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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: South Carolina¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2014²

Total:	3.569 million
Men:	1.678 million (47.0% of total)
Women:	1.891 million (53.0% of total)
Married women: ³	0.921 million (25.8% of total; 48.7% of women)
Unmarried women:	0.969 million (27.2% of total; 51.3% of women)
Widowed:	0.179 million (9.5% of women; 18.5% of unmarried women)
Divorced:	0.237 million (12.5% of women; 24.4% of unmarried women)
Separated:	0.080 million (4.3% of women; 8.3% of unmarried women)
Never married:	0.473 million (25.0% of women; 48.8% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	2.454 million (68.8% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.562 million (22.9% of non-Hisp. White; 57.9% of unm. women)
African American: ⁴	0.944 million (26.4% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.373 million (39.5% of Af.Am.; 38.5% of unmarried women)
Hispanic: ⁵	0.106 million (3.0% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.024 million (22.7% of Hispanic; 2.5% of unmarried women)
Asian: ⁶	0.038 million (1.1% of total)
Unmarried women:	0.005 million (12.2% of Asian; 0.5% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.300 million (32.5% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.185 million (19.1% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	0.007 million (4.0% of widowed women)
Divorced:	0.061 million (25.8% of divorced women)
Separated:	NA
Never married:	0.089 million (18.7% of never married women)

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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:	48	21.3%	31.8%	26.9%	20.0%
Men:	47	20.9%	33.6%	26.4%	19.1%
Women:	48	21.7%	30.3%	27.3%	20.7%
Married women:	52	9.7%	34.9%	34.9%	20.5%
Unmarried women:	44	33.1%	25.8%	20.1%	21.0%
<i>Widowed:</i>	75	0.0%	2.5%	16.0%	81.4%
<i>Divorced:</i>	51	7.8%	38.4%	38.9%	14.9%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	26	60.0%	26.9%	9.3%	3.8%

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:	1.733 (48.5%)	1.000 (28.0%)	0.837 (23.4%)
Men:	0.860 (51.2%)	0.456 (27.2%)	0.363 (21.6%)
Women:	0.873 (46.2%)	0.544 (28.7%)	0.474 (25.1%)
Married women:	0.398 (43.2%)	0.256 (27.8%)	0.267 (29.0%)
Unmarried women:	0.475 (49.0%)	0.288 (29.7%)	0.207 (21.4%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.114 (63.7%)	0.034 (18.9%)	0.031 (17.4%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.084 (35.4%)	0.070 (29.5%)	0.083 (35.1%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.235 (49.6%)	0.152 (32.2%)	0.086 (18.2%)

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:	59.3%: 55.0% employed; 7.3% unemployed
Men:	64.4%: 59.5% employed; 7.7% unemployed
Women:	54.7%: 50.9% employed; 6.8% unemployed
Married women:	55.8%: 53.8% employed; 3.7% unemployed
Unmarried women:	53.6%: 48.3% employed; 9.9% unemployed
<i>Widowed:</i>	11.4%: 11.4% employed; 0.0% unemployed
<i>Divorced:</i>	61.1%: 60.1% employed; 1.7% unemployed
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	62.0%: 54.9% employed; 11.6% unemployed

V. Minimum wage

South Carolina has no state minimum wage, thus hourly wage workers are covered by the federal standard of \$7.25/hour,¹⁰ as are its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage workers at the rate of \$2.13/hour. Nearly six in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in South Carolina are women.¹¹

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

Total:	\$40,006
Men:	\$43,001
Women:	\$37,155 (86.4% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$40,314 (93.8% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$35,000 (81.4% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$35,904 (83.5% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$41,018 (95.4% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$30,000 (69.8% 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:	14.5%	13.8%	20.0%	29.7%	22.0%
Men:	12.7%	12.6%	21.6%	30.3%	22.8%
Women:	16.1%	14.8%	18.7%	29.1%	21.2%
Married women:	6.5%	12.6%	17.3%	33.7%	29.9%
Unmarried women:	25.3%	16.9%	20.0%	24.9%	13.0%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>25.5%</i>	<i>25.1%</i>	<i>20.1%</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>16.6%</i>	<i>37.4%</i>	<i>12.4%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>27.4%</i>	<i>15.1%</i>	<i>19.8%</i>	<i>21.0%</i>	<i>16.7%</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:	0.569 million (16.3%)	0.481 million (13.5%)
Men:	0.288 million (17.4%)	0.236 million (14.1%)
Women:	0.281 million (15.2%)	0.245 million (13.0%)
Married women:	0.089 million (9.8%)	0.081 million (8.7%)
Unmarried women:	0.192 million (20.5%)	0.164 million (17.1%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.015 million (6.7%)</i>	<i>0.017 million (8.0%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.038 million (19.6%)</i>	<i>0.036 million (16.1%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.121 million (26.0%)</i>	<i>0.106 million (24.0%)</i>

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	0.529 million (15.1%)	0.526 million (14.7%)
Men:	0.228 million (13.8%)	0.202 million (12.1%)
Women:	0.301 million (16.3%)	0.323 million (17.1%)
Married women:	0.074 million (8.1%)	0.075 million (8.0%)
Unmarried women:	0.227 million (24.2%)	0.249 million (25.8%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.054 million (24.6%)</i>	<i>0.051 million (23.8%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.044 million (22.9%)</i>	<i>0.026 million (11.4%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.114 million (24.5%)</i>	<i>0.136 million (30.9%)</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: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, 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: 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: 2015 Minimum Wage by State," June 30, 2015, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx>.

¹¹ National Women's Law Center, "Women, The Minimum Wage, and the Wage Gap State by State," August 2015, http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/women_the_minimum_wage_and_the_wage_gap_state_by_state_8.11.15.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.

¹⁶ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.