

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION AMONG UTAH WOMEN

1990s

OVERVIEW

Women in Utah make up a significant proportion of the overall labor force in the state.

of Utah women aged 16+ are in the labor force.

Utah women's labor force participation has increased

8% per decade over the past 50 years.

2010s WOMEN comprise 44% 47%

of the total labor force

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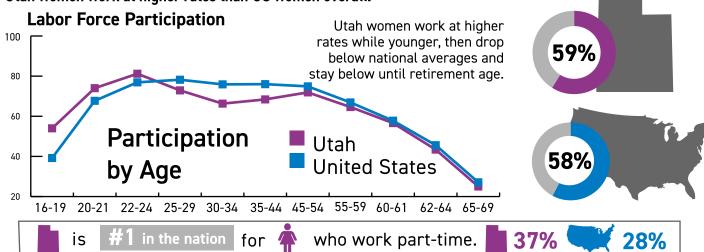
36% of Utah WOMEN work full-time, year round.

60%

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HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?

Utah women work at higher rates than US women overall.



DEMOGRAPHICS

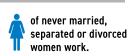
Utah women's labor force participation varies according to demographic factors.

Marital Status

56%



71%



Race/Ethnicity
Hispanic

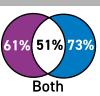




Working Mothers

Ages: 0-5

Percentage of working mothers and children's ages:



Ages: 6-17

Though most Utah mothers work, Utah ranks last in the nation for families with both parents in the labor force.





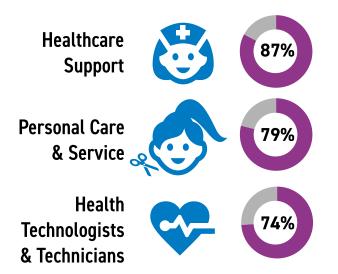
US 65%



OCCUPATIONAL SEGREGATION

Utah is one of the more highly segregated states in the US in terms of women's employment.

Occupations with Highest Percent Women:



These jobs pay well below average wages in Utah.

Utah women work in just two occupational groups:



These also pay lower than average state wages.

However,

Utah men are much more likely to be concentrated in higher paying jobs.



CHALLENGES FOR WORKING WOMEN

Utah women face several barriers in terms of workplace wellbeing.

Childcare Options

Utah ranked 48th in the nation on one childcare index.



Cliff Effect

As low-income working women receive small raises, they can suddenly lose public benefits resulting in less income.



Leadership Roles

Utah women are less likely to work in upper management.



Advanced Degrees

Utah women are less likely to work in jobs that require advanced degrees.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Various stakeholders can do their part to support Utah women in the labor force.



Teach young women to plan for education and careers.



Advance workplace programs for women.



Build pathways for women in higher paying industries.



**** Support childcare and family leave policies.



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