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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: United States¹

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Population, 18 years and over, 2016

Total population:	223.836 million
White: ²	154.835 million (69.2% of total)
African American: ³	27.551 million (12.3% of total)
Hispanic: ⁴	26.462 million (11.8% of total)
Asian: ⁵	9.569 million (4.3% of total)
Men:	107.836 million (48.2% of total)
Women:	115.999 million (51.8% of total)
Married women: ⁶	57.812 million (25.8% of total; 49.8% of women)
Unmarried women:	58.187 million (26.0% of total; 50.2% of women)
Widowed:	10.946 million (9.4% of women; 18.8% of unmarried women)
Divorced:	14.199 million (12.2% of women; 24.4% of unmarried women)
Separated:	2.611 million (2.3% of women; 4.5% of unmarried women)
Never married:	30.431 million (26.2% of women; 52.3% of unmarried women)
Non-Hispanic White:	35.903 million (61.7% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	8.271 million (14.2% of unmarried women; 75.6% of widowed)
Divorced:	9.982 million (17.2% of unmarried women; 70.3% of divorced)
Separated:	1.239 million (2.1% of unmarried women; 47.5% of separated)
Never married:	16.411 million (28.2% of unmarried women; 53.9% of nev. mar)
African American:	10.815 million (18.6% of unmarried women)
Widowed:	1.322 million (2.3% of unmarried women; 12.1% of widowed)
Divorced:	2.058 million (3.5% of unmarried women; 14.5% of divorced)
Separated:	0.623 million (1.1% of unmarried women; 23.9% of separated)
Never married:	6.812 million (11.7% of unmarried women; 22.4% of nev. mar)

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Hispanic: 7.701 million (13.2% of unmarried women)
Widowed: 0.787 million (1.4% of unmarried women; 7.2% of widowed)
Divorced: 1.485 million (2.6% of unmarried women; 10.5% of divorced)
Separated: 0.589 million (1.0% of unmarried women; 22.6% of separated)
Never married: 4.840 million (8.3% of unmarried women; 15.9% of nev. mar)

Asian: 2.003 million (3.4% of unmarried women)
Widowed: 0.392 million (0.7% of unmarried women; 3.6% of widowed)
Divorced: 0.292 million (0.5% of unmarried women; 2.1% of divorced)
Separated: 0.072 million (0.1% of unmarried women; 2.8% of separated)
Never married: 1.247 million (2.1% of unmarried women; 4.1% of nev. mar)

With children under 18:⁷

Married women: 22.957 million (39.7% of married women)
 Unmarried women: 15.498 million (26.6% of unmarried women)
Widowed: 1.045 million (9.5% of widowed women)
Divorced: 3.757 million (26.5% of divorced women)
Separated: 1.244 million (47.6% of separated women)
Never married: 9.452 million (31.1% of never married women)

Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2016

(percentages are of each row)

	<u>Median</u>	<u><30</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Total:	47	21.2%	31.9%	26.4%	20.5%
Men:	46	22.2%	32.3%	26.5%	19.0%
Women:	47	20.3%	31.4%	26.4%	21.9%
Married women:	50	8.0%	38.4%	33.3%	20.4%
Unmarried women:	44	32.5%	24.5%	19.5%	23.4%
<i>Widowed:</i>	75	0.4%	4.8%	16.5%	78.3%
<i>Divorced:</i>	55	3.4%	32.1%	39.6%	24.9%
<i>Separated:</i>	44	16.2%	46.8%	28.1%	8.9%
<i>Never married:</i>	27	59.1%	26.1%	10.5%	4.3%

Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2015

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)

	High school degree/ less	Some college	College graduate/ post-graduate
Total:	86.74 (38.8%)	67.25 (30.0%)	69.84 (31.2%)
Men:	43.93 (40.7%)	30.95 (28.7%)	32.95 (30.6%)
Women:	42.81 (36.9%)	36.30 (31.3%)	36.89 (31.8%)
Married women:	19.08 (33.0%)	16.38 (28.3%)	22.35 (38.7%)
Unmarried women:	23.73 (40.8%)	19.92 (34.2%)	14.54 (25.0%)
Widowed:	6.21 (56.7%)	2.71 (24.8%)	2.02 (18.5%)
Divorced:	4.98 (35.1%)	5.20 (36.6%)	4.02 (28.3%)
Separated:	1.22 (46.9%)	0.92 (35.1%)	0.47 (18.1%)
Never married:	11.31 (37.2%)	11.09 (36.4%)	8.03 (26.4%)

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)

Total:	64.0%: 60.8% employed; 5.1% unemployed
Men:	69.5%: 65.7% employed; 5.4% unemployed
Women:	59.0%: 56.2% employed; 4.7% unemployed
Married women:	60.1%: 58.4% employed; 2.9% unemployed
Unmarried women:	57.8%: 54.1% employed; 6.5% unemployed
Widowed:	19.3%: 18.6% employed; 3.6% unemployed
Divorced:	62.8%: 59.8% employed; 4.7% unemployed
Separated:	67.0%: 62.9% employed; 6.1% unemployed
Never married:	68.6%: 63.4% employed; 7.7% unemployed

Wage and Salary Workers Paid Hourly Rates At or Below the Prevailing Federal Minimum Wage, Ages 16 and Over, 2015⁸

Total:	0.870 million at min. wage; 1.691 million below min. wage
Men:	37.9% of min. wage workers; 37.2% of below min. wage workers
Women:	62.1% of min. wage workers; 62.8% of below min. wage workers
Married women: ⁹	12.6% of min. wage workers; 15.4% of below min. wage workers
Unmarried women: ¹⁰	49.5% of min. wage workers; 47.4% of below min. wage workers
<i>Other marital status</i> ¹¹	<i>8.6% of min. wage workers; 10.0% of below min. wage workers</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>40.9% of min. wage workers; 37.4% of below min. wage workers</i>

Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 2015¹²

Total:	\$46,000
Men:	\$50,000
Women:	\$40,000 (80.0% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$45,000 (90.0% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$35,360 (70.7% of men's earnings)
<i>w/child <18:</i>	<i>\$30,000 (60.0% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>w/child <6:</i>	<i>\$28,000 (56.0% of men's earnings)</i>

Distribution of Household Income,¹³ 18 years and over, 2015

(percentages are of each row)¹⁴

	<u>0-\$9,999</u>	<u>\$10-\$24,999</u>	<u>\$25-\$49,999</u>	<u>\$50-\$74,999</u>	<u>\$75,000+</u>
Total:	4.6%	11.2%	19.9%	17.2%	47.2%
Men:	3.8%	9.4%	19.1%	17.7%	50.1%
Women:	5.2%	12.9%	20.7%	16.6%	44.5%
Married women:	1.9%	5.9%	16.8%	17.2%	58.2%
Unmarried women:	8.4%	19.9%	24.6%	16.1%	31.0%
<i>Widowed:</i>	8.1%	35.9%	26.6%	10.7%	18.7%
<i>Divorced:</i>	8.6%	19.9%	27.8%	17.2%	26.5%
<i>Separated:</i>	14.8%	19.9%	27.1%	17.8%	20.5%
<i>Never married:</i>	7.9%	14.1%	22.3%	17.4%	38.3%

Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013, 2014 and 2015

(numbers in millions)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total:	28.698 (13.1%)	21.853 (9.9%)	19.370 (8.7%)
Men:	15.172 (14.3%)	11.569 (10.9%)	10.382 (9.6%)
Women:	13.526 (11.9%)	10.283 (8.9%)	8.988 (7.7%)
Married women:	4.832 (8.4%)	3.795 (6.6%)	3.262 (5.6%)
Unmarried women:	8.694 (15.5%)	6.487 (11.3%)	5.724 (9.8%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.495 (4.6%)	0.363 (3.3%)	0.326 (3.0%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	2.183 (15.6%)	1.590 (11.2%)	1.295 (9.1%)
<i>Separated:</i>	0.572 (21.0%)	0.443 (16.9%)	0.357 (13.7%)
<i>Never married:</i>	5.444 (18.9%)	4.091 (13.8%)	3.746 (12.3%)

Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2015¹⁵

Total:	24.352 million (10.9%)
Men:	9.815 million (9.1%)
Women:	14.537 million (12.5%)
Married women:	2.874 million (5.0%)
Unmarried women:	11.663 million (20.0%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>1.590 million (14.5%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>2.730 million (19.2%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>0.788 million (30.2%)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>6.555 million (21.5%)</i>

NA=Not available because of insufficient sample for further analysis

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all figures in this analysis refer to vote eligible population only, and are calculated from data from Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, March 2016, using CPS Table Creator, <https://www.census.gov/cps/data/cpstablecreator.html>. (accessed on 4/4/17)

² Excludes Hispanic

³ Excludes Hispanic

⁴ Hispanic may be of any race

⁵ Includes Hispanic

⁶ Includes married with spouse present and married with spouse absent

⁷ Related child or children under age 18

⁸ Includes all relevant population, not just vote eligible population. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Characteristics of Minimum Wage Workers: 2015, Table 1. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing federal minimum wage, by selected characteristics, 2015 annual averages; and Table 8. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing federal minimum wage by marital status, age, and gender, 2015 annual averages," April 2016, <http://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/minimum-wage/2015/pdf/home.pdf>.

⁹ Does not include married with spouse absent

¹⁰ Includes married with spouse absent

¹¹ Includes married, spouse absent; widowed; divorced; and separated

¹² Includes all full-time, year-round workers, 18 and older.

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, November 2015,
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.