



By the Numbers: Working Mothers

For this week's "**By the Numbers**," we examine the top and bottom regions with the highest percentage of working mothers. Pulling the data from the [U.S. Census](#) (American Community Survey), we rank the top 10 metros and list the bottom three for each metro classification: large, medium, mid-size, and small.

EX: Washington, DC Metro (68.9%): represents the percentage of mothers in the Washington, DC metro who have children younger than 18 and are working.

Large Metros: Million-Plus

Rank	Metro	% of Working Mothers
1	Minneapolis, MN	73.0%
2	Buffalo, NY	70.7%
3	St. Louis, MO	70.6%
4	Kansas City, MO	70.4%
5	Baltimore, MD	70.3%
6	Jacksonville, FL	69.6%
7	Richmond, VA	69.6%
8	Cincinnati, OH	69.2%
9	Washington, DC	68.9%
10	Milwaukee, WI	68.4%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2005. CCG Analysis, 2007.

Bottom 3: Riverside, CA (56.5%); San Jose, CA (57.7%), Los Angeles, CA (57.8%)

Medium Metros: 500K-Million

Rank	Metro	% of Working Mothers
1	Des Moines, IA	79.1%
2	Madison, WI	75.0%
3	Columbia, SC	74.2%
4	Harrisburg, PA	74.1%
5	Albany, NY	73.5%
6	Omaha, NE	71.1%

7	Syracuse, NY	70.7%
8	Sarasota, FL	70.5%
9	Akron, OH	70.3%
10	Cape Coral, FL	70.2%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2005. CCG Analysis, 2007.

Bottom 3: McAllen, TX (47.4%); El Paso, TX (55.4%); Bakersfield, CA (56.6%)

Mid-sized Metros: 250K-500K

Rank	Metro	% of Working Mothers
1	Lincoln, NE	76.3%
2	Tallahassee, FL	75.8%
3	Green Bay, WI	75.3%
4	York, PA	74.0%
5	Davenport, IA	73.9%
6	Kalamazoo, MI	73.2%
7	Fort Collins, CO	73.1%
8	Deltona, FL	72.8%
9	Lansing, MI	71.7%
10	Durham, NC	71.1%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2005. CCG Analysis, 2007.

Bottom 3: Provo, UT (48.9%), Brownsville, TX (51.4%), Visalia, CA (52.1%)

Small Metros: 250K-Below

Rank	Metro	% of Working Mothers
1	Bismarck, ND	84.9%
2	Jefferson City, MO	83.0%
3	Springfield, IL	81.9%
4	Sioux Falls, SD	81.0%
5	St. Cloud, MN	79.6%
6	Dubuque, IA	79.3%
7	Rochester, MN	78.3%
8	Lebanon, PA	78.0%
9	Waterloo, IA	77.5%
10	Fargo, ND	77.1%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2005. CCG Analysis, 2007.

Bottom 3: Florence, AL (51.3%); Logan, UT (52.0%); Yuma, AZ (53.0%)