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

August 2016

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

Total:	8.863 million
Men:	4.223 million (47.6% of total)
Women:	4.640 million (52.4% of total)
Married women: <sup>3</sup>	2.213 million (25.0% of total; 47.7% of women)
Unmarried women:	2.427 million (27.4% of total; 52.3% of women)
• Widowed:	0.449 million ( 9.7% of women; 18.5% of unmarried women)
• Divorced:	0.477 million (10.3% of women; 19.6% of unmarried women)
• Separated:	0.113 million ( 2.4% of women;  4.7% of unmarried women)
• Never married:	1.388 million (29.9% of women; 57.2% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	6.081 million (68.6% of total)
Unmarried women:	1.486 million (24.4% of non-Hisp. White; 61.2% of unm. women)
African American: <sup>4</sup>	1.330 million (15.0% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.546 million (41.0% of Af.Am.; 22.5% of unmarried women)
Hispanic: <sup>5</sup>	0.982 million (11.1% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.299 million (30.4% of Hispanic; 12.3% of unmarried women)
Asian: <sup>6</sup>	0.425 million ( 4.8% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.089 million (21.0% of Asian; 3.7% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.795 million (35.9% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.388 million (16.0% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.015 million ( 3.4% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.123 million (25.8% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.194 million (14.0% 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:	47	22.0%	32.1%	27.3%	18.6%
Men:	46	21.9%	33.5%	26.9%	17.6%
Women:	48	22.1%	30.9%	27.7%	19.4%
Married women:	51	8.6%	37.6%	36.0%	17.8%
Unmarried women:	43	34.3%	24.8%	20.1%	20.9%
<i>Widowed:</i>	75	1.3%	1.5%	20.9%	76.3%
<i>Divorced:</i>	53	6.9%	31.7%	40.7%	20.8%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	27	56.5%	26.6%	12.8%	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:	3.070 (34.6%)	2.687 (30.3%)	3.106 (35.0%)
Men:	1.497 (35.5%)	1.185 (28.1%)	1.541 (36.5%)
Women:	1.573 (33.9%)	1.502 (32.4%)	1.565 (33.7%)
Married women:	0.719 (32.5%)	0.574 (25.9%)	0.920 (41.6%)
Unmarried women:	0.854 (35.2%)	0.928 (38.2%)	0.645 (26.6%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.257 (57.3%)	0.121 (26.9%)	0.071 (15.8%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.159 (33.4%)	0.206 (43.1%)	0.112 (23.5%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.407 (29.3%)	0.532 (38.3%)	0.450 (32.4%)

### 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:	65.6%; 61.0% employed; 7.0% unemployed
Men:	70.5%; 65.3% employed; 7.3% unemployed
Women:	61.1%; 57.0% employed; 6.7% unemployed
Married women:	59.7%; 57.8% employed; 3.1% unemployed
Unmarried women:	62.3%; 56.2% employed; 9.8% unemployed
• <i>Widowed:</i>	24.2%; 24.2% employed; 0.0% unemployed
• <i>Divorced:</i>	64.7%; 61.4% employed; 5.1% unemployed
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	73.2%; 65.6% employed; 10.4% unemployed

## V. Minimum wage

Illinois's minimum wage rate is \$8.25/hour,<sup>10</sup> and its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate is \$4.95/hour. On July 1, 2015, the minimum wage in Chicago increased to \$10/hour and the tipped minimum wage there increased to \$5.45/hour. In November 2014, Illinois voters approved a non-binding ballot question to raise the state's minimum wage to \$10/hour, but further action is pending. More than half of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Illinois are women.<sup>11</sup>

## VI. Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 18 years and over, 2015<sup>12</sup>

Total:	\$50,015
Men:	\$56,749
Women:	\$43,890 (77.3% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$49,067 (86.5% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$37,228 (65.6% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$43,428 (76.5% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$41,000 (72.2% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$35,598 (62.7% of men's earnings)</i>

## VII. Distribution of Household Income,<sup>13</sup> 18 years and over, 2014

(percentages are of each row)<sup>14</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:	8.9%	10.4%	14.3%	27.8%	38.6%
Men:	8.0%	9.3%	14.0%	27.8%	41.0%
Women:	9.6%	11.4%	14.6%	27.8%	36.5%
Married women:	3.6%	6.7%	11.6%	27.6%	50.6%
Unmarried women:	15.2%	15.8%	17.4%	28.0%	23.7%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>15.7%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>22.6%</i>	<i>19.2%</i>	<i>13.9%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>14.9%</i>	<i>20.6%</i>	<i>31.5%</i>	<i>21.9%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA				
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>15.3%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>29.5%</i>	<i>28.8%</i>

**VIII. Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013 and 2014<sup>15</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	1.019 million (11.4%)	0.710 million ( 7.9%)
Men:	0.577 million (13.1%)	0.395 million ( 9.1%)
Women:	0.442 million ( 9.7%)	0.316 million ( 6.8%)
Married women:	0.166 million ( 7.2%)	0.117 million ( 5.2%)
Unmarried women:	0.276 million (12.3%)	0.199 million ( 8.4%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.013 million ( 3.4%)</i>	<i>0.008 million ( 1.8%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.085 million (14.9%)</i>	<i>0.045 million ( 8.8%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	<i>0.018 million (14.9%)</i>
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.160 million (13.5%)</i>	<i>0.128 million (10.0%)</i>

**IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014<sup>16</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	1.016 million (11.3%)	0.979 million (10.9%)
Men:	0.416 million ( 9.4%)	0.397 million ( 9.1%)
Women:	0.600 million (13.1%)	0.582 million (12.6%)
Married women:	0.108 million ( 4.6%)	0.103 million ( 4.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.492 million (21.9%)	0.479 million (20.3%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.033 million ( 8.8%)</i>	<i>0.077 million (17.3%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.117 million (20.5%)</i>	<i>0.112 million (21.9%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	<i>0.036 million (29.6%)</i>
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.311 million (26.2%)</i>	<i>0.255 million (19.9%)</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> Includes Hispanic.

<sup>5</sup> Hispanic may be of any race.

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

<sup>11</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>12</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>13</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>14</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>15</sup> Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015, [http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

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