

# Mums and Part-time work

Netmums have joined forces with the Resolution Foundation to find out more about mums who work part-time. We know that over one third of women in the UK work part-time, but little is known about whether or not this is a free choice, or the result of constraint due to the lack of child/elder care, or availability of jobs. If you are currently working part-time please let us know your experiences and thoughts by filling in this survey.

## **\*1. Are you currently working part-time?**

- Yes, I am employed
- Yes, I am self-employed
- Yes, and I am on maternity leave
- No

## 2. What is your TOTAL household income (including earnings from others in your household) before tax (including benefits and tax credits)?

- £0-10k
- £10-20k
- £20k-£30k
- £30-40k
- £40-50k
- £50-£60k
- More than £60k

## 3. How many children do you have?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

## 4. How old is your youngest child?

- Under 6 months
- 6-12 months
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11 or older

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### 5. Who else do you live with?

- My husband/partner
- I am a single parent
- Other adult members of my family

### 6. What is your highest qualification?

- Degree or equivalent
- Higher education
- GCSE grades A-C or equivalent
- A Level or equivalent
- Other qualifications
- I don't have qualifications

### 7. How many hours a week do you work?

- 5 hours or less
- 5-10 hours
- 10-16 hours
- 16-20 hours
- 20-25 hours
- 25-30 hours

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## 8. Which sector do you work in?

- Retail
- Health and social work
- Manufacturing
- Financial services
- Construction
- Transport and communications
- Education
- Accommodation and food services
- Public administration, defence and social security
- Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Energy, water and mining
- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Other service activities

## 9. Which of the following most closely fits your thoughts about part-time work?

- I've chosen freely to work part-time because I prefer it
- I'd prefer not to work part-time but I don't feel I have much choice

## 10. By working part-time, do you feel you've had to take a lower skilled job than you would have if you worked full-time?

- Yes
- No

## 11. Did you work full time before you had children?

- Yes
- No

## 12. Are you working for the same company but have now switched to working part-time?

- Yes
- No

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### 13. If you have a partner, was it a joint decision for you to work part time?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

### 14. What are the barriers to working full-time? (Please tick all that apply)

- I can't find full-time work that I am qualified to do
- I can't find full-time work that fits with my caring responsibilities
- I don't think it's financially worth my while to work full-time
- I can't work full-time for health reasons
- Lack of affordable and quality childcare

Other (please specify)

### 15. Do you plan to or hope to increase your working hours as your children grow older?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### 16. Under what circumstances would you consider working full-time at the moment?

- If there was suitable child/elder care
- If there were better paid jobs available
- If there were jobs available at my skill level
- If my financial situation deteriorated
- If there were full-time jobs with flexible work policies
- I wouldn't

Other (please explain)

### 17. Do you have any further comments about working part time that you would like to make?

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**18. If you would be interested in taking part in a follow up survey to discuss this in more detail please leave your email address and location below**