

Women's History Month: March 2017

The Roots of National Women's History Month

The roots of National Women's History Month go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it was not until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation.

There were 352,523 women in the District of Columbia in 2015. Women made up 52.4 percent of the District's total population for 2015.

Image Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Top 5 Women Occupations by Rank - DC Residents

IN 2005

- #1 Lawyers & judicial clerks (6,010)
- #2 Business operations specialists (5,826)
- #3 Primary, secondary & special education school teachers (5,131)
- #4 Media & communication equipment workers (5,073)
- #5 Financial specialists (4,026)

IN 2015

- #1 Business operations specialists (11,004)
- #2 Lawyers & judicial clerks (10,034)
- #3 Media & communication equipment workers (7,903)
- #4 Primary, secondary & special education school teachers (7,174)
- #5 Counselors, social workers & other community specialists (6,002)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

SELECTED DC WOMEN STATISTICS



Image Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

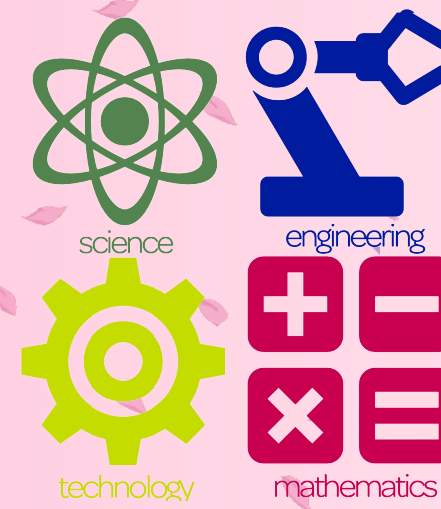


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IN 2005

63.1%

\$35,743

50.5%

3,101

41.3%

IN 2015

78.3%

\$45,201

51.4%

3,771

55.1%

Percentage of women 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force

Median annual earnings of women 16 and older who worked year-round, full time

Percentage of life, physical & social scientists occupations who were women, the heaviest representation of women among all STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields

Number of women veterans

Percentage of women with a Bachelor's degree or higher

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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