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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: Washington¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2014²

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Total: | 4.776 million |
| Men: | 2.331 million (48.8% of total) |
| Women: | 2.445 million (51.2% of total) |
| Married women: ³ | 1.307 million (27.4% of total; 53.5% of women) |
| Unmarried women: | 1.138 million (23.8% of total; 46.5% of women) |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | <i>0.202 million (8.3% of women; 17.8% of unmarried women)</i> |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | <i>0.363 million (14.8% of women; 31.9% of unmarried women)</i> |
| <i>Separated:</i> | <i>0.030 million (1.2% of women; 2.6% of unmarried women)</i> |
| <i>Never married:</i> | <i>0.543 million (22.2% of women; 47.7% of unmarried women)</i> |
| Non-Hispanic White: | 3.644 million (76.3% of total) |
| <i>Unmarried women:</i> | <i>0.844 million (23.2% of non-Hisp. White; 74.1% of unm. women)</i> |
| Hispanic: ⁴ | 0.378 million (7.9% of total) |
| <i>Unmarried women:</i> | <i>0.089 million (23.6% of Hispanic; 7.9% of unmarried women)</i> |
| Asian: ⁵ | 0.268 million (5.6% of total) |
| <i>Unmarried women:</i> | <i>0.050 million (18.8% of Asian; 4.4% of unmarried women)</i> |
| Native American: ⁶ | 0.187 million (3.9% of total) |
| <i>Unmarried women:</i> | <i>0.053 million (28.6% of Nat.Am.; 4.7% of unmarried women)</i> |
| African American: ⁷ | 0.159 million (3.3% of total) |
| <i>Unmarried women:</i> | <i>0.043 million (27.1% of Af.Am.; 3.8% of unmarried women)</i> |
| With children under 18: | |
| Married women: | 0.457 million (34.9% of married women) |
| Unmarried women: | 0.198 million (17.4% of unmarried women) |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | <i>0.017 million (8.5% of widowed women)</i> |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | <i>0.059 million (16.3% of divorced women)</i> |
| <i>Separated:</i> | <i>NA</i> |
| <i>Never married:</i> | <i>0.107 million (19.8% of never married women)</i> |

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II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2014

(percentages are of each row)⁸

| | <u>Median</u> | <u><30</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Total: | 48 | 19.9% | 31.9% | 27.5% | 20.6% |
| Men: | 48 | 19.1% | 33.2% | 27.2% | 20.5% |
| Women: | 48 | 20.7% | 30.7% | 27.8% | 20.8% |
| Married women: | 52 | 9.8% | 35.7% | 33.7% | 20.9% |
| Unmarried women: | 43 | 33.3% | 25.0% | 21.0% | 20.7% |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | 71 | 1.4% | 7.5% | 21.2% | 70.0% |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | 55 | 3.6% | 32.7% | 40.2% | 23.4% |
| <i>Separated:</i> | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| <i>Never married:</i> | 26 | 66.9% | 24.0% | 7.4% | 1.6% |

III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2014

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)⁹

| | <u>High school degree/ less</u> | <u>Some college</u> | <u>College graduate/ post-graduate</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Total: | 1.588 (33.2%) | 1.632 (34.2%) | 1.557 (32.6%) |
| Men: | 0.843 (36.1%) | 0.756 (32.4%) | 0.733 (31.4%) |
| Women: | 0.745 (30.5%) | 0.876 (35.8%) | 0.824 (33.7%) |
| Married women: | 0.323 (24.7%) | 0.479 (36.6%) | 0.506 (38.7%) |
| Unmarried women: | 0.422 (37.1%) | 0.397 (34.9%) | 0.319 (28.0%) |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | 0.100 (49.4%) | 0.069 (34.2%) | 0.033 (16.4%) |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | 0.134 (37.0%) | 0.121 (33.2%) | 0.108 (29.8%) |
| <i>Separated:</i> | NA | NA | NA |
| <i>Never married:</i> | 0.173 (31.9%) | 0.198 (36.5%) | 0.172 (31.6%) |

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)¹⁰

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|-----------------------|--|
| Total: | 64.5%: 60.3% employed; 6.7% unemployed |
| Men: | 70.2%: 64.2% employed; 8.5% unemployed |
| Women: | 59.2%: 56.5% employed; 4.5% unemployed |
| Married women: | 58.6%: 56.6% employed; 3.3% unemployed |
| Unmarried women: | 59.9%: 56.3% employed; 5.9% unemployed |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | 22.0%: 22.0% employed; 0.0% unemployed |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | 56.5%: 53.9% employed; 4.6% unemployed |
| <i>Separated:</i> | NA |
| <i>Never married:</i> | 74.6%: 69.4% employed; 7.1% unemployed |

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V. Minimum wage

Washington's minimum wage rate is \$9.47/hour, and the rate is between \$10.50 and \$13.00/hr. in Seattle, depending on the employer.¹¹ Washington has no tipped minimum wage exemption for employers and thus all hourly wage workers are covered by the state's regular minimum wage requirements. About six in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Washington are women.¹²

VI. Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 18 years and over, 2015¹³

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Total: | \$50,060 |
| Men: | \$55,612 |
| Women: | \$45,025 (81.0% of men's earnings) |
| Married women: | \$47,000 (84.5% of men's earnings) |
| Unmarried women: | \$45,000 (80.9% of men's earnings) |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | <i>\$40,014 (72.0% of men's earnings)</i> |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | <i>\$50,003 (89.9% of men's earnings)</i> |
| <i>Separated:</i> | <i>NA</i> |
| <i>Never married:</i> | <i>\$37,100 (66.7% of men's earnings)</i> |

VII. Distribution of Household Income,¹⁴ 18 years and over, 2013 (percentages are of each row)¹⁵

| | <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: | 7.1% | 10.2% | 16.1% | 26.1% | 40.4% |
| Men: | 6.1% | 10.3% | 15.5% | 26.6% | 41.6% |
| Women: | 8.1% | 10.2% | 16.8% | 25.5% | 39.3% |
| Married women: | 3.5% | 5.8% | 12.9% | 27.0% | 50.8% |
| Unmarried women: | 13.4% | 15.3% | 21.2% | 23.9% | 26.2% |
| <i>Widowed:</i> | <i>15.5%</i> | <i>24.1%</i> | <i>24.2%</i> | <i>20.0%</i> | <i>16.2%</i> |
| <i>Divorced:</i> | <i>17.9%</i> | <i>14.7%</i> | <i>16.2%</i> | <i>28.9%</i> | <i>22.3%</i> |
| <i>Separated:</i> | <i>NA</i> | <i>NA</i> | <i>NA</i> | <i>NA</i> | <i>NA</i> |
| <i>Never married:</i> | <i>9.4%</i> | <i>11.9%</i> | <i>23.4%</i> | <i>22.2%</i> | <i>33.0%</i> |

VIII. Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013 and 2014¹⁶

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Total: | 532,284 (11.0%) | 407,544 (8.2%) |
| Men: | 293,417 (12.3%) | 224,881 (9.2%) |
| Women: | 238,868 (9.6%) | 182,663 (7.2%) |
| Married women: | 66,418 (5.1%) | 83,489 (6.1%) |
| Unmarried women: | 172,449 (14.5%) | 99,174 (8.5%) |
| • <i>Widowed:</i> | 4,484 (2.3%) | 5,736 (3.2%) |
| • <i>Divorced:</i> | 34,137 (10.2%) | 20,315 (6.2%) |
| • <i>Separated:</i> | NA | NA |
| • <i>Never married:</i> | 126,706 (21.3%) | 68,619 (10.8%) |

IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014¹⁷

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total: | 445,265 (9.2%) | 464,960 (9.3%) |
| Men: | 213,177 (9.0%) | 188,881 (7.7%) |
| Women: | 232,088 (9.4%) | 276,079 (10.9%) |
| Married women: | 57,557 (4.5%) | 70,266 (5.1%) |
| Unmarried women: | 174,530 (14.7%) | 205,813 (17.7%) |
| • <i>Widowed:</i> | 17,031 (8.6%) | 24,696 (13.8%) |
| • <i>Divorced:</i> | 65,385 (19.4%) | 77,619 (23.8%) |
| • <i>Separated:</i> | NA | NA |
| • <i>Never married:</i> | 80,605 (13.6%) | 98,547 (15.5%) |

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 Includes Hispanic.

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

¹¹ 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>.

¹² 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.

¹³ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, 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.

¹⁷ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.