,000 | 51.4 |
|  | Men |  |  |  |
| Population 1/ | 49,576,000 | 100.0 | 5,039,000 | 100.0 |
| Civilian labor force | 41,030,000 | 82.8 | 4,171,000 | 82.8 |
| Employed | 39,086,000 | 78.8 | 3,757,000 | 74.6 |
| Unenployed | 1,94,4,000 | 3.9 | 14,000 | 8.2 |
| Less than 15 weeks | 1,284,000 | 2.6 | 261,000 | 5.2 |
| 15 weeks or more | 660,000 | 1.3 | 153,000 | 3.0 |
| Not in the labor force | 8,546,000 | 17.2 | 868,000 | 17.2 |

1/ Excludes innates of institutions and members of the Armed Forces.
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: Currant Population Reports, P-20, No. 142, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistios: Special Labor Force Report No. 53.

Table 7.--Employment Status of the Population, by Sex and Color, 1960 and 1950
(Persons 18 years of age and over)

| Employment statua | 1960 |  |  |  | 1950 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women |  | Men |  | Women |  | - Men |  |
|  | White | Nonwhite | White | Nonwhite | White | Nonwhite | White | Nonwhite |
| Number 1/ | 53,182,610 | 6,177,090 | 48,509,453 | 5,446,559 | 47,731,440 | 5,159,190 | 44,665,470 | 4,716,000 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Civilian labor force | 35.3 | 45.3 | 82.6 | 78.1 | 29.3 | 39.6 | 83.4 | 81.2 |
| Employed | 33.7 | 41.5 | 78.9 | 71.4 | 28.2 | 36.5 | 79.7 | 74.9 |
| Unemployed | 1.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 6.3 |
| Not in the labor force | 64.7 | 54.7 | 17.4 | 21.9 | 70.7 | 60.4 | 16.6 | 18.8 |

## 1/ Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: 1960 Census of Population, Special Report PC(2)--6A; and 1950 Census of Population, Special Report PE No. 1A.

Table 8.-WWomen in the Civilian Labor Force, by Age and Race, March 1964
(Wamen 18 years of age and over)

| Age | All women |  |  | Negro women |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent distribution | As percent of woman population | Number | Percent distribution | As percent of wrman population |
| Total | 24,326,000 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 2,958,000 | 100.0 | 48.6 |
| 18 to 24 years | 4,429,000 | 18.2 | 48.4 | 499,000 | 16.9 | 46.9 |
| 25 to 29 years | 2,103,000 | 8.6 | 37.8 | 337,000 | 11.4 | 52.4 |
| 30 to 34 years | 2,096,000 | 8.6 | 37.1 | 337,000 | 11.4 | 51.6 |
| 35 to 44 years | 5,585,000 | 23.0 | 44.7 | 724,000 | 24.5 | 56.3 |
| 45 to 54 years | 5,659,000 | 23.3 | 51.4 | 642,000 | 21.7 | 62.6 |
| 55 years and over | 4,454,000 | 18.3 | 24.7 | 419,000 | 14.2 | 29.8 |

Source: U.S. Department of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 142, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Enployment and Earninga, April 1964.

Table 9.--Marital Status of Negro Women in the Civilian Lebor Force, March 1964
(Hamen 18 years of age and over)

| Marital status | Number | Percent distribution | As percent of woman population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 2,258,000 | 100.0 | 48.6 |
| Single | 439,000 | 14.8 | 60.6 |
| Married (husband present) | 1,510,000 | 51.0 | 46.0 |
| Other 1/ | 1,012,000 | 34.2 | 48.9 |

1/ Refers to women whe are widowed, divorced, or separated, or whose husbands are absent for other reasons.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, Ho. 142.

Table 10.--Percent of Nonfarm Family Income in 1963 Contributed by Wife, by Color, March 1964

| Wife's contribution to nonfarm femily incame | Percent distribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | White | Momwhite |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Less than 5.0 percent | 22.8 | 18.4 |
| 5.0 to 9.9 percent | 8.1 | 7.2 |
| 10.0 to 19.9 percent | 14.7 | 16.3 |
| 20.0 to 29.9 percent | 15.5 | 18.8 |
| 30.0 to 39.9 percent | 16.9 | 14.4 |
| 40.0 to 49.9 percent | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| 50.0 to 74.9 percent | 8.1 | 11.2 |
| 75.0 percent and over | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Median percent | 22.9 | 24.3 |

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistica: Special Labor Force Report No. 50.

Table 11.--Mothers in the Population and Labor Force, by Marital Status, Ages of Children, and Color, March 1965
(Mothers 14 years of age and over)


Table 11..-Mothers in the Population and Labor Force, by Marital Status, Ages of Children, and Color, March 1965-mContinued
(Mothers 14 years of age and over)

| Marital status and ages of childaren | Kumber (in thousands) |  | Percent distribution |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { labor force } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Population | Labor force | Population | Labor force |  |
| Nomwhite |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mothers with children under 18 years | 3,021 | 1,399 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 46.3 |
| Married, husband present <br> Other wamen ever married 1/ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,171 \\ 850 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 932 \\ & 467 \end{aligned}$ | 7.9 28.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 66.6 \\ & 33.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.9 \\ & 54.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| Mothers with children 6 to 17 (none under 6) | 1,238 | 76 | 41.0 | 51.2 | 57.8 |
| Married; husband present | $788$ | 444 | 26.1 | 31.7 | 56.3 |
| Other women ever married 1/ | $450$ | 272 | 14.9 | 19.4 | 60.4 |
| Mothers with children under 6 2/ | 1,783 | 683 | 59.0 | 48.8 | 38.3 |
| Married, husband present | 1,383 | 488 | 45.8 | 34.9 | 35.3 |
| Other wcanen ever married 1/ | $400$ | 195 | 13.2 | 13.9 | 48.8 |

1/ Refers to women who are widowed, divorced or separated, or whose husbands are absent for other reasons.

2/ May also have older children in addition to one or more under 6.
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Special Labor Force Report No. 64.

Table 12.--Child Care Arrangements of Working Mothers With Children Under 14 Years of Age, by Ages of Children and Color, February 1965

| Type of arrangement | Age of children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  | Under 6 years |  | 6 to 11 years |  | 12 and 13 years |  |
|  | White | Nowwite | White | Nominite | Wifte | Homwite | White | Fomuite |
| Kumber of children (in thousands) | 10,056 | 2,231 | 3,066 | 730 | 4,953 | 1,137 | 2,037 | 365 |
| Percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Care in childs own hame by- | 46 | 44 | 48 | 44 | 47 | 47 | 39 | 32 |
| Father | 16 | 10 | 16 | 9 | 16 | 31 | 15 | 9 |
| Other relative | 19 | 28 | 15 | 28 | 22 | 31 | 21 | 22 |
| N0 Under 16 years | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| 1 26 to 64 years | 11 | 19 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 17 |
| 65 years and over | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Nonrelative who only looked after child | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Honrelative who also did household chores | 6 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | -- |
| Care in someone alse's home by-- | 15 | $\underline{22}$ | 28 | 41 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 8 |
| Pelative | 7 | 12 | 13 | 24 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Nonrelative | 8 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 4 |

Table 12.--Child Care Arrangenents of Working Mothers With Children Under 14 Years of Age, by Ages of Children and Color, Eebruary 1965--Continued


## i/ Less than 1 percent.

Source: U.8. Departanent of Health, Education, and Welfare, Welfare Administration, Children's Bureau, and U.8. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau.

Table 13.--Major Occupational Groups of Employed Negro Men and Women, March 1964
(Persons 18 years of age and over)

| Major occupational group | Number <br> (In thousands) | Percent distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total. Men | 1/3,758,000 | 100.0 |
| Professional, technical workers | 178,000 | 4.7 |
| Msnagers, officiels, proprietors (except farm) | 107,000 | 2.8 |
| Clerical, sales workers | 274,000 | 7.3 |
| Craftsmen, foremen | 404,000 | 10.8 |
| Operatives | 1,005,000 | 26.7 |
| Nonfarm laborers | 831,000 | 22.1 |
| Service workers (including private-household) | 638,000 | 17.0 |
| Ferm workers Homen | 321,000 | 8.5 |
| Total | 1/2,619,000 | 100.0 |
| Professional, technical workers | 186,000 | 7.1 |
| Managers, officials, proprietors (except fargin | 48,000 | 1.8 |
| Clerical, sales workers | 287,000 | 11.0 |
| Craftsmen, foremen, operatives | 381,000 | 14.5 |
| Nonfarm Laborers | 17,000 | 0.6 |
| Service workers (except private household) | 678,000 | 25.9 |
| Private-household workers | 979,000 | 37.4 |
| Farm workers | 43,000 | 1.6 |

I/ Excludes inmates of institutions and all members of the Armed Forces.
Source: U.S. Depertment of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 142.

Table 14 .--Major Occupational Groups of Employed Nonwhite Women and Men, 1960 and 1950
(Persons 18 years of age and over)

| Major occupational group | Wamen |  | Men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1960 | 1950 | 1960 | 1950 |
| Mumber | 2,565,000 | 1,882,000 | 3,887,000 | 3,528,000 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Professional, technical workers | 7.6 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 2.3 |
| Teachers (except college) | 4.2 | 3.6 | . 9 | . 5 |
| Managers, officials, proprietors (except farm) | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Clerical, kindred workers | 8.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 3.2 |
| Sales workers | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Craftamen, fortmen | . 7 | . 6 | 10.4 | 8.0 |
| Operatives | 13.0 | 14.9 | 23.8 | 21.1 |
| Fonfarm laborers | 1.0 | 1.5 | 19.3 | 23.1 |
| Service workers (except privatehousehold) | 21.0 | 18.9 | 23.7 | 13.5 |
| Private-household workers | 33.9 | 40.9 | . 7 | 1.1 |
| Farmers, farm managers | . 6 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 13.9 |
| Farm laborers, foremen | 2.7 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 8.8 |
| Occupation not reported | 7.9 | 1.5 | 8.2 | 1.3 |

Source: U.S. Department of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: 1960 U.S. Census of Popuiation, Special Report FC(2)-TA; 1950 US. Census of Population, Special Report P-E, No. 1-B.

Table 15.--Dnewploynent pates, by Sex, Color, and Age, selected Years 1954-65 and April 1966
(Permans 14 years of age and over)


8ource: U.3. Departaent of Labor, Manpower Report of the President; A Report on Manpover Requirements, Fesources, Utilization, and Training, March 1966 and Bureau of Labor Statistics: Employment and Farnings, May 1966.

Table 16.--Unemployment Rates, by Sex, Years of School Completed, and Race, March 1964
(Persons 18 years of age and over)

| Years of school completed | White | Negro |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  |
| Less than 8 years 1/ | 8.1 | 9.6 |
| High school, 1 to 4 years | 4.6 | 10.9 |
| College, 1 year or more | 2.4 | 6.2 |
|  | Hamen |  |
| Less than 8 years $1 /$ | 8.8 | 10.0 |
| High school, 1 to 4 years | 5.7 | 13.8 |
| College, 1 year or more | 3.2 | 3.2 |

1/ Includes no school years completed.
Source: U.S. Department of Camerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 142.

Table 17.--School Firollment of the Popuration 5 to 34 Years of Age, by Face and Sex, October 1964 I/

| Age | Girls and women |  | Boys and men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fumber |  | Number | $\frac{\text { As }}{\text { percent of }}$ population |
| Total school enroll ment |  |  |  |  |
| Hotal | 24,809,000 | 55.3 | 26,851.000 | 62.3 |
| 5 years | 1,379,000 | 68.1 | 1,435,000 | 68.8 |
| 6 years | 1,985,000 | 98.4 | 2,043,000 | 98.1 |
| 7 to 13 years | 13,177,000 | 99.2 | 13,548,000 | 98.8 |
| 14 to 17 years | 6,356,000 | 91.8 | 6,658,000 | 94.4 |
| 18 and 19 years | 958,000 | 33.7 | 1,238,000 | 50.9 |
| 20 to 24 years | 716,000 | 10.9 | 1,332,000 | 23.8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 148,000 | 2.6 | 411,000 | 8.1 |
| 30 to 34 years | 90,000 | 1.9 | 186,000 | 3.6 |
| Eape menol marizment |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 3,093,000 | 56.9 | 3,098,000 | 62.3 |
| 5 years | 172,000 | 61.2 | 175,000 | 64.3 |
| 6 years | 270,000 | 99.3 | 261,000 | 97.4 |
| 7 to 13 years | 1,745,000 | 99.5 | 1,706,000 | 98.5 |
| 14 to 17 years | 116,000 | 88.0 | 752,000 | 91.9 |
| 18 and 19 years | 102,000 | 32.7 | 116,000 | 39.9 |
| 20 to 24 years | 57,000 | 8.1 | 51,000 | 8.3 |
| 25 to 29 years | 18,000 | 2.8 | 17,000 | 3.5 |
| 30 to 34 years | 13,000 | 2.0 | 20,000 | 4.0 |

I/ Includes schools in regular school system, that is public, parochial, and private schools offering a diploma or a degree.

Source: U.S. Department of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 148.

Table 18.--Levels of school Attended by Students 5 to 34 Years of Age, by Race and Slex, October 1964 I/

| Leval of echool | Girla and wamen |  | Boys mat men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent distribution | Kumber | Percent distribution |
| Total achool enrollment |  |  |  |  |
| Totel | 24,809,000 | 100.0 | 26,851,000 | 100.0 |
| Elementary school or kindergarten | 16,698,000 | 67.3 |  | 65.2 |
| High school | 6,353,000 | 25.6 | 6,459,000 | 24.1 |
| College | 1,755,000 | 7.1 | 2,887,000 | 10.8 |
| Megro school enrollment |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 3,093,000 | 100.0 | 3,098,000 | 100.0 |
| Ellementary achool or kindergarten | 2,272,000 | 73.6 | 2,273,000 | $73.3$ $13.3$ |
| High school | 702,000 | 22.7 | 706,000 | $22.8$ |
| College | 114,000 | 3.7 | 120,000 | 3.9 |

1/ Includen schools in regular school system; that is public, parochial, and private schools, offering a dipioma or degree.

Source: U.S. Department of Canmerce, Bureau of the Census: Lu rupulation Reports, P-20, No. 148.

Table 19.--Educational Attainment of the Population, by Race and Sex, March 1964
(Persons 18 years of age and over)

| Years of school campleted | White |  | Negro |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women | Men | Women | Men |
| Number | 55,369,000 | 49,576,000 | 6,081,000 | 5,039,000 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| mementary school: |  |  |  |  |
| None | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 4.5 |
| Less than 8 years | 17.6 | 13.6 | 28.8 | 33.7 |
| 8 years | 14.0 | 15.0 | 11.8 | 11.5 |
| High school: 18.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 1 to 3 years | 18.6 | 18.0 | 25.3 | 24.4 |
| 4 years | 37.5 | 29.4 | 22.9 | 16.6 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |
| Median years of school completed | 12.1 | 12.1 | 9.9 | 9.0 |

Source: U.S. Department of Comerce, Bureau of the Census: Current Population Reports, R-20, No.142, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Special Labor Force Report No. 53.


[^0]:    1/ The Social Security Administration index of poverty assumes that a 4 -person farm family with annual cash income of less than $\$ 1,860$ and other 4 person familles with less than $\$ 3,100$ live in poverty. This index is adjusted to take family size into account.

    2/U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social Security Administration: Social Security Bulletin, January 1965.

    3/ U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social Security Administration: Social Security Builetin, July 1965.

[^1]:    4/ U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, Minimum Waze and Maximum Hours Standards Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, January 1966.

