

Table 3.1**Labour Force Participation Rates¹, 1975-1986
(Per Cent)**

Age Group	Women		Men	
	1975	1986	1975	1986
15-19	47.4	52.7	54.6	55.9
20-24	67.0	76.2	85.0	84.6
25-34	52.9	73.0	95.2	94.3
35-44	51.5	72.1	96.1	95.0
45-54	46.1	60.7	92.7	91.5
55-64	30.8	33.4	79.3	68.5
65 +	4.9	3.7	18.5	11.7
OVERALL PARTICIPATION RATE	44.4	55.1	78.4	76.7
Married	41.6	56.1	85.1	80.4
Single	59.2	66.1	66.9	72.2

¹The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for women represents the number of women in the labour force (employed and unemployed) expressed as a percentage of all women 15 years of age and over.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*.