POVERTY AMONG UTAH WOMEN

OVERVIEW
Poverty is a serious problem for thousands of Utah women.

158,000 Utah women and girls lived in poverty, in 2017.

10.4% Female Poverty Rate VS 9.0% Male Poverty Rate

HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?

US Women in Poverty: 14%
Utah Women in Poverty: 10%

Overall, Utah has the 6th lowest poverty rate in the nation.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty rates among Utah women correlate with various demographics.

Counties with highest female poverty rates:

- Female-Headed Households
- Families with Children Under 5
- Families with Children Under 18

Rural Counties

1-2 Children qualify for low or reduced school lunch, in rural counties.

FEMALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

Single women and their families face high rates of poverty.

FEATURING CONTRIBUTING TO POVERTY

Other factors likely contribute to Utah women’s poverty rates.

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Factors contributing to Utah women’s poverty rates:

- Childcare & unpaid work
- Make it difficult for women to advance professionally

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Various stakeholders can help reduce Utah women’s poverty rates.

- Promote women’s educational & professional pursuits.
- Work to reduce employment and wage gaps.
- Advance policies and programs that reduce poverty.