

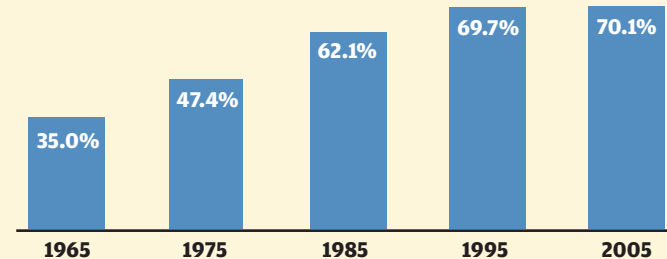
# More mothers in the work force

**S**ince 1968, real household income in the U.S. has increased by over 30 percent. Much of the growth is a direct result of the dramatic increase in the number of women in the labor force, including working mothers. In 1968, an estimated 38.4 percent of all mothers with children under the age of 18 were ei-

ther employed or actively seeking employment. By 2005, the labor participation rate for mothers had risen to 70.1 percent. In Dane County, 78.1 percent of mothers with children under the age of 18 were in the labor force in 2005. The following chart shows the labor participation rate for women with children in the U.S.

**PART 4** of this month's series comparing current statistics to those from 1968

## Percentage of mothers in the work force



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