The female labor force participation rate peaked in November 1999 at 60.2% and remained roughly steady until 2009. In the post GFC period, between 2009 and 2015, the participation rate declined at a steady pace, reaching a low of 56.4%. During the pandemic, the participation rate plummeted from 57.9% to below 55%.

Female labor force participation rate



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