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 Gainfully Employed Persons and Labor Force Participation Rate (1949-1970)

This chart shows that the ratio of women in the workforce in East Germany had risen steadily since 1949. In 1970, nearly half of all those gainfully employed were women.

Year	Gainfully Employed Persons			Labor Force Participation Rate			Unemployment Rate
	Total	Growth in Gainfully Employed	Ratio of Women	Total	Participation Rate of Women	Participation Rate of Men	
	in 1,000	in %	in %	in %	in %	in %	
1949	7,678	.	.	41	.	.	.
1950	7,581	- 1.3	.	41	.	.	5.1
1951	7,739	+ 2.1	.	42	.	.	.
1952	7,814	+ 1.0	42	43	33	55	1.6
1953	7 930	+ 1.5	43	44	34	56	0.2
1954	8,108	+ 2.2	44	45	35	57	0.7
1955	8,187	+ 1.0	44	46	36	58	0.6
1956	8,133	- 0.7	44	46	37	58	0.5
1957	8,183	+ 0.6	44	47	37	59	0.3
1958	8,131	- 0.6	43	47	37	59	0.2
1959	8,121	- 0.1	44	47	38	58	0.1
1960	7,993	- 1.6	45	47	38	57	0.1
1961	7,939	- 0.7	46	46	39	56	.
1962	7,942	0.0	46	46	39	55	.
1963	7,945	0.0	46	46	39	55	.
1964	8,011	+ 0.8	46	47	40	56	.

1965	8,072	+ 0.8	47	47	41	55	.
1966	8,103	+ 0.4	47	47	41	55	.
1967	8,163	+ 0.7	47	48	41	55	.
1968	8,173	+ 0.1	47	48	42	55	.
1969	8,203	+ 0,4	48	48	43	55	.
1970	8,218	+ 0,2	48	48	43	54	.

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