

State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Norfolk County

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 339,771

Under 21.....	24.83%
21 to 34.....	17.96%
35 to 64.....	40.51%
65 and over.....	16.71%

Households, Year 2000

Total: 248,827

Female householder, no husband present...	9.45%
With children under 6.....	14.47%
With children under 18.....	45.61%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings for Full-Time Employees in 1999

Male.....	\$52,535
Female.....	\$38,456

- This is the highest median income for women of any county in the state.

The Living Wage in 2003

For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$51,044-55,002
For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$57,144-61,422

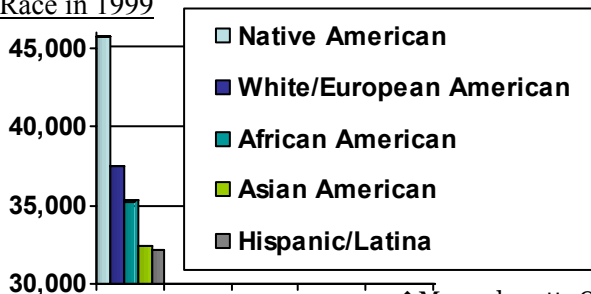
- Norfolk County has the largest requirement for self-sufficiency for a single adult.

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	5.21%
Girls under 5.....	5.12%
Women over 65.....	6.75%
Families.....	2.90%

- This is the smallest amount of women below the poverty line of any county in Massachusetts.

Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed:	162,998
Unemployed in Labor Force:	5,182
Not in Labor Force:	105,022

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	8.35%
High School Graduate.....	42.46%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	11.78%
Bachelor's Degree.....	24.62%
Master's Degree.....	11.30%
Doctorate Degree.....	1.49%

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....	2.79%
Norfolk County Average.....	1.33%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 167 new mothers (2.10%) in Norfolk County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 901 pregnant women (11.30%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 14.60% of new mothers in Norfolk County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 1,156 women.

Weapon-Related Injuries

- In Norfolk County, only 6.90% of weapon-related injuries were sustained by women—the smallest percentage in the state.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 177 women were living with HIV or AIDS and 87 women were living with AIDS in Norfolk County.

Smoking

- 16.60% of women in Norfolk County are regular smokers and 30.50% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 627 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation in 2006

Females elected to State House: 2 (13.33%)