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Women in the District of Columbia

History

In the United States, Women's History Month originated in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim March 7-13, 1982 as Women's History Week, the week-long celebration honoring women. Congress continued to pass annual proclamations designating a week in March as Women's History Week until 1987 when the National Women's History Project petitioned for a month long celebration. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. This brief presents key demographic information on women in the District of Columbia using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011 1-year estimates and other sources, as noted.

Population

325,713

The number of females in the District in 2011, representing 52.7% of the total population. The number of males was 292,283. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

41,924

At 65 and older, there were almost twice as many women as there were men in 2011; 41,924 women to 27,814 men. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)



33.7

Median age of females in 2011, compared to 33.1 for males. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

18,798

The number of females living in group quarters in 2011, representing 5.8 percent of the female population. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

Jobs and Unemployment

64.4%

Percentage of females 16 and older who participated in the labor force in 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

61.5%

Percent of employed females 16 and older who worked in management, business, and financial occupations, compared with 60.0 percent of employed males in 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

20.2%

The percent of females employed in sales and office occupations, compared with 13.2% of employed males in 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

7.1

The unemployment rate for married women whose spouse was present, compared to 5.2% for married men whose spouse was present in 2011. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011 Current Population Survey)

18.4

The unemployment rate for women who maintain families in 2011. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011 Current Population Survey)



Military Service

11.4%

Percentage of District veterans that were female in 2011, representing 3,381 women. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)



Earnings

\$60,332

The median annual earnings of women 16 years or older who worked year-round, full time in 2011. In comparison, the median annual earnings of men were \$66,760. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

0.90

The female-to-male earnings ratio in 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

20.2%

The percentage of DC women 16 years or older who worked year-round, full time who earned \$100,000 or more in 2011. In comparison, 31.0% of men 16 years or older earned \$100,000 or more. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

Education

118,093

Number of women 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or more in 2011, higher than the corresponding number for men (106,671). Women had a larger share of high school diplomas (including equivalents), as well as associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. More men than women had a professional or doctoral degree. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

51.9%

Percent of women 25 and older who had obtained a bachelor's degree or more as of 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

44,124

Number of college students in 2011 who were women age 15 and older. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)



Voting

48.1%

Percentage of District female citizens 18 and older who reported voting in the 2010 congressional election, 41.9 percent of their male counterparts cast a ballot. Additionally, 69.5 percent of female citizens reported being registered to vote. (Source: Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2010, Table 4b)



Motherhood

7,070

Number of women age 15 to 50 with births in the past 12 months in 2011. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

17.0%

Percentage of stay-at-home moms (married-couple families with own children under 18 years where the wife stayed-at-home while the husband worked). Compared with 4.0% of stay-at-home dads (married-couple families with own children under 18 years where the husband stayed-at-home while the wife worked). (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)



Marriage

121,461

Median age at first marriage for women 15 to 54 years. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

30.1

Median age at first marriage for women 15 to 54 years. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

25.6%

Percentage of females 15 years and over who were married in 2011; 56.9% were single, 7.8% were widowed, and 9.7% were divorced. (Source: 2011 ACS 1-year estimates)

Historical – 1960 Census

405,785

Number of females in 1960, representing 53.1% of the population, compared to 358,171 men. (Source: 1960 Census)

33.8

Median age of females in 1960, compared to 30.6 for males. (Source: 1960 Census)

16,224

The number of females living in group quarters in 1960, representing 4.0 percent of the female population. (Source: 1960 Census)

48.1%

Percentage of females 14 years and over not in the labor force, representing 150,685 women. Of those not in the labor force: 3.6% were an inmate of an institution; 14.1% were enrolled in school; 20.0% were under 65 years old with children under 6 years; and 21.0% were 65 years old and over. (Source: 1960 Census)

3.8

The unemployment rate for females 14 years and over in 1960. (Source: 1960 Census)

\$2,457

The median income of women 14 or older who worked in 1960. In comparison, the median income of men was \$3,818. (Source: 1960 Census)

53.8%

Percentage of females 14 years and over who were married in 1960; 26.9% were single, 14.4% were widowed, and 4.8% were divorced. (Source: 1960 Census)



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