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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: North Carolina¹

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Population, 18 years and over, 2016

Total population:	7.107 million
White: ²	4.926 million (69.3% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>1.111 million (22.6% of White; 58.8% of unmarried women)</i>
African American: ³	1.514 million (21.3% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.626 million (41.3% of Af. Am.; 33.1% of unmarried women)</i>
Hispanic: ⁴	0.314 million (4.4% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.066 million (21.0% of Hispanic; 3.5% of unmarried women)</i>
Asian: ⁵	0.113 million (1.6% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.017 million (15.0% of Asian; 0.9% of unmarried women)</i>
Men:	3.352 million (47.2% of total)
Women:	3.754 million (52.8% of total)
Married women: ⁶	1.866 million (26.3% of total; 49.7% of women)
Unmarried women:	1.889 million (26.6% of total; 50.3% of women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.371 million (9.9% of women; 19.6% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.427 million (11.4% of women; 22.6% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>0.124 million (3.3% of women; 6.6% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.967 million (25.8% of women; 51.2% of unmarried women)</i>
With children under 18: ⁷	
Married women:	0.745 million (39.9% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.520 million (27.5% of unmarried women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.034 million (9.2% of widowed women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.110 million (25.8% of divorced women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>0.049 million (39.5% of separated women)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.327 million (33.8% of never married women)</i>

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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:	48	22.6%	30.1%	28.2%	19.1%
Men:	48	23.2%	30.7%	28.6%	17.5%
Women:	48	22.1%	29.5%	27.8%	20.6%
Married women:	51	8.9%	35.5%	37.3%	18.4%
Unmarried women:	45	35.2%	23.6%	18.5%	22.8%
<i>Widowed:</i>	76	1.1%	2.4%	14.3%	82.7%
<i>Divorced:</i>	55	3.5%	34.7%	41.2%	20.4%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	26	64.4%	24.6%	8.0%	3.0%

Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2015

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)

	<u>High school degree/ less</u>	<u>Some college</u>	<u>College graduate/ post-graduate</u>
Total:	2.75 (38.7%)	2.22 (31.3%)	2.14 (30.1%)
Men:	1.42 (42.4%)	0.95 (28.3%)	0.98 (29.2%)
Women:	1.32 (35.3%)	1.27 (33.9%)	1.16 (30.8%)
Married women:	0.61 (32.9%)	0.57 (30.5%)	0.68 (36.7%)
Unmarried women:	0.71 (37.8%)	0.70 (37.3%)	0.47 (24.9%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.21 (56.1%)	0.12 (31.5%)	0.05 (12.4%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.14 (31.9%)	0.18 (42.9%)	0.11 (25.3%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.31 (32.2%)	0.36 (37.6%)	0.29 (30.2%)

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:	63.7%: 60.8% employed; 4.6% unemployed
Men:	69.6%: 66.5% employed; 4.3% unemployed
Women:	58.6%: 55.8% employed; 4.9% unemployed
Married women:	58.8%: 57.0% employed; 3.2% unemployed
Unmarried women:	58.4%: 54.6% employed; 6.5% unemployed
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>18.6%: 17.8% employed; 4.3% unemployed</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>59.3%: 54.3% employed; 7.9% unemployed</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>70.7%: 65.7% employed; 7.2% unemployed</i>

Minimum Wage

North Carolina's minimum wage rate is at the federal level of \$7.25/hour,⁸ as is its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage rate of \$2.13/hour. Nearly seven in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in North Carolina are women.⁹

Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 2015¹⁰

Total:	\$45,000
Men:	\$50,002
Women:	\$38,496 (77.0% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$39,695 (79.4% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$37,513 (75.0% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$52,001 (104.0% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$40,000 (80.0% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$35,398 (70.8% of men's earnings)</i>

Distribution of Household Income,¹¹ 18 years and over, 2015

(percentages are of each row)¹²

	<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:	4.7%	12.4%	24.2%	17.7%	41.0%
Men:	3.9%	9.9%	24.1%	18.1%	43.9%
Women:	5.5%	14.6%	24.2%	17.4%	38.4%
Married women:	2.1%	6.6%	21.3%	19.2%	50.9%
Unmarried women:	8.7%	22.4%	27.3%	15.5%	26.1%
<i>Widowed:</i>	6.5%	40.4%	28.8%	9.7%	14.8%
<i>Divorced:</i>	13.3%	23.7%	28.1%	20.1%	14.5%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	7.5%	15.7%	25.0%	15.8%	35.8%

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:	1.074 (15.8%)	0.777 (11.0%)	0.781 (11.0%)
Men:	0.567 (18.0%)	0.394 (11.8%)	0.407 (12.1%)
Women:	0.506 (13.9%)	0.383 (10.2%)	0.374 (10.0%)
Married women:	0.161 (9.1%)	0.138 (7.4%)	0.140 (7.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.346 (18.5%)	0.245 (13.1%)	0.232 (12.3%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.033 (8.4%)	0.013 (3.8%)	0.002 (0.5%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.106 (25.1%)	0.059 (11.9%)	0.057 (13.3%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.188 (20.2%)	0.157 (17.6%)	0.159 (16.4%)

Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2015¹³

Total:	856,000 (12.0%)
Men:	319,000 (9.5%)
Women:	537,000 (14.3%)
Married women:	114,000 (6.1%)
Unmarried women:	423,000 (22.4%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>57,000 (15.4%)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>123,000 (28.8%)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>219,000 (22.6%)</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 National Conference of State Legislatures, "State Minimum Wages: 2017 Minimum Wage by State," January 5, 2017, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx#1>.

⁹ National Women's Law Center, "Women and the Minimum Wage, State by State, January 2017," February 7, 2017, <http://www.nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Women-Minimum-Wage-2.7.17.pdf>.

¹⁰ Includes all full-time, year-round workers, 18 and older.

¹¹ 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.

¹² Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹³ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015,
http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.