

Status Report

CHILDREN AND THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THEIR PARENTS, MINNESOTA 2000

Three-fourths (75.0%) of children in Minnesota have both parents or their single parent in the labor force.

Age of Child

Older children are more likely to have both parents or their single parent in the labor force.

- ◆ Over three-fourths (77.8%) of children 6 to 17 years have both parents or their single parent in the labor force.
- ◆ Over two-thirds (68.8%) of children under 6 years have both parents or their single parent in the labor force.

Family Type

Nearly three-quarters (72.8%) of children living with two parents have both parents in the labor force.

- ◆ Just over three-quarters (75.9%) of children 6 to 17 living with two parents have both parents in the labor force.
- ◆ Younger children (under 6 years) in these families were less likely to have both parents in the labor force. However, just under two-thirds (66.0%) of these children had both parents in the labor force.

Over four-fifths (83.2%) of children in single parent families have their parent in the labor force.

- ◆ Just under nine in ten (87.8%) children living with their father have him in the labor force.
- ◆ Just over four-fifths (81.7%) of children living with their mother have her in the labor force.

Minnesota Children by Employment Status of Parents, 2000			
	Total Number of Children	Number of Children with Parents in the Labor Force	Percent of Children with Parents in the Labor Force
Living with both parents/single parent	1,239,179	929,447	75.0%
Children under 6 years	384,991	264,979	68.8%
Children 6 to 17 years	854,188	664,468	77.8%
Living with two parents	974,952	709,728	72.8%
Children under 6 years	304,457	201,043	66.0%
Children 6 to 17 years	670,495	508,685	75.9%
Living with one parent	264,227	219,719	83.2%
Children under 6 years	80,534	63,936	79.4%
Children 6 to 17 years	183,693	155,783	84.8%

Children are "own" children, never-married children under 18 who are a son or daughter of the householder by birth, marriage (a stepchild) or adoption.