

Table MC-1. Married Couples by Labor Force Status of Spouses: 1986 to Present
(Numbers in thousands)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census
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Year	All married couples	In labor force			Husband and wife not in labor
		Husband and wife	Husband only	Wife only	
2003	58,586	32,585	12,757	3,642	9,602
2002	56,747	31,637	12,327	3,388	9,395
2001	56,592	31,794	12,213	3,274	9,311
2000	55,311	31,095	11,815	3,301	9,098
1999	54,770	30,635	11,704	3,185	9,245
1998	54,317	30,591	11,582	3,087	9,057
1997	53,604	30,466	11,369	2,891	8,878
1996	53,567	29,952	11,684	2,835	9,096
1995	53,858	29,999	11,777	3,043	9,039
1994	53,171	29,279	11,665	3,069	9,158
1993	53,171	28,898	12,268	2,804	9,200
1992	52,457	28,592	12,283	2,620	8,963
1991	52,147	28,167	12,680	2,454	8,845
1990	52,317	28,056	13,013	2,453	8,794
1989	52,100	27,731	13,292	2,348	8,729
1988	51,809	27,016	13,737	2,358	8,698
1987	51,537	26,466	14,144	2,317	8,611
1986	50,933	25,428	14,675	2,362	8,468

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2003	26,445	17,383	7,660	923	480
2002	25,792	17,233	7,301	777	482
2001	25,980	17,563	7,210	784	422
2000	25,248	17,116	6,950	795	387
1999	25,066	16,887	6,998	765	418
1998	25,269	17,168	6,856	753	491
1997	25,083	17,160	6,713	732	478
1996	24,920	16,769	6,883	739	528
1995	25,241	17,024	6,863	756	598
1994	25,058	16,635	7,029	754	641
1993	24,707	16,064	7,431	680	532
1992	24,420	16,054	7,228	580	557
1991	24,397	15,778	7,542	581	495
1990	24,537	15,768	7,667	558	544
1989	24,735	15,757	7,929	488	560
1988	24,600	15,489	8,031	541	539
1987	24,645	15,238	8,345	528	534
1986	24,630	14,606	8,916	518	590

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2003	12,014	6,884	4,615	308	208
2002	11,531	6,796	4,311	250	175
2001	11,732	7,054	4,296	247	134
2000	11,393	6,984	4,077	211	121
1999	11,461	6,878	4,182	257	144
1998	11,773	7,310	4,079	223	161
1997	11,584	7,142	4,022	260	162
1996	11,782	7,189	4,159	229	205
1995	11,951	7,406	4,059	233	253
1994	12,118	7,283	4,328	250	255
1993	11,942	6,934	4,535	231	241
1992	11,925	6,972	4,482	217	254
1991	12,100	7,061	4,593	223	222
1990	12,051	6,932	4,692	192	235
1989	12,011	6,772	4,867	148	224
1988	11,915	6,651	4,875	182	206
1987	11,966	6,618	4,947	199	202
1986	11,924	6,271	5,284	155	215

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Social and Economic Supplement: 2003 Current Population Survey, Current Population Reports, Series P20-553, "America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2003" and earlier reports.

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