Women's History Month: March 2019

News Graphic pdf| jpg   News Graphic pdf | jpg

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.

The following facts are made possible by the invaluable responses to the U.S. Census Bureau's surveys. We appreciate the public's cooperation as we continuously measure America's people, places and economy.

Did You Know?

165.3 million
The number of females in the United States as of July 2017. The number of males was 160.4 million.
Source: Vintage 2017 Population Estimates

2 to 1
The approximate ratio by which women age 85 and older outnumbered men in 2017 (4.2 million to 2.3 million).
Source: Vintage 2017 Population Estimates

77.6 million
The number of females age 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force in 2017. This comprises 58.2 percent of females age 16 and older.
Source: 2017 American Community Survey

More on Select Occupations

- Percentage of women in select occupations
- Percentage of women in STEM occupations
- The number of women veterans

Earnings

- [Median annual earnings of women (p. 2, Table 1)](#)
- [Female-to-male earnings ratio (p. 9, Figure 2)](#)

Education

- [Women enrolled in undergraduate and graduate schools](#)
- [Percentage of women who earned a degree](#)

More Stats

- [Historical Reported Voting Rates of Women](#)
- [Fertility of Women in the United States: 2016](#)

Related News Products

Previous Facts for Features

- [FFF: Women's History Month: March 2018](#)
- [FFF: Women's History Month: March 2017](#)

Stats for Stories

- [Stats for Stories: National Women Physician Day](#)

Blogs

- [Statisticians Join in on Fight Against Cancer](#)
- [Who Are Veterans?](#)
- [Women Responsible for the Increasing Number of Vetrepreneurs](#)
- [Women Now at the Head of the Class, Lead Men in College Attainment](#)

Releases

- [High School Completion Rate Is Highest in U.S. History](#)

Previous Graphics

- [Today, 1 in 12 Veterans Are Women](#)
- [Women's History Month 2016](#)

Data Tables

- [Median Earnings in Past 12 Months by Sex and Detailed Occupation](#)

<div align="center">

###

</div>

Kristina Barrett
Graphic 1 | JPG | PDF|
Graphic 2 | JPG | PDF|

| Public Information Office | census.gov |
| 301-763-3030 / pio@census.gov | Connect with us on Social media |