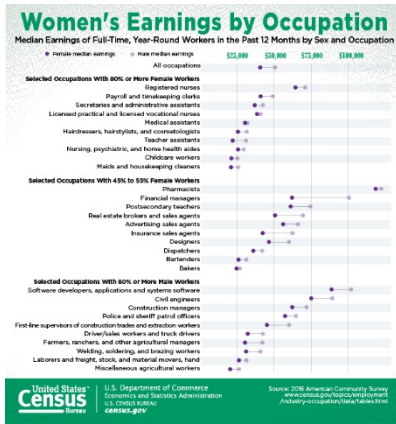
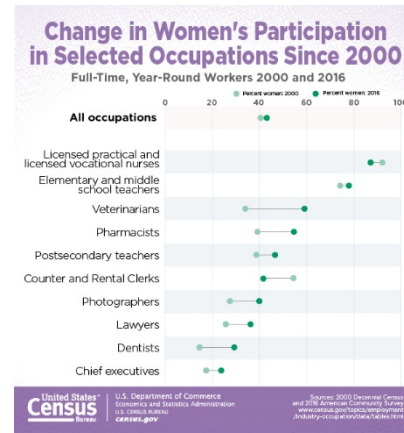


Women’s History Month: March 2018



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The roots of National Women’s History Month go back to March 8, 1857, when women from various New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. The first Women's Day Celebration in the United States was also in New York City in 1909, but Congress did not establish National Women's History Week until 1981 to be commemorated annually the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women’s History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

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164.0 million

The number of females in the United States as of July 2016. The number of males was 159.1 million.

Source: [Vintage 2016 Population Estimates](#)

2 to 1

The approximate ratio by which women age 85 and older outnumbered men in 2016 (4.2 million to 2.2 million).

Source: [Vintage 2016 Population Estimates](#)

76.8 million

The number of females age 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force in 2016. This comprises 58.1 percent of females age 16 and older.

Source: [2016 American Community Survey](#)

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