



Research-in-Brief

Selected State-by-State Economic Autonomy Indicators for Women

State	Percent of Women with Four or More Years of College ¹		Percent of Women without Health Insurance ²		Percent of Women in Poverty ³		Percent of Businesses that are Women-Owned ⁴	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Alabama	13.5	45	16.8	39	19.4	46	31.5	47
Alaska	22.2	7	17.9	42	8.5	5	32.9	35
Arizona	17.2	25	16.3	37	14.6	36	37.6	3
Arkansas	11.9	50	18.5	43	19.8	49	31.6	45
California	20.1	13	16.3	37	11.6	17	35.5	12
Colorado	23.5	4	10.6	18	11.9	20	37.6	3
Connecticut	23.8	3	6.8	1	7.0	1	33.6	28
Delaware	18.7	16	13.2	28	9.6	8	35.3	14
District of Columbia	30.6	1	18.9	45	16.5	41	41.3	1
Florida	15.1	36	20.0	47	12.7	28	35.2	16
Georgia	16.8	27	16.2	36	15.1	37	33.6	28
Hawaii	20.9	11	7.8	3	8.2	4	37.6	3
Idaho	14.6	41	17.8	41	13.6	32	33.8	25
Illinois	18.4	17	10.5	16	11.8	19	34.5	21
Indiana	13.4	46	11.0	20	11.5	16	34.4	22
Iowa	15.0	38	8.4	6	12.2	23	34.3	23
Kansas	18.4	17	10.8	19	12.1	22	34.7	19
Kentucky	12.2	49	11.2	21	19.0	45	31.4	48
Louisiana	14.5	42	20.6	49	23.6	50	32.5	37
Maine	17.2	25	11.4	22	12.3	24	32.2	40
Maryland	23.1	6	10.0	14	8.8	6	37.1	6
Massachusetts	24.1	2	9.7	12	9.3	7	33.3	31
Michigan	15.1	36	9.3	10	13.3	31	35.2	16
Minnesota	19.2	15	10.1	15	11.0	13	34.6	20
Mississippi	13.3	47	18.7	44	25.2	51	30.2	51
Missouri	15.2	35	13.0	27	13.8	33	33.8	25
Montana	18.0	20	15.5	35	16.8	42	33.2	32
Nebraska	16.7	28	9.1	9	11.9	20	35.1	18
Nevada	12.8	48	20.1	48	10.7	9	36.9	7
New Hampshire	21.1	9	12.0	24	7.4	2	32.2	40
New Jersey	21.0	10	11.5	23	7.8	3	31.9	42
New Mexico	17.8	22	21.7	51	19.7	48	37.8	2
New York	20.7	12	12.9	26	12.8	30	34.1	24
North Carolina	15.7	32	13.6	30	14.1	34	32.4	38
North Dakota	16.7	28	7.6	2	14.3	35	31.7	44

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Ohio	14.4	43	9.7	12	12.6	27	33.7	27
Oklahoma	15.0	38	19.9	46	17.1	43	33.6	28
Oregon	18.1	19	13.5	29	12.7	28	36.8	8
Pennsylvania	15.3	34	8.9	8	11.7	18	31.2	49
Rhode Island	18.0	20	8.2	5	10.9	11	31.6	45
South Carolina	14.7	40	17.0	40	16.4	39	32.8	36
South Dakota	15.5	33	14.8	33	16.2	38	31.9	42
Tennessee	14.0	44	14.0	32	16.4	39	31.1	50
Texas	17.4	24	21.5	50	17.4	44	33.0	34
Utah	17.5	23	10.5	16	12.3	24	35.3	14
Vermont	23.2	5	8.0	4	10.9	11	35.7	11
Virginia	21.3	8	15.3	34	11.2	15	35.4	13
Washington	19.7	14	9.6	11	11.0	13	36.5	9
West Virginia	10.9	51	13.8	31	19.6	47	32.3	39
Wisconsin	16.0	31	8.4	6	10.7	9	33.1	33
Wyoming	16.1	30	12.7	25	12.4	26	35.9	10
United States	17.6		13.8		13.2		34.1	

This fact sheet contains selected indicators drawn from a major Institute for Women's Policy Research report, *The Status of Women in the States*, which establishes baseline measures for the status of women in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to the national report, which summarizes the findings for all the states, IWPR also produced individual reports for the District of Columbia and 13 states: California, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Each report is available from IWPR for \$10.00. Bulk discounts are available.

Notes:

- ¹ Population Reference Bureau. 1993. *What the 1990 Census Tells Us About Women: A State Factbook*. Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau.
- ² Winterbottom, Colin, David W. Liska, and Karen M. Obermaier. 1995. *State-Level Databook on Health Care Access and Financing* (second edition). Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.
- ³ Population Reference Bureau. 1993. *What the 1990 Census Tells Us About Women: A State Factbook*. Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau.
- ⁴ U.S. Department of Commerce. 1996. *1992 Economic Census: Women-Owned Businesses*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

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