Preface

This survey of recent economic literature on the employment status of black women is an attempt to fit a number of contradictory findings into a more comprehensible context. The task became far more difficult than was originally indicated by the nature of the research. Perhaps this is an indication that economists and other social scientists need to coordinate their research in this area.

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