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## Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: Colorado<sup>1</sup>

August 2016

### I. Population, 18 years and older, 2015<sup>2</sup>

Total:	3.818 million
Men:	1.912 million (50.1% of total)
Women:	1.905 million (49.9% of total)
Married women: <sup>3</sup>	1.090 million (28.5% of total; 57.2% of women)
Unmarried women:	0.816 million (21.4% of total; 42.8% of women)
• Widowed:	0.157 million ( 8.2% of women; 19.2% of unmarried women)
• Divorced:	0.262 million (13.8% of women; 32.2% of unmarried women)
• Separated:	0.019 million ( 1.0% of women;  2.3% of unmarried women)
• Never married:	0.378 million (19.8% of women; 46.3% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	3.102 million (81.3% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.652 million (21.0% of non-Hisp. White; 80.0% of unm. women)
Hispanic: <sup>4</sup>	0.480 million (12.6% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.120 million (25.0% of Hispanic; 14.7% of unmarried women)
African American: <sup>5</sup>	0.136 million ( 3.6% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.025 million (18.3% of Af.Am.; 3.0% of unmarried women)
Asian: <sup>6</sup>	0.074 million ( 1.9% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.020 million (27.4% of Asian; 2.5% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.450 million (41.3% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.106 million (13.0% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.004 million ( 2.7% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.036 million (13.7% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.058 million (15.5% of never married women)

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### II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2015

(percentages are of each row)<sup>7</sup>

	<u>Median</u>	<u>&lt;30</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Total:	45	18.6%	37.7%	21.8%	21.9%
Men:	45	19.5%	39.3%	21.6%	19.6%
Women:	47	17.7%	36.0%	22.0%	24.2%
Married women:	47	11.3%	42.4%	24.7%	21.6%
Unmarried women:	46	26.2%	27.5%	18.4%	27.8%
<i>Widowed:</i>	79	0.0%	1.6%	8.5%	89.9%
<i>Divorced:</i>	56	3.3%	35.4%	36.1%	25.2%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	29	52.5%	34.1%	9.3%	4.1%

### III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2015

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)<sup>8</sup>

	<u>High school degree/ less</u>	<u>Some college</u>	<u>College graduate/ post-graduate</u>
Total:	1.094 (28.6%)	1.154 (30.2%)	1.570 (41.1%)
Men:	0.607 (31.7%)	0.539 (28.2%)	0.767 (40.1%)
Women:	0.487 (25.6%)	0.615 (32.3%)	0.803 (42.1%)
Married women:	0.248 (22.8%)	0.328 (30.1%)	0.514 (47.1%)
Unmarried women:	0.239 (29.3%)	0.288 (35.3%)	0.289 (35.5%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.056 (35.8%)	0.058 (37.0%)	0.043 (27.3%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.057 (21.5%)	0.115 (43.7%)	0.091 (34.8%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.115 (30.4%)	0.111 (29.3%)	0.152 (40.2%)

### IV. Labor Force Participation and Unemployment, 18 years and over, 2015

(percentages for employed are of adult civilian population for each row; percentages for unemployed are of labor force for each row)<sup>9</sup>

Total:	67.2%; 65.0% employed; 3.3% unemployed
Men:	73.2%; 71.3% employed; 2.5% unemployed
Women:	61.3%; 58.6% employed; 4.3% unemployed
Married women:	58.5%; 56.9% employed; 2.7% unemployed
Unmarried women:	65.0%; 60.9% employed; 6.3% unemployed
• <i>Widowed:</i>	15.9%; 15.9% employed; 0.0% unemployed
• <i>Divorced:</i>	69.1%; 66.9% employed; 3.1% unemployed
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	81.7%; 74.4% employed; 9.0% unemployed

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### V. Minimum wage

Colorado's minimum wage rose from \$8.23/hour to \$8.31/hour on 1/1/16, under a 2006 state constitutional amendment providing for annual indexation of the state's minimum wage.<sup>10</sup> The same provision applies to the state's tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate, which increased from \$5.21/hour to \$5.29/hour.<sup>11</sup> About six in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Colorado are women.<sup>12</sup>

### VI. Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 18 years and over, 2015<sup>13</sup>

Total:	\$50,505
Men:	\$55,000
Women:	\$45,000 (81.8% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$49,458 (89.9% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$40,005 (72.7% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$40,812 (74.2% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$45,029 (81.9% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$35,002 (63.6% of men's earnings)</i>

### VII. Distribution of Household Income,<sup>14</sup> 18 years and over, 2014 (percentages are of each row)<sup>15</sup>

	<u>0-\$11,999</u>	<u>\$12-\$24,999</u>	<u>\$25-\$39,999</u>	<u>\$40-\$74,999</u>	<u>\$75,000+</u>
Total:	5.2%	9.7%	14.5%	27.8%	42.7%
Men:	5.2%	8.6%	13.9%	27.0%	45.2%
Women:	5.2%	10.8%	15.1%	28.6%	40.2%
Married women:	1.8%	5.8%	12.6%	30.9%	48.8%
Unmarried women:	9.8%	17.5%	18.4%	25.5%	28.7%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>31.8%</i>	<i>18.6%</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>21.9%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>34.9%</i>	<i>19.5%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA				
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>10.0%</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>38.2%</i>

**VIII. Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013 and 2014<sup>16</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	0.471 million (12.7%)	0.371 million ( 9.8%)
Men:	0.233 million (12.6%)	0.224 million (11.8%)
Women:	0.237 million (12.7%)	0.146 million ( 7.8%)
Married women:	0.096 million ( 9.1%)	0.065 million ( 6.3%)
Unmarried women:	0.141 million (17.4%)	0.082 million ( 9.7%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.006 million ( 4.3%)</i>	<i>0.003 million ( 1.9%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.041 million (18.8%)</i>	<i>0.018 million ( 7.5%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.087 million (20.2%)</i>	<i>0.051 million (11.9%)</i>

**IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014<sup>17</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	0.306 million ( 8.2%)	0.359 million ( 9.5%)
Men:	0.151 million ( 8.1%)	0.168 million ( 8.9%)
Women:	0.155 million ( 8.3%)	0.191 million (10.2%)
Married women:	0.045 million ( 4.3%)	0.046 million ( 4.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.110 million (13.5%)	0.145 million (17.1%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.018 million (14.5%)</i>	<i>0.019 million (13.4%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.028 million (12.7%)</i>	<i>0.037 million (15.4%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.050 million (11.7%)</i>	<i>0.080 million (18.7%)</i>

NA=Not available because of insufficient sample for further analysis

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all figures in this analysis are for vote eligible population only

<sup>2</sup> Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015, [http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>3</sup> Married women includes married with spouse absent.

<sup>4</sup> Hispanic may be of any race.

<sup>5</sup> Includes Hispanic.

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<sup>7</sup> Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,  
[http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>8</sup> Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,  
[http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>9</sup> Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,  
[http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>10</sup> National Conference of State Legislatures, "State Minimum Wages: 2014-2015 Minimum Wage by State," January 1, 2016, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx>.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Department of Labor, "Minimum Wages for Tipped Employees," January 1, 2016,  
<http://www.dol.gov/whd/state/tipped.htm>.

<sup>12</sup> National Women's Law Center, "Women and the Minimum Wage, State by State," July 1, 2015,  
[http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/women\\_and\\_the\\_minimum\\_wage\\_state\\_by\\_state\\_7.1.15.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/women_and_the_minimum_wage_state_by_state_7.1.15.pdf).

<sup>13</sup> Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2015,  
[http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>14</sup> Household income includes the sum of the income of all people 15 years and older living in the household. Income is pre-tax income, and includes wages, self-employment income, interest payments, Social Security and pension income, and public assistance, among other sources.

<sup>15</sup> Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,  
[http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

<sup>16</sup> Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015,  
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