

# 4 Ways COVID-19 Has Hurt Working Mothers

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## 1.1 Million Women Left Their Jobs Due to Covid

Between February 2020 and March 2021, 1.1 million women dropped out of the workforce, with the rate of unemployment even higher for those with children.



## 1.4 Million Fewer Moms Worked During the Pandemic

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According to U.S. Census data, 1.4 million fewer mothers were actively working in January 2021 compared to January 2020.

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## Mothers Took on the Bulk of Childcare Duties

Compared to 14% of men, 44% of women reported being the only household member providing care in 2020.



## Mothers Are 3 Times More Likely to Have Their Lost Job

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In 2020, mothers of children 12 years old or younger lost 2.2 million jobs compared to the 870,000 jobs lost by fathers.



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