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woman who quits work to raise her children and pectancy of 26.8 years.

tering the labor force. There are now about 40 accounting for nearly 41 percent of all workers.

To put it another way, nearly half of all women 16 years old and over are women 16 and over were in the labor force and they

Women's influx into the

Women are marrying at a later age and are having fewer children. Because of rising inflation, there is a greater need for two family to enjoy at least a

numbers of women, the and divorces has caused be self-The National that the divorce rate in this country doubled the last decade.

Women are also staying single longer. In 1976, for example, 43 percent of the women 20 to 24 years old pared with 28 percent in

The number of women who head families is also increasing, and this factor has undoubtedly pushed more women labor force. Since 1970, about 60

percent of the increase in the number of women family heads has been among divorcees, and the income of one-third of the headed women remains below the

poverty level. In 1977 the number of million, the highest ever

on sex as well as race or ethnic origin.
The 5 million minority

accounted for 13 percent of all women workers. They are more likely than white women to be heads of families and poor heads

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