

THE INSTITUTE ON WOMEN, GENDER, AND PUBLIC POLICY

IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Mission: To improve the lives of the 5.8 million women and girls living in Ohio by serving as a data-rich resource for individuals and organizations, in both the public and private sector, working for positive change.



Women and Girls in Ohio

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Economic Status,
and
Politics*

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DID YOU KNOW?

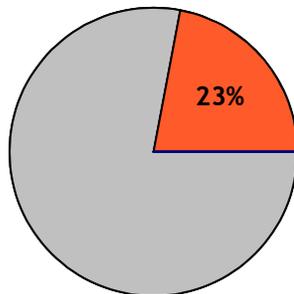
- Ohio ranks 39th among the 50 states in the U.S. and Washington DC for the percentage of women with four or more years of college.
- Only 2% of women who worked full-time in Ohio earned income at the \$100,000 level or more.
- Ohio ranks 33rd for the percentage of seats held by women in the state legislature.

At the Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy at The Ohio State University, our work includes:

- cataloguing current, research-based information on the status of women and girls in Ohio that expands our understanding and encourages the use of that data in the development of effective community- and public policy-based responses to the needs of women and girls in our state
- collaborating with academic and community-based researchers throughout the state to facilitate innovative, need-based research on women and girls
- disseminating research findings to key decision makers in both the public and private arenas
- analyzing the impact of community and public-policy actions on women and girls in Ohio.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Ohio ranks 39th among the 50 states and Washington D.C. for the percentage of women (25 years and older) with four or more years of college; only 23% of the state's adult female population holds a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. For African-American women, the rate is even lower; only 14.3% of African-American women (25 and older) have earned a bachelor's degree or higher in Ohio.



Women In Ohio With A College Degree

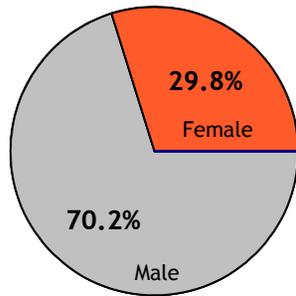
Washington D.C. leads the nation; 46.8% of women 25 years and older in the D.C. area have attained a

bachelor's degree or higher, followed by Massachusetts with 37.2%. For men in Ohio, the percentage with a bachelor's degree or more is 25%. (2007 American Community Survey One-Year estimates).

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 25 years and older with 4 or more years of college, ACS 2007 One-Year Estimates	
Women in the United States	26.8%
Women in Ohio	23.2%
African-American Women in Ohio	14.3%
Ohio's Rank among 50 States and DC	39th

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

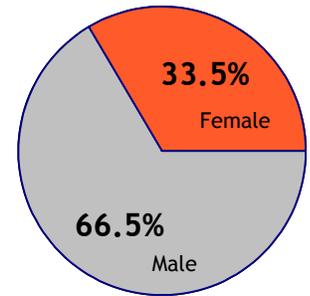
The Center for Women's Business Research produces the most up-to-date estimates for the number of women-owned firms in Ohio. According to their most recent figures, women are the majority owners (51% or more) of nearly 30% of the privately-held firms in the state.



Business Ownership

WOMEN IN MANAGERIAL ROLES

Nearly 400,000 Ohioans work in what are considered management occupations (civilian population). What percentage are women? According to the most recent American Community Survey, women hold 33.5% of management positions around the state.



Women in Managerial Roles

WOMEN'S EARNINGS IN OHIO

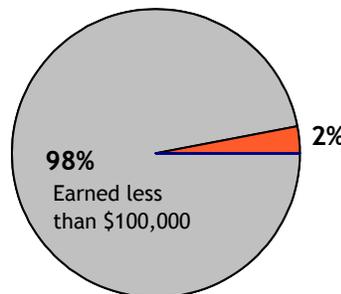
We sometimes joke about "how the other half lives," but what does that mean for men and women in Ohio when it comes to median earnings? Here's how much difference there is between men and women, in general and by race or ethnicity in our state.

MEDIAN EARNINGS		
Population 16 years and over with earnings American Community Survey, 2007 One-Year Estimates		
	MALE	FEMALE
Population: Worked full-time, year-round in last 12 months	\$ 44,443	\$ 32,853
Population: Worked full-time, year-round in last 12 months—White only	\$ 45,478	\$ 33,437
Population: Worked full-time, year-round in last 12 months—Black or African American only	\$ 33,546	\$ 30,800
Population: Worked full-time, year-round in last 12 months—Hispanic or Latino only	\$ 28,542	\$ 27,560

SIX-FIGURE SALARIES

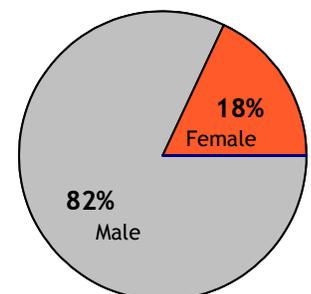
More than 10 million Americans earned \$100,000 or more in 2007; here in Ohio, nearly 285,000 individuals brought home earnings at that level.

How do women fare when you divvy up the dollars? Only 2% of women who worked full-time in Ohio earned income at the \$100,000 level or more, compared to 7% of full-time employed men.



Six-Figure Earnings Among Working Women

the disparity is even more obvious; only 18% of six-figure earners in Ohio are women.



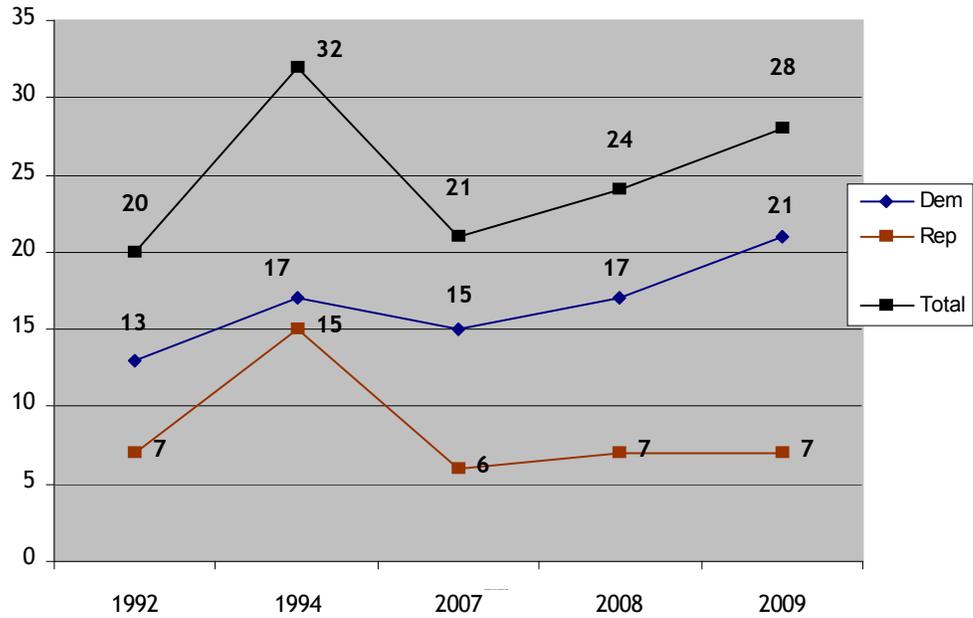
Six-Figure Salaries

When you look at the percentage of six-figure earners who are women,

WOMEN IN POLITICS IN OHIO

When it comes to woman and politics in Ohio, the facts speak for themselves. In the 200-plus years since the state was established: no women have been elected to represent the state in the U.S. Senate, and only ten women have been elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. No woman has ever been elected to serve as governor of the state and only eight women have been elected to serve in statewide executive positions.

After peaking at 24% in the 1990s, the percentage of seats held by women in Ohio's state legislature dropped to 15.9% in 2007. With 28 women serving in 2009, Ohio now ranks 33rd among the 50 states for women's representation in the state legislature.



WOMEN SERVING IN ELECTED OFFICE IN OHIO, 2009	
State Legislature (Total Legislators)	28 (132)
Statewide Executive Office (Total Elected Executive Offices)	2 (6)
<i>Jennifer Brunner (Secretary of State) and Mary Taylor (State Auditor)</i>	
U.S. House of Representatives (Total Ohio Delegation)	5 (18)
<i>Marcia Fudge, Marcy Kaptur, Mary Jo Kilroy, Jean Schmidt, and Betty Sutton</i>	
U.S. Senate (Total Ohio Delegation)	0 (2)

WOMEN IN APPALACHIAN OHIO

Twenty-nine counties in Ohio are considered part of the Appalachian region in the United States. For women in Appalachian Ohio, economic challenges are often compounded by significant educational barriers (only 14.1% of women 25 years and older in the region have a bachelor's degree or higher), resulting in lower than average median earnings.

MEDIAN EARNINGS FOR WOMEN IN APPALACHIAN OHIO		
Based on Educational Attainment, ACS 2005-2007 Three-Year Estimates		
	LOW	HIGH
Overall <i>(Statewide Median Earnings: \$32,853)</i>	\$17,134	\$ 28,107
	<u>Adams County</u>	<u>Clermont County</u>
With High School Diploma	\$14,194	\$ 23,655
	<u>Adams County</u>	<u>Clermont County</u>
Bachelor's Degree	\$ 21,504	\$ 40,648
	<u>Athens County</u>	<u>Brown County</u>
Graduate or Professional Degree	\$ 35,992	\$52,667
	<u>Holmes County</u>	<u>Muskingum County</u>



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The Institute on Women has been established by the Arts and Humanities at The Ohio State University to fill a void that has existed in Ohio for a research-based organization with the capacity to collect, analyze, and disseminate data to facilitate open dialogue and creative problem-solving around the multifaceted issues women and girls face in Ohio and across the United States. As a top-ranking public land grant research university, The Ohio State University takes leadership in identifying, enabling, and implementing the sorts of innovative research strategies that help our communities meet these challenges with dynamic results.

This fact sheet was developed by the Institute on Women to summarize the most current data available on these key indicators of the quality of life for women and girls in our state. The sources are noted; most are drawn from the most recent release (2008) of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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FOCUSING ON GIRLS

The College Board releases a report each year based on responses from high school juniors completing the PSAT. The report provides demographic information as well as gender-disaggregated test score averages.

Of particular note is the self-reported information on intended college major; there are substantial differences in the percentage of male and female students who express interest in majoring in the health sciences (almost 17% more females than males), education (6% more females than males) business management (6.6% more males than females) and engineering (almost 14% more males).

COLLEGE-MAJOR PLANS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND JUNIORS IN OHIO (2007-2008)			
Where plans for male and female students vary by 1% or more			
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Health Professional/ Sciences	12.8%	29.5%	-16.7
Education	2.5%	8.8%	-6.3
Psychology	1.9%	5.4%	-3.5
Communication	2.3%	4.1%	-1.8
Liberal Arts and Humanities	0.2%	0.4%	-0.2
Architecture	3.5%	1.2%	1.3
Computer Science	2.7%	0.2%	2.5
Engineering Technologies	3.2%	0.3%	2.9
Business Management	13.6%	7%	6.6
Engineering	16.2%	2.6%	13.6