

# VOTER PARTICIPATION DATA CENTER

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

August 2016

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

Total:	4.267 million
Men:	2.090 million (49.0% of total)
Women:	2.177 million (51.0% of total)
Married women: <sup>3</sup>	1.175 million (27.5% of total; 54.0% of women)
Unmarried women:	1.002 million (23.5% of total; 46.0% of women)
• Widowed:	0.186 million ( 8.5% of women; 18.6% of unmarried women)
• Divorced:	0.249 million (11.4% of women; 24.8% of unmarried women)
• Separated:	0.030 million ( 1.4% of women;  3.0% of unmarried women)
• Never married:	0.537 million (24.6% of women; 53.6% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	3.626 million (85.0% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.772 million (21.3% of non-Hisp. White; 77.0% of unm. women)
Hispanic: <sup>4</sup>	0.266 million ( 6.2% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.062 million (23.5% of Hispanic; 6.2% of unmarried women)
African American: <sup>5</sup>	0.219 million ( 5.1% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.098 million (45.0% of Af.Am.; 9.8% of unmarried women)
Asian: <sup>6</sup>	0.099 million ( 2.3% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.033 million (33.1% of Asian; 3.3% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.408 million (34.7% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.191 million (19.0% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.007 million ( 3.9% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.071 million (28.6% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.100 million (18.7% 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:	48	22.1%	30.1%	29.7%	18.1%
Men:	48	23.9%	28.8%	29.7%	17.5%
Women:	49	20.4%	31.3%	29.7%	18.6%
Married women:	51	9.1%	38.4%	33.7%	18.8%
Unmarried women:	43	33.6%	23.0%	24.9%	18.5%
<i>Widowed:</i>	73	0	5.6%	24.2%	70.2%
<i>Divorced:</i>	54	1.2%	35.0%	48.4%	15.4%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	26	61.7%	21.8%	13.4%	3.0%

### 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:	1.669 (39.1%)	1.300 (30.5%)	1.299 (30.4%)
Men:	0.892 (42.7%)	0.647 (30.9%)	0.551 (26.4%)
Women:	0.776 (35.7%)	0.653 (30.0%)	0.748 (34.4%)
Married women:	0.382 (32.5%)	0.320 (27.2%)	0.473 (40.3%)
Unmarried women:	0.395 (39.4%)	0.333 (33.2%)	0.275 (27.4%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.103 (55.5%)	0.048 (25.6%)	0.035 (18.9%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.084 (33.8%)	0.073 (29.5%)	0.091 (36.7%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.191 (35.6%)	0.200 (37.3%)	0.145 (27.1%)

### 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:	70.5%; 67.3% employed; 4.4% unemployed
Men:	73.1%; 70.2% employed; 4.0% unemployed
Women:	67.9%; 64.6% employed; 4.9% unemployed
Married women:	69.8%; 67.0% employed; 4.0% unemployed
Unmarried women:	65.7%; 61.8% employed; 6.0% unemployed
• <i>Widowed:</i>	26.7%; 26.7% employed; 0.0% unemployed
• <i>Divorced:</i>	63.2%; 59.7% employed; 5.4% unemployed
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	80.3%; 74.5% employed; 7.2% unemployed

**V. Minimum wage**

Wisconsin’s minimum wage rate is at the federal level of \$7.25/hour,<sup>10</sup> and its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate is \$2.33/hour. More than half of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Wisconsin 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:	\$47,592
Men:	\$51,020
Women:	\$42,022 (82.4% of men’s earnings)
Married women:	\$45,008 (88.2% of men’s earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$38,849 (76.1% of men’s earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$42,657 (83.6% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$45,003 (88.2% of men’s earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$35,053 (68.7% 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:	6.5%	10.4%	15.5%	34.4%	33.2%
Men:	6.4%	9.7%	13.9%	35.3%	34.6%
Women:	6.6%	11.0%	17.1%	33.5%	31.9%
Married women:	1.6%	6.4%	13.7%	35.8%	42.5%
Unmarried women:	12.4%	16.3%	21.0%	30.8%	19.4%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>15.0%</i>	<i>24.9%</i>	<i>32.2%</i>	<i>16.6%</i>	<i>11.4%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>27.3%</i>	<i>31.7%</i>	<i>16.0%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA				
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>35.3%</i>	<i>24.9%</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:	0.394 million ( 9.4%)	0.303 million ( 7.0%)
Men:	0.201 million ( 9.9%)	0.159 million ( 7.5%)
Women:	0.193 million ( 8.9%)	0.144 million ( 6.6%)
Married women:	0.093 million ( 8.0%)	0.074 million ( 6.2%)
Unmarried women:	0.100 million (10.1%)	0.070 million ( 7.0%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.000 million ( 0.0%)</i>	<i>0.002 million ( 1.3%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.026 million (10.3%)</i>	<i>0.022 million ( 9.6%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.070 million (13.7%)</i>	<i>0.040 million ( 7.5%)</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:	0.382 million ( 9.1%)	0.392 million ( 9.1%)
Men:	0.162 million ( 8.0%)	0.170 million ( 8.0%)
Women:	0.220 million (10.2%)	0.223 million (10.1%)
Married women:	0.025 million ( 2.1%)	0.030 million ( 2.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.195 million (19.7%)	0.192 million (19.3%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.024 million (11.8%)</i>	<i>0.018 million ( 9.8%)</i>
• <i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.048 million (19.1%)</i>	<i>0.055 million (23.5%)</i>
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.117 million (22.8%)</i>	<i>0.098 million (18.2%)</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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[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: 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).

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