

“Youngest Baby Boomers
Employed an Average of 78
Percent of Weeks from
Ages 18 to 50”

Overall, women were employed 71 percent of weeks from age 18 to age 50, and men were employed 84 percent of weeks. For both women and men, increased education levels were linked to more time employed.

TED: The Economics Daily,
Sept 13, 2017

“Statistics Reveals New, More
Precise Insight into Upward
Mobility Between Generations”

The quality of K-12 education plays an increasingly important role in the capacity for upward mobility in communities where a wider range of economic classes coexist.

Phys.org, Sept 12, 2017

“Becoming an Entrepreneur
Might Not Be as Risky
as You Thought”

A study about entrepreneurship found that it's less risky to start a business than originally thought and entrepreneurs earned more over their lifetimes versus traditional salaried positions.

Houston Chronicle, Feb 17, 2016

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“The National Longitudinal Surveys stand out because they are designed to answer key long-term questions about people’s paths through life.

The survey doesn’t just ask about labor market activity. It also asks about education, training, health, marriages and other relationships, children, use of government programs, juvenile crimes and arrests, drug and alcohol use, and much more. Why do we ask about these topics, some of which are pretty sensitive? In short, we’re trying to understand all the things that affect or are affected by labor market activity. That covers nearly every part of our lives.

This is all possible thanks to the people who have agreed to participate in the surveys across many years—so that we can understand people’s paths over time!”

Erica L. Groshen, Commissioner 2013-2017
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Thank You!



Research Highlights

✓ Labor Market

An increase in a boss’s competence leads to increases in their workers’ well-being.

✓ Education

Children’s expectations of earning a bachelor’s degree in the future is connected to their mothers’ educational successes.

✓ Health

Reading nutrition labels can help reduce long-term risks of diabetes.

✓ Family

Kids in two-parent families tend to earn more money, work more hours per week, and are married themselves as adults.

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