

# Utah Women: Know the Facts!



## Statistics

### Did you know?

- A higher share of Utah women (62%) work for pay than the national average (60%).
- More than half (59%) of women in Utah with preschool-aged children work.
- An overwhelming majority (74%) of those with school-aged children work.
- Utah has a slightly higher rate of divorce than the national average. Women in Utah are paid 69 cents for every dollar paid to men—the 3rd largest wage gap in the nation.
- The Utah population (ages 25 and over) has the largest bachelor's degree gender gap (6%) in the nation, with females being less educated.
- Utah women with bachelor's degrees make on average 27% more than those with “some college.”
- Utah men and women with “some college” but no bachelor's degree are twice as likely to be unemployed, and high school dropouts are five times as likely to be unemployed.
- The number of Utah women pursuing degrees and certificates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is one of the lowest in the nation—while related job opportunities in Utah increase.

## Women who complete college degrees...

## Benefits

- ✓ have greater earning potential and are less likely to be unemployed.
- ✓ experience healthier and happier lifestyles.
- ✓ are more confident and have a stronger sense of self.
- ✓ develop better critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.
- ✓ are more likely to be involved in their communities.
- ✓ make more informed parenting choices and raise college educated children.
- ✓ also receive many other lifetime benefits from being educated!



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