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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: North Carolina¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2015²

Total:	6.949 million
Men:	3.249 million (46.8% of total)
Women:	3.700 million (53.2% of total)
Married women: ³	1.890 million (27.2% of total; 51.1% of women)
Unmarried women:	1.810 million (26.1% of total; 48.9% of women)
• Widowed:	0.374 million (10.1% of women; 20.7% of unmarried women)
• Divorced:	0.479 million (12.9% of women; 26.4% of unmarried women)
• Separated:	0.091 million (2.5% of women; 5.1% of unmarried women)
• Never married:	0.866 million (23.4% of women; 47.8% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	4.731 million (68.1% of total)
Unmarried women:	1.037 million (21.9% of non-Hisp. White; 57.3% of unm. women)
African American: ⁴	1.584 million (22.8% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.614 million (38.8% of Af.Am.; 33.9% of unmarried women)
Hispanic: ⁵	0.328 million (4.7% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.081 million (24.8% of Hispanic; 4.5% of unmarried women)
Asian: ⁶	0.178 million (2.6% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.036 million (20.1% of Asian; 2.0% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.680 million (36.0% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.380 million (21.0% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.024 million (6.4% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.086 million (18.0% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.225 million (26.0% 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	20.4%	31.4%	27.6%	20.7%
Men:	48	20.8%	32.2%	27.3%	19.7%
Women:	49	19.9%	30.7%	27.8%	21.6%
Married women:	50	9.1%	38.4%	33.0%	19.6%
Unmarried women:	46	31.3%	22.7%	22.4%	23.7%
<i>Widowed:</i>	71	1.0%	6.6%	20.9%	71.5%
<i>Divorced:</i>	56	4.2%	27.3%	44.5%	24.0%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	27	60.3%	26.1%	9.3%	4.3%

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:	2.748 (39.5%)	2.170 (31.2%)	2.031 (29.2%)
Men:	1.417 (43.6%)	0.903 (27.8%)	0.928 (28.6%)
Women:	1.330 (36.0%)	1.267 (34.2%)	1.103 (29.8%)
Married women:	0.575 (30.4%)	0.582 (30.8%)	0.732 (38.7%)
Unmarried women:	0.755 (41.7%)	0.684 (37.8%)	0.371 (20.5%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.228 (61.0%)	0.098 (26.1%)	0.048 (12.9%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.169 (35.3%)	0.200 (41.9%)	0.109 (22.8%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.298 (34.4%)	0.364 (42.0%)	0.205 (23.6%)

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:	62.1%; 58.4% employed; 5.9% unemployed
Men:	67.5%; 62.9% employed; 6.8% unemployed
Women:	57.4%; 54.5% employed; 5.0% unemployed
Married women:	58.1%; 56.1% employed; 3.4% unemployed
Unmarried women:	56.6%; 52.8% employed; 6.7% unemployed
• <i>Widowed:</i>	18.0%; 18.0% employed; 0.0% unemployed
• <i>Divorced:</i>	62.8%; 58.9% employed; 6.2% unemployed
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	69.7%; 64.8% employed; 7.1% unemployed

V. Minimum wage

North Carolina’s minimum wage rate is at the federal level of \$7.25/hour,¹⁰ as is its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate of \$2.13/hour. About two-thirds of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in North Carolina are women.¹¹

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

Total:	\$44,200
Men:	\$50,400
Women:	\$38,000 (75.4% of men’s earnings)
Married women:	\$40,180 (79.7% of men’s earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$35,111 (69.7% of men’s earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$48,000 (95.2% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$42,001 (83.3% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$30,004 (59.5% 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:	11.5%	14.1%	17.6%	27.5%	29.3%
Men:	9.6%	13.6%	17.0%	27.5%	32.3%
Women:	13.1%	14.5%	18.1%	27.6%	26.7%
Married women:	5.4%	10.2%	14.1%	29.6%	40.7%
Unmarried women:	21.2%	19.0%	22.4%	25.4%	12.0%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>24.7%</i>	<i>26.4%</i>	<i>25.1%</i>	<i>17.8%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>19.1%</i>	<i>16.1%</i>	<i>21.9%</i>	<i>33.0%</i>	<i>9.9%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA				
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>18.6%</i>	<i>17.7%</i>	<i>21.0%</i>	<i>25.7%</i>	<i>17.0%</i>

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	1.074 million (15.8%)	0.777 million (11.0%)
Men:	0.567 million (18.0%)	0.394 million (11.8%)
Women:	0.506 million (13.9%)	0.383 million (10.2%)
Married women:	0.161 million (9.1%)	0.138 million (7.4%)
Unmarried women:	0.346 million (18.5%)	0.245 million (13.1%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.033 million (8.4%)</i>	<i>0.013 million (3.8%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.106 million (25.1%)</i>	<i>0.059 million (11.9%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.188 million (20.2%)</i>	<i>0.157 million (17.6%)</i>

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	1.009 million (14.8%)	0.965 million (13.6%)
Men:	0.412 million (13.1%)	0.394 million (11.8%)
Women:	0.597 million (16.4%)	0.570 million (15.2%)
Married women:	0.125 million (7.1%)	0.086 million (4.6%)
Unmarried women:	0.472 million (25.2%)	0.485 million (25.8%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.095 million (24.7%)</i>	<i>0.052 million (15.3%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.129 million (30.4%)</i>	<i>0.131 million (26.5%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.215 million (23.1%)</i>	<i>0.240 million (26.9%)</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.

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