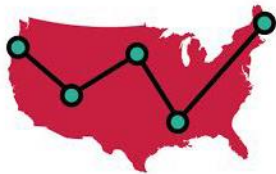


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The Status of Women in New York, 2015: Highlights

Women in New York have made considerable advances in recent years but still face inequities that often prevent them from reaching their full potential. Since the 2004 *Status of Women in the States* report was published, the gender wage gap in New York has narrowed, a higher percentage of women have bachelor's degrees, and women are more likely to work in managerial or professional occupations. Yet, as in all other states, women in New York are less likely than men to be in the labor force and more likely to live in poverty. Women also continue to be underrepresented in the state legislature.



If current trends continue, women in New York will not see equal pay until the year **2049**.*



Women hold **23.9%** of seats in the state legislature.

Key Findings

- New York's best grade is in the area of reproductive rights, for which it receives an A-. Its worst grades are in health and well-being and political participation, for which it gets a C-.
- New York women who work full-time, year-round earn 88 cents on the dollar compared with similarly employed men.
- Approximately 30.8 percent of those working in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields in New York are women, compared with 28.8 percent nationwide.
- As of 2015, there are no women of color in statewide elective executive office in New York, and only three women of color from the state in the U.S. Congress.
- Women in New York who are unionized earn \$191 more per week, on average, than those who are not represented by a union.
- Approximately 34.5 percent of women in New York have a bachelor's degree or higher, an increase of about 8 percentage points since 2000.
- In 2012–2013, 60.5 percent of New York's four-year-olds were enrolled in state pre-K, preschool special education, or state and federal Head Start.
- Heart disease is the biggest killer of women in the United States. New York ranks 40 of 51 with a mortality rate of 155.0 per 100,000.

New York

Report Card Summary	
Political Participation	C-
Employment & Earnings	B
Work & Family	B
Poverty & Opportunity	B-
Reproductive Rights	A-
Health & Well-Being	C-

*Equal pay projection is based on rate of progress between 1959 and 2013. See Appendix A2 of *The Status of Women in the States: 2015* for sources and methodology. Calculated by the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

Table 1. How New York Ranks on Key Indicators of Women’s Status

	2004 Report	2015 Report	Progress?	2015 Rankings and Grades		
				National Rank	Regional Rank	Grade
Political Participation Composite Rank	16	22	No	22	1	C-
Percent of Women Registered to Vote	59.8%	59.2%	No	47	3	
Percent of Women Who Voted	47.5%	45.8%	No	45	3	
Women in Elected Office Index (score)	2.65	2.41	No	12	1	
Women's Institutional Resources Index (score)	2.00	1.50	No	11	2	
Employment & Earnings Composite Rank	19	6	Yes	6	2	B
Women's Median Annual Earnings for Full-Time, Year-Round Workers	\$43,347	\$43,800	Yes	6	2	
Ratio of Women's to Men's Earnings	77.5%	87.6%	Yes	1	1	
Women's Labor Force Participation	56.6%	58.9%	Yes	27	2	
Percent of All Employed Women in Managerial/Professional Occupations	34.9%	42.8%	Yes	9	2	
Work & Family Composite Rank	n/a	1	n/a	1	1	B
Paid Leave Legislation Index (score)	n/a	1.00	n/a	4	2	
Elder and Dependent Care Index (score)	n/a	1.69	n/a	5	1	
Child Care Index (score)	n/a	1.38	n/a	14	2	
Percentage Point Gap in Parents’ Labor Force Participation Rate (fathers’ labor force participation rate minus mothers’ labor force participation rate)	n/a	25.7	n/a	25	2	
Poverty & Opportunity Composite Rank	23	12	Yes	12	2	B-
Percent of Nonelderly Women with Health Insurance	81.7%	87.6%	Yes	12	2	
Percent of Women with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	26.1%	34.5%	Yes	10	2	
Percent of Businesses Owned by Women	26.1%	30.4%	Yes	7	1	
Percent of Women Above Poverty	86.1%	84.2%	No	29	3	
Reproductive Rights Composite Rank	5	7	No	7	2	A-
Health & Well-Being Composite Rank	34	30	Yes	30	2	C-

Notes: See Appendices A1–A6 in *The Status of Women in the States: 2015* for methodology and sources. Earnings are in 2013 dollars and compare 2000 Decennial Census data with 2013 American Community Survey data. Health insurance data are for 2013, prior to the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The regional rankings are of a maximum of three and refer to the states in Middle Atlantic region (New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania). n/a=not available. All indicators are defined so that a higher rate translates into higher rankings and letter grades. **Calculated by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.**

Table 2. Overview of the Status of Women of Color in New York

	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Other Race or Two or More Races
Political Participation						
Number of Women in Statewide Elected Executive Office, 2015 (out of 4 offices)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Women in U.S. Congress, 2015 (out of 29 offices)	6	1	1	1	0	0
Employment & Earnings						
Women's Median Annual Earnings (Full-Time, Year-Round), 2011–2013	\$48,000	\$33,141	\$40,000	\$48,675	\$36,248	\$40,586
Ratio of Women's to White Men's Earnings, 2011–2013	80.0%	55.2%	66.7%	81.1%	60.4%	67.6%
Women's Labor Force Participation, 2011–2013	58.9%	57.4%	60.9%	56.3%	49.6%	60.8%
Percent of All Employed Women in Managerial or Professional Occupations, 2011–2013	48.8%	25.4%	33.1%	46.9%	38.6%	39.5%
Poverty & Opportunity						
Percent of Nonelderly Women with Health Insurance, 2011–2013	91.8%	76.7%	86.2%	81.9%	80.8%	83.6%
Percent of Women with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2011–2013	39.2%	18.2%	23.8%	44.6%	21.1%	34.2%
Percent of Women Above Poverty, 2011–2013	89.8%	72.2%	78.3%	81.5%	74.0%	79.7%
Reproductive Rights						
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one per 1,000 live births), 2010–2012	3.9	5.1	9.3	3.5	10.2	n/a
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies, 2013	6.6	7.7	12.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health & Well-Being						
Female Heart Disease Mortality Rate, per 100,000, 2011–2013	154.8	119.6	187.4	83.7	75.0	n/a
Female Lung Cancer Mortality Rate, per 100,000, 2011–2013	39.4	14.5	29.8	16.5	23.0	n/a
Female Breast Cancer Mortality Rate, per 100,000, 2011–2013	21.1	15.1	27.7	9.0	n/a	n/a
Average Number of Days per Month on Which Mental Health is Not Good, 2011–2013	4.0	5.3	5.0	2.8	4.8	5.5
Average Number of Days per Month on Which Activities Are Limited by Health Status, 2011–2013	4.1	4.8	5.4	3.6	7.5	6.4

Notes: n/a=not available. Data on statewide elected executive office include the governorship. Earnings are in 2013 dollars. Health insurance data are for 2013, prior to the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act. See Appendices A1–A2 and A4–A6 of *The Status of Women in the States: 2015* for sources and a description of how race and ethnicity are defined in the data presented here. **Calculated by the Institute for Women's Policy Research.**

Table 3. New York State Laws

Provide the Right to Earn Paid Sick Days	Local
Adopted the Medicaid Expansion under the ACA or State Medicaid Family Planning Services Eligibility Expansion	Yes
Recognize Same-Sex Marriage and/or Allow Second-Parent Adoption	Yes
Allow Women to Obtain an Abortion without a Mandatory Waiting Period	Yes
Bar Gun Possession for Individuals Convicted of Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Crimes	Yes

Notes: Data are current as of April 2015, except for the bar on gun possession, which is current as of June 2014. See Appendices A3, A5, and A7 of *The Status of Women in the States: 2015* for sources.

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Table 4. Basic Demographic Statistics for New York

Total Population, 2013	19,651,127
Number of Women and Girls, All Ages, 2013	10,109,477
Proportion of Women Aged 65 and Older, 2013	16.2%
Proportion of Women Who Are Immigrants, All Ages, 2013	23.0%
Number of Female Same-Sex Partner Households, 2011–2013	21,904
Percent of All Households Headed by Single Mothers with Children Under Age 18, 2013	7.4%

Note: See Appendix B8 in *The Status of Women in the States: 2015* for additional demographic information.

Sources: IWPR analysis of American Community Survey microdata.

About the Status of Women in the States



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