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## The changing impact of marriage and children on women' s labor force participation

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In 2004, single women with children were more likely to be working than in 1984, but married women with children—especially young children—were less likely to be doing so; research that overlooks this differential effect of children by marital status draws an incorrect conclusion about the child penalty on women' s labor force participation.

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