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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: Iowa¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2015²

Total:	2.313 million
Men:	1.134 million (49.0% of total)
Women:	1.179 million (51.0% of total)
Married women: ³	0.629 million (27.2% of total; 53.3% of women)
Unmarried women:	0.551 million (23.8% of total; 46.7% of women)
• Widowed:	0.157 million (13.3% of women; 28.5% of unmarried women)
• Divorced:	0.135 million (11.5% of women; 24.5% of unmarried women)
• Separated:	NA
• Never married:	0.259 million (22.0% of women; 47.0% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	2.109 million (91.1% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.490 million (23.3% of non-Hisp. White; 89.0% of unm. women)
African American: ⁴	0.070 million (3.0% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.017 million (23.7% of Af.Am.; 3.0% of unmarried women)
Hispanic: ⁵	0.065 million (2.8% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.017 million (25.5% of Hispanic; 3.0% of unmarried women)
Asian: ⁶	0.021 million (0.9% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.004 million (21.0% of Asian; 0.8% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.233 million (37.1% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.087 million (15.7% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.004 million (2.6% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.037 million (27.5% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.045 million (17.5% of never married women)

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II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2015

(percentages are of each row)⁷

	<u>Median</u>	<u><30</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Total:	48	20.9%	30.8%	25.3%	23.0%
Men:	46	21.8%	31.8%	25.2%	21.2%
Women:	50	20.0%	29.8%	25.5%	24.7%
Married women:	50	9.9%	38.5%	29.1%	22.4%
Unmarried women:	48	31.5%	19.9%	21.3%	27.3%
<i>Widowed:</i>	79	0.0%	1.1%	21.3%	77.6%
<i>Divorced:</i>	53	3.8%	35.8%	47.3%	13.1%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	25	65.0%	23.0%	7.7%	4.2%

III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2015

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)⁸

	<u>High school degree/ less</u>	<u>Some college</u>	<u>College graduate/ post-graduate</u>
Total:	0.860 (37.2%)	0.817 (35.3%)	0.637 (27.5%)
Men:	0.451 (39.7%)	0.371 (32.8%)	0.312 (27.5%)
Women:	0.409 (34.7%)	0.445 (37.8%)	0.325 (27.6%)
Married women:	0.185 (29.5%)	0.224 (35.6%)	0.219 (34.9%)
Unmarried women:	0.224 (40.6%)	0.222(40.2%)	0.106 (19.2%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.087 (55.3%)	0.049 (31.5%)	0.021 (13.3%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.045 (33.1%)	0.049 (36.0%)	0.042 (30.9%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.092 (35.6%)	0.124 (47.7%)	0.043 (16.7%)

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)⁹

Total:	68.6%; 66.5% employed; 3.1% unemployed
Men:	74.3%; 72.2% employed; 2.9% unemployed
Women:	63.1%; 61.0% employed; 3.3% unemployed
Married women:	68.2%; 66.8% employed; 2.0% unemployed
Unmarried women:	57.3%; 54.4% employed; 5.1% unemployed
• <i>Widowed:</i>	17.7%; 17.7% employed; 0.0% unemployed
• <i>Divorced:</i>	74.2%; 71.2% employed; 4.0% unemployed
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	72.4%; 67.8% employed; 6.4% unemployed

V. Minimum wage

Iowa’s minimum wage rate is at the federal level of \$7.25/hour,¹⁰ and its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate is \$4.35/hour. More than six in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Iowa are women.¹¹

VI. Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 18 years and over, 2015¹²

Total:	\$45,000
Men:	\$50,082
Women:	\$38,069 (76.0% of men’s earnings)
Married women:	\$40,001 (79.9% of men’s earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$35,350 (70.6% of men’s earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$30,100 (60.1% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$43,102 (86.1% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$30,000 (59.9% of men’s earnings)</i>

VII. Distribution of Household Income,¹³ 18 years and over, 2014
(percentages are of each row)¹⁴

	<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:	8.7%	13.6%	17.4%	26.1%	34.3%
Men:	7.1%	12.1%	18.1%	26.5%	36.2%
Women:	10.2%	15.1%	16.7%	25.7%	32.4%
Married women:	2.3%	7.2%	14.4%	29.2%	46.8%
Unmarried women:	19.2%	24.0%	19.2%	21.6%	15.9%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>31.7%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>20.9%</i>	<i>15.9%</i>	<i>21.9%</i>	<i>29.7%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA				
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>21.7%</i>	<i>23.5%</i>	<i>17.0%</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	<i>19.1%</i>

VIII. Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013 and 2014¹⁵

Total:	0.205 million (9.1%)	0.138 million (6.1%)
Men:	0.106 million (9.7%)	0.079 million (7.2%)
Women:	0.099 million (8.6%)	0.058 million (5.1%)
Married women:	0.038 million (6.0%)	0.034 million (5.0%)
Unmarried women:	0.061 million (11.9%)	0.025 million (5.2%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.000 million (0.0%)</i>	<i>0.000 million (0.0%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.026 million (18.3%)</i>	<i>0.008 million (5.8%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.032 million (13.4%)</i>	<i>0.017 million (7.1%)</i>

IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014¹⁶

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	0.216 million (9.6%)	0.197 million (8.8%)
Men:	0.081 million (7.4%)	0.092 million (8.4%)
Women:	0.136 million (11.8%)	0.104 million (9.1%)
Married women:	0.020 million (3.1%)	0.024 million (3.6%)
Unmarried women:	0.116 million (22.8%)	0.080 million (16.9%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.016 million (14.9%)</i>	<i>0.012 million (13.7%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.028 million (19.1%)</i>	<i>0.023 million (16.9%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.067 million (28.3%)</i>	<i>0.043 million (18.0%)</i>

NA=Not available because of insufficient sample for further analysis

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

² Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

³ Married women includes married with spouse absent.

⁴ Includes Hispanic.

⁵ Hispanic may be of any race.

⁶ Includes Hispanic.

⁷ Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁸ Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁹ Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁰ 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>.

¹¹ 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.

¹² Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁵ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁶ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015,
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