

Fast Facts: Women

POPULATIONⁱ

U.S. Population (July 1, 2006)	299,398,484
Women in U.S. Population:	151,866,332
Percentage of U.S. Population:	50.7%

POVERTYⁱⁱ

U.S. Poverty Rate:	12.6%
Poverty Rate among women in the U.S.:	14.1%

LABOR FORCEⁱⁱⁱ

Percentage of the labor force who are women:	46.3%
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UNION MEMBERSHIP^{iv}

Percentage of union members who are women:	43.6%
Union pay advantage for women:	30.9%

UNINSURED^v

Percentage of U.S. population without health insurance:	15.3%
Percentage of women in the U.S. without health insurance:	13.8%

HOME OWNERSHIP^{vi}

Percentage of U.S. population who are homeowners:	68.8%
Percentage of women in the U.S. who are homeowners:	51.3%

EDUCATION^{vii}

Percentage of the U.S. population 25 and older who are high school graduates:	85.5%
Percentage of women in the U.S. 25 and older who are high school graduates:	85.9%
Percentage of the U.S. population 25 and older who are college graduates:	28.0%
Percentage of women in the U.S. 25 and older who are college graduates:	26.9%

RETIREMENT^{viii}

Percentage of U.S. population 65 and over and receiving Social Security who rely on Social Security for half or more of their income:	74%*
Percentage of women in the U.S. 65 and over and receiving Social Security who rely on Social Security for half or more of their income:	78%*
Percentage of U.S. population 65 and over with income who receive a pension:	31.5%*
Percentage of women in the U.S. 65 and over with income who receive a pension:	23.1%

* among nonmarried people

ⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, Table 3: Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006 (NC-EST2006-03), <http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/NC-EST2006/NC-EST2006-03.xls>

ⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, POV01, Age and Sex of All People, Family Members, and Unrelated Individuals Iterated by Income to Poverty Ratio and Race, <http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/toc.htm>

ⁱⁱⁱ Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Table 4. Employment status of the Hispanic or Latino population by age and sex*, <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat4.pdf>; *Table 5. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, age, and race*, <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat5.pdf>

^{iv} Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2006*, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/union2.pdf>

^v U.S. Census Bureau, *Table HI01. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Selected Characteristics: 2005*, http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/health/h01_000.htm

^{vi} U.S. Census Bureau, *Housing Vacancies and Homeownership (CPS/HVS), Annual Statistics: 2006*,

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/annual06/ann06t20.html>; also

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/annual06/ann06t15.html> The home ownership rate for women is actually the rate for female headed family households with no husband present. The ownership rate for women living in one person households was 59.8 percent.

^{vii} U.S. Census Bureau, *Educational Attainment in the United States: 2006*, Table 1a. Percent of High School and College Graduates of the Population 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 2006,

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education/cps2006.html>

^{viii} Social Security Administration, *Income of the Population 55 and Older, 2004*,

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/income_pop55/2004/sect06b.pdf; U.S. Census Bureau, PINC-08. Source of Income in 2005 – People 15 Years Old and Over, By Income of Specified Type in 2005, Age, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex,

http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/perinc/new08_000.htm; Social Security Administration, *Social Security Is Important to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders*, <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/asian-alt.pdf> ;