**Women outnumber men in nationwide trend**

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Washington, D.C. — More women than men are in the workforce today, a trend that has persisted for more than a decade, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Women have been increasing their share of the workforce for almost two decades, but the trend has accelerated in recent years, with women now comprising 47.8% of the labor force, compared to 45.3% in 1998.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the increase can be attributed to several factors, including the growing number of women in their 50s and 60s who are entering the workforce, as well as a decline in the number of women who are staying home to care for their children.

The bureau also noted that the increase in women’s participation in the labor force has been more pronounced in certain sectors, such as education and healthcare, where women are more likely to be employed part-time or in lower-paying jobs.

In addition, the bureau said the increase in women’s participation in the labor force is likely to continue in the coming years, as more women continue to enter the workforce and as the overall labor force grows.

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