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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: Massachusetts¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2014²

Total:	4.815 million
Men:	2.241 million (46.5% of total)
Women:	2.574 million (53.5% of total)
Married women: ³	1.293 million (26.9% of total; 50.2% of women)
Unmarried women:	1.281 million (26.6% of total; 49.8% of women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.245 million (9.5% of women; 19.1% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.197 million (7.6% of women; 15.4% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>0.068 million (2.6% of women; 5.3% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.772 million (30.0% of women; 60.2% of unmarried women)</i>
Non-Hispanic White:	3.969 million (82.4% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.959 million (24.2% of non-Hisp. White; 74.9% of unm. women)</i>
Hispanic: ⁴	0.312 million (6.5% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.145 million (46.6% of Hispanic; 11.3% of unmarried women)</i>
African American: ⁵	0.310 million (6.4% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.136 million (43.9% of Af.Am.; 10.7% of unmarried women)</i>
Asian: ⁶	0.214 million (4.4% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.040 million (18.5% of Asian; 3.1% of unmarried women)</i>
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.441 million (34.1% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.243 million (19.0% of unmarried women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.007 million (2.9% of widowed women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.045 million (22.6% of divorced women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.159 million (20.6% of never married women)</i>

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II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2014

(percentages are of each row)⁷

	<u>Median</u>	<u><30</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Total:	49	20.6%	30.0%	28.2%	21.2%
Men:	49	20.2%	30.6%	29.2%	20.0%
Women:	49	21.0%	29.5%	27.3%	22.3%
Married women:	53	6.3%	34.5%	37.0%	22.2%
Unmarried women:	41	35.8%	24.4%	17.4%	22.3%
<i>Widowed:</i>	76	0.0%	6.5%	17.0%	76.6%
<i>Divorced:</i>	53	1.4%	34.5%	41.4%	22.7%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	27	58.7%	25.5%	10.7%	5.2%

III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2014

(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:	1.664 (34.5%)	1.125 (23.4%)	2.027 (42.1%)
Men:	0.729 (32.5%)	0.519 (23.1%)	0.993 (44.3%)
Women:	0.934 (36.3%)	0.606 (23.5%)	1.034 (40.2%)
Married women:	0.401 (31.0%)	0.250 (19.4%)	0.642 (49.6%)
Unmarried women:	0.533 (41.6%)	0.356 (27.8%)	0.392 (30.6%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.135 (55.0%)	0.039 (15.8%)	0.071 (29.2%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.078 (39.5%)	0.057 (29.0%)	0.062 (31.5%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.287 (37.1%)	0.240 (31.1%)	0.245 (31.7%)

IV. Labor Force Participation and Unemployment, 18 years and over, 2014

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

Total:	66.7%: 63.3% employed; 5.0% unemployed
Men:	69.2%: 65.0% employed; 6.1% unemployed
Women:	64.4%: 61.8% employed; 4.1% unemployed
Married women:	67.4%: 65.9% employed; 2.3% unemployed
Unmarried women:	61.3%: 57.6% employed; 6.0% unemployed
<i>Widowed:</i>	27.1%: 25.1% employed; 7.3% unemployed
<i>Divorced:</i>	63.4%: 60.5% employed; 4.7% unemployed
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	70.4%: 67.1% employed; 4.8% unemployed

V. Minimum wage

Massachusetts's minimum wage rate is \$10.00/hour under a 2014 state law,¹⁰ and its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate is \$3.35/hour. About two-thirds of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Massachusetts are women.¹¹

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

Total:	\$58,002
Men:	\$68,400
Women:	\$49,010 (71.7% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$55,040 (80.5% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$45,006 (65.8% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$51,436 (75.2% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$46,009 (67.3% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$44,000 (64.3% of men's earnings)</i>

VII. Distribution of Household Income,¹³ 18 years and over, 2013

(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:	6.6%	7.5%	12.5%	22.9%	50.6%
Men:	6.1%	5.5%	11.4%	23.5%	53.6%
Women:	7.0%	9.3%	13.4%	22.3%	47.9%
Married women:	2.5%	4.6%	11.1%	22.2%	59.6%
Unmarried women:	11.6%	14.0%	15.7%	22.5%	36.1%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>19.2%</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>21.2%</i>	<i>25.1%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>17.7%</i>	<i>14.9%</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>21.8%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>23.0%</i>	<i>41.9%</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:	0.152 million (3.2%)	0.179 million (3.8%)
Men:	0.096 million (4.3%)	0.086 million (3.8%)
Women:	0.056 million (2.3%)	0.093 million (3.7%)
Married women:	0.022 million (2.0%)	0.035 million (3.1%)
Unmarried women:	0.034 million (2.5%)	0.058 million (4.2%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.000 million (0.0%)</i>	<i>0.005 million (2.2%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.015 million (5.0%)</i>	<i>0.013 million (4.7%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.013 million (1.8%)</i>	<i>0.037 million (4.5%)</i>

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	0.455 million (9.7%)	0.546 million (11.5%)
Men:	0.161 million (7.2%)	0.212 million (9.4%)
Women:	0.294 million (11.9%)	0.334 million (13.3%)
Married women:	0.024 million (2.2%)	0.063 million (5.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.270 million (20.0%)	0.271 million (19.8%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.035 million (14.2%)</i>	<i>0.029 million (12.3%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.064 million (21.4%)</i>	<i>0.053 million (20.1%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.154 million (21.1%)</i>	<i>0.174 million (21.0%)</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: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

³ Married women includes married with spouse absent.

⁴ Hispanic may be of any race.

⁵ Includes Hispanic.

⁶ Includes Hispanic.

⁷ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁸ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁹ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, 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: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, 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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