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

March 2016

### I. Population, 18 years and older, 2014<sup>2</sup>

Total:	480,385
Men:	219,386 (45.7% of total)
Women:	260,999 (54.3% of total)
Married women: <sup>3</sup>	69,998 (14.6% of total; 26.8% of women)
Unmarried women:	191,001 (39.8% of total; 73.2% of women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	20,834 ( 8.0% of women; 10.9% of unmarried women)
<i>Divorced:</i>	25,776 ( 9.9% of women; 13.5% of unmarried women)
<i>Separated:</i>	5,515 ( 2.1% of women; 2.9% of unmarried women)
<i>Never married:</i>	138,876 (53.2% of women; 72.7% of unmarried women)
African American: <sup>4</sup>	235,219 (49.0% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	109,707 (46.6% of Af.Am.; 57.4% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	201,517 (41.9% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	63,953 (31.7% of non-Hisp. White; 33.5% of unm. women)
Hispanic: <sup>5</sup>	27,534 ( 5.7% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	10,650 (38.7% of Hispanic; 5.6% of unmarried women)
Asian: <sup>6</sup>	9,732 ( 2.0% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	2,921 (30.0% of Asian; 1.5% of unmarried women)
With children under 18:	
Married women:	26,504 (37.9% of married women)
Unmarried women:	25,812 (13.5% of unmarried women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0 ( 0.0% of widowed women)
<i>Divorced:</i>	3,546 (13.8% of divorced women)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	21,007 (15.1% of never married women)

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### II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2014

(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:	39	29.0%	35.4%	19.3%	16.3%
Men:	39	28.6%	36.8%	20.0%	14.6%
Women:	39	29.4%	34.2%	18.8%	17.7%
Married women:	46	8.7%	47.7%	22.3%	21.3%
Unmarried women:	35	37.0%	29.2%	17.5%	16.3%
<i>Widowed:</i>	75	2.6%	5.0%	18.8%	73.6%
<i>Divorced:</i>	59	2.3%	30.6%	35.4%	31.7%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	30	49.8%	32.4%	13.0%	4.7%

### III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2014

(numbers in thousands; 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:	139 (28.9%)	66 (13.8%)	275 (57.3%)
Men:	59 (26.8%)	26 (11.7%)	135 (61.5%)
Women:	80 (30.6%)	41 (15.6%)	140 (53.7%)
Married women:	14 (19.5%)	9 (12.7%)	47 (67.8%)
Unmarried women:	66 (34.7%)	32 (16.7%)	93 (48.6%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	10 (49.4%)	5 (21.8%)	6 (28.9%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	9 (34.7%)	6 (24.0%)	11 (41.3%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	44 (31.4%)	21 (14.8%)	75 (53.8%)

### 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)<sup>9</sup>

Total:	70.8%: 65.3% employed; 7.8% unemployed
Men:	76.2%: 69.7% employed; 8.6% unemployed
Women:	66.3%: 61.6% employed; 7.1% unemployed
Married women:	74.7%: 70.3% employed; 5.9% unemployed
Unmarried women:	63.2%: 58.4% employed; 7.6% unemployed
<i>Widowed:</i>	21.4%: 17.4% employed; 18.6% unemployed
<i>Divorced:</i>	54.9%: 49.9% employed; 9.1% unemployed
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	71.1%: 66.4% employed; 6.7% unemployed

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### V. Minimum wage

DC's state minimum wage rate is \$10.50/hour under a 2014 law,<sup>10</sup> and its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate is \$2.77/hour. More than half of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in DC 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:	\$70,001
Men:	\$76,521
Women:	\$62,252 (81.4% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$80,360 (105.0% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$57,300 (74.9% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$55,000 (71.9% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$60,000 (78.4% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$57,045 (74.5% of men's earnings)</i>

### VII. Distribution of Household Income,<sup>13</sup> 18 years and over, 2013

(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:	12.1%	9.7%	10.2%	20.5%	47.5%
Men:	8.7%	8.5%	8.7%	20.6%	53.6%
Women:	14.9%	10.8%	11.6%	20.4%	42.3%
Married women:	4.2%	4.4%	10.1%	13.4%	67.9%
Unmarried women:	18.9%	13.2%	12.1%	23.0%	32.9%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>	<i>27.4%</i>	<i>16.4%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>17.8%</i>	<i>40.3%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>20.2%</i>	<i>11.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>23.1%</i>	<i>34.2%</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:	37,938 (8.0%)	26,875 (5.6%)
Men:	19,182 (8.5%)	18,166 (8.2%)
Women:	18,757 (7.6%)	8,709 (3.4%)
Married women:	2,582 (4.1%)	1,190 (1.7%)
Unmarried women:	16,175 (8.7%)	7,519 (4.1%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	1,127 (4.6%)	0 (0.0%)
• <i>Divorced:</i>	1,420 (8.0%)	844 (3.4%)
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	12,239 (9.1%)	6,081 (4.6%)

**IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014<sup>16</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	83,475 (17.6%)	80,725 (17.0%)
Men:	34,734 (15.4%)	35,570 (16.0%)
Women:	48,741 (19.7%)	45,155 (17.8%)
Married women:	2,997 ( 4.8%)	3,935 ( 5.8%)
Unmarried women:	45,745 (24.7%)	41,220 (22.2%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	5,626 (22.7%)	6,873 (31.1%)
• <i>Divorced:</i>	2,784 (15.6%)	4,506 (18.1%)
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA
• <i>Never married:</i>	34,440 (25.5%)	27,673 (21.1%)

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: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, [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> Includes Hispanic.

<sup>5</sup> Hispanic may be of any race.

<sup>6</sup> Includes Hispanic.

<sup>7</sup> Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, [http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

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<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: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, [http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps\\_ftp.html](http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html).

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