

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

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 242,423

Under 21.....	28.50%
21 to 34.....	16.62%
35 to 64.....	41.27%
65 and over.....	13.61%

Households, Year 2000

Total: 168,361

Female householder, no husband present...	11.93%
With children under 6.....	9.40%
With children under 18.....	55.58%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings for Full-Time Employees in 1999

Male.....	\$46,702
Female.....	\$32,154

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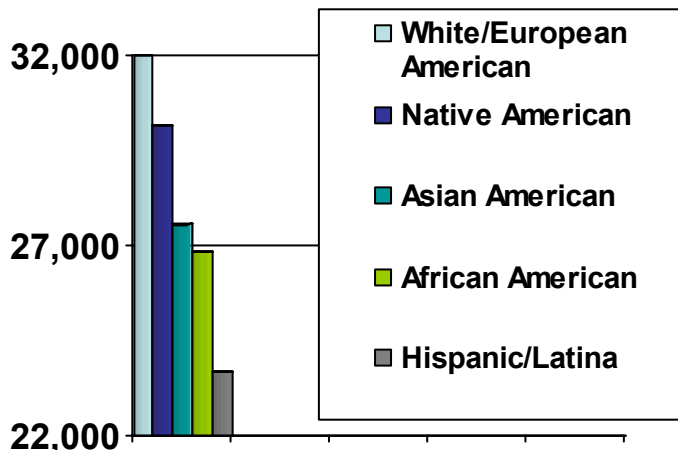
For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$44,518-51,050

For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$50,806-57,342

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	7.43%
Girls under 5.....	8.95%
Women over 65.....	8.75%
Families.....	4.90%

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



Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed: 113,548

Unemployed in Labor Force: 4,689

Not in Labor Force: 69,796

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	11.66%
High School Graduate.....	51.62%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	11.51%
Bachelor's Degree.....	18.13%
Master's Degree.....	6.67%
Doctorate Degree.....	0.41%

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....	2.79%
Plymouth County Average.....	2.59%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 313 new mothers (5.10%) in Plymouth County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 970 pregnant women (15.90%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 25.90% of new mothers in Plymouth County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 1,577 women.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 196 women were living with HIV or AIDS and 102 women were living with AIDS in Plymouth County.

Smoking

- 21.70% of women in Plymouth County are regular smokers and 30.80% of women reported to be former smokers and 47.50% have never smoked.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 440 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation

Females elected to State House: 3 (25.00%)

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