



FACT SHEET

Women, Families, and Unemployment

- About 4 in 10 unemployed adult women and men (20 and older) have been seeking work for more than six months.
- The average duration of unemployment for adult women and men is about nine months—and state unemployment benefits typically last no more than six months.
- Women 55 and older experience the highest rates of long-term unemployment and longest spells of unemployment, among women by age.
- Asian American and African American women experience the highest rates of long-term unemployment and longest spells of unemployment, among women by race and ethnicity.
- 2.3 million children lived with a parent who had been seeking work for six months or more in an average month in 2013.
- The long-term unemployment rate among unemployed single parents was 55 percent, substantially higher than for unemployed married parents—44 percent.
- More than 1 in 3 families with a parent unemployed long-term were poor.
- Nearly 1.75 million people—including 446,000 children, 655,000 women, and 642,000 men—were lifted out of poverty in 2012 by unemployment insurance benefits, due in large part to federal emergency unemployment compensation.

Source: [Long-Term Unemployment: Spotlight on Women and Families](#), National Women's Law Center, June 18, 2014.

