

Utah Women: Know the Facts!



Statistics

Did you know?

- A higher share of Utah women (62%) work for pay than the national average (60%).
- More than half (59%) of women in Utah with preschool-aged children work.
- An overwhelming majority (74%) of those with school-aged children work.
- Utah has a slightly higher rate of divorce than the national average. Women in Utah are paid 69 cents for every dollar paid to men—the 3rd largest wage gap in the nation.
- The Utah population (ages 25 and over) has the largest bachelor's degree gender gap (6%) in the nation, with females being less educated.
- Utah women with bachelor's degrees make on average 27% more than those with “some college.”
- Utah men and women with “some college” but no bachelor's degree are twice as likely to be unemployed, and high school dropouts are five times as likely to be unemployed.
- The number of Utah women pursuing degrees and certificates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is one of the lowest in the nation—while related job opportunities in Utah increase.

Women who complete college degrees...

Benefits

- ✓ have greater earning potential and are less likely to be unemployed.
- ✓ experience healthier and happier lifestyles.
- ✓ are more confident and have a stronger sense of self.
- ✓ develop better critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.
- ✓ are more likely to be involved in their communities.
- ✓ make more informed parenting choices and raise college educated children.
- ✓ also receive many other lifetime benefits from being educated!



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