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When women are fully engaged, the benefits can be seen immediately: families are healthier, they are better fed, their income, savings, and re-investment go up, and what is true of families is true of communities and eventually of whole countries.

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Nationally, women and girls represent 51 percent of the population, control 80 percent of household spending, buy 81 percent of all products and services, and comprise two-thirds of the world's workforce (mostly unpaid), and yet they earn one-tenth of the world's income and own one percent of the world's assets. Facts like these, coupled with the knowledge that when women are fully involved, the entire community benefits, inspired a partnership of The Women's Fund of Central Ohio and The Columbus Foundation.

We learned that no comprehensive, gender-specific study had ever been performed for Central Ohio, and the last such study for Franklin County was conducted in 1988. Thus the starting point was made clear: What do we know about the status of women and girls in Central Ohio?

COUNT ON HER!, a report commissioned by The Women's Fund of Central Ohio and The Columbus Foundation, makes evident the opportunity to invest in Central Ohio's women and girls for the benefit of our entire community.

The report by Community Research Partners counts the 805,184 women and girls in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties, providing data on their population and diversity, employment and income, achievement and autonomy, and health and well-being. The report delineates information that is readily available and that which is not, informing the community's next steps, and helping us understand better what we don't know.

COUNT ON HER! provides an important first map of the possibilities. The report identifies the assets that are specific to women and girls in order to illustrate the potential for community growth and development inherent in over half of Central Ohio's population.

It is a first step. We are making the report available in order to benchmark community progress, to inform public policy, funding priorities, and programming, and to inspire community demand for cogent research about the status of women and girls in Central Ohio.

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Executive Summary

COUNT ON HER! The Status of Women and Girls in Central Ohio makes evident the opportunity to invest in Central Ohio's women and girls for the benefit of our entire community.

Central Ohio women and girls are 51 percent of the population, bring over $5 billion to the economy from businesses they own, and constitute 47 percent of the workforce. The 197,235 girls under age 18 in Central Ohio have greater high school graduation rates and fewer school discipline problems than do boys. Over half of all girls age 16 to 19 (57 percent) are already in the labor force.

This report counts the 805,184 women and girls in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties, providing data on their population and diversity, employment and income, achievement and autonomy, and health and well-being. The report delineates information that is readily available and that which is not.

COUNT ON HER! highlights the assets unique to women and girls, as well as opportunities to improve the status of Central Ohio's women and girls and further their equal participation. It illustrates the potential for community growth and development inherent in over half of the Central Ohio population.

COUNT ON HER!

In 2001, The Women's Fund of Central Ohio was established as a funding resource for community groups who work for social change on behalf of women and girls in Central Ohio. The Women's Fund determined that informed funding decisions should rely on accurate, reliable information about the assets and needs of women in Central Ohio. No comprehensive study on the status of women and girls in Central Ohio has ever been published or performed. As a result, in 2003, The Women's Fund and The Columbus Foundation formed a partnership and began to outline the unprecedented research project COUNT ON HER! The Status of Women and Girls in Central Ohio.

The Women's Fund and The Columbus Foundation commissioned Community Research Partners (CRP) to undertake research that examines the assets of and opportunities for change for Central Ohio women and girls. CRP is a nonprofit organization formed as a partnership of United Way of Central Ohio, the City of Columbus, and the John Glenn Institute at The Ohio State University to support and advance human services and community development policy and practice through measurement, evaluation, and research, as a means to create positive community change.

CRP used documents from other women's philanthropic organizations across the country, as well as research reports from the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR), Washington D.C., to determine the categories and indicators commonly used in similar research. Existing

sources of information about women and girls—such as the U.S. Census Bureau and state of Ohio agencies—were mined to identify the data they collected as well as the data that they did not gather.

CRP then designed a matrix of desired indicators and organized them according to availability: 1) easily attainable for all seven counties; 2) less easily obtainable or only obtainable at a level higher than the county level; and 3) not available at all for the Central Ohio region within the scope of the research project. Where these data do not exist or are not readily available, the report identifies an information gap and the need for further research.

CRP has been very careful in collecting, analyzing, and presenting data from a variety of sources to prepare this report. Although CRP has judged its data sources to be reliable, it is not possible to authenticate all data. If careful readers of COUNT ON HER! discover reporting errors, CRP and the Women's Fund of Central Ohio welcome this feedback.

Purpose and Scope of COUNT ON HER! Reporting

COUNT ON HER! is being made available to the Central Ohio community to:

1. Establish a baseline on the status of women and girls, in order to
2. Inform and focus public policy, funding priorities, and programming, and to
3. Inspire community demand for cogent research about women and girls in Central Ohio.

- Report Objective 1: Establish a baseline on the status of women and girls

This report uses existing, relatively accessible data sources to establish baseline information on women and girls in Central Ohio. As such, it does not examine historical trends or include original data collection. The report also benchmarks the status of females against that of males where such data were available. This point-in-time snapshot can be used in future research to measure progress or lack of progress.

Data for Central Ohio and its seven counties—Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union—are included where possible and appropriate. Where it was not feasible within the scope of this project to collect Central Ohio data, pertinent statewide information provides a context for new research.

- Report Objective 2: Inform and focus public policy, funding, and programming

COUNT ON HER! provides a first map of possibilities for the women and girls of Central Ohio but does not assess the impact of state and local public policy on their status. However, the data and analysis included in the report point to opportunities for change, as well as conditions in which women and girls are less able to live to their full potential or become empowered members of the community. This information is intended to help service organizations, government agencies, policy makers, and private sources of funding begin conversations about the most fruitful ways to direct their support and advocacy for women and girls.

- Report Objective 3: Inspire community demand for more research

This report represents an important milestone in research focused on women and girls in Central Ohio, but there is much more to be done. Each section of the report identifies a number of fertile areas for additional research under the heading "More to Learn." The history of data collection on women and girls in Central Ohio points to the need to focus efforts specifically on this group.

Although over the last thirty years, Central Ohio organizations have included some indications of women's status in reports detailing community conditions, no gender-specific research has been undertaken to examine the status and needs of women and girls in the region. No comprehensive study of women and girls in Franklin County has been undertaken since 1988, when the Columbus Women's Roundtable commissioned *The 1988 Needs Assessment and Survey of Columbus Area Women – Beyond Ozzie and Harriet* with funding from The Columbus Foundation. There has never been a study completed for the seven-county Central Ohio area.

At the state level, the Ohio Women's Policy and Research Commission (OWPRC) was established by legislation in 1990 but was defunded eleven years later in 2001. In 1998, a national organization, the Institute for Women's Policy Research (with Ohio Women, Inc.) issued *The Status of Women in Ohio*, which compared Ohio to other states in key areas such as political participation, earnings, and rights. The State of Ohio currently has no department or standing commission to collect, disseminate, or analyze information about women and girls in the state. In fact, Ohio is one of only five states in the nation without such a commission.

More to Learn

Many areas of the lives of women and girls in Central Ohio are still unknown and unexamined because of the lack of easily accessible information. This report is both a foundation to build on and a gateway to many paths of inquiry into the lives of women and girls in Central Ohio. Possible future directions include:

- Researching public policy—to identify and define the national and state policies affecting women and girls in Central Ohio;
- Conducting original research—to seek out less accessible information in order to provide a more complete picture, giving voice and visibility to all of Central Ohio's women and girls; and
- Identifying community resources that exist for women and girls—to examine the existing institutions and organizations that support and empower women and girls.

■ Select Findings

The COUNT ON HER! report is divided into four broad categories of inquiry: Population and Diversity, Employment and Income, Achievement and Autonomy, and Health and Well-Being. Each section focuses both on the assets of Central Ohio women and girls—the conditions that can be built upon to create social change—and on the opportunities for change—needs that are currently unmet for Central Ohio women and girls. The following summarizes select findings of each section of the full report.

■ Population and Diversity

In Central Ohio, women and girls comprise over half the population.

This section of the report provides information on the population and diversity of females in Central Ohio. It provides important context for the data presented in the other sections of the report. The following topics are included in this section:

- Populations by county
- Racial and ethnic diversity
- Age
- Marital and family status
- Urban and rural households
- Veteran status

Population and Diversity

Population and Diversity	There are 805,184 women and girls living in the Central Ohio counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union.
	Central Ohio women are racially and ethnically diverse: nearly 150,000 are members of a minority racial or ethnic group, and more than 34,000 were born outside the United States.
	Nearly one-quarter of all Central Ohio females are girls under age 18. Women's median age in Central Ohio (36.3) is slightly higher than men's (35.3). Women over 85 outnumber men by nearly three to one; nearly 73% of the total population over age 85 in Central Ohio is female.
	There are three times more single female-headed households (11.8% of all households) than single male-headed households (3.9%) in Central Ohio; more women than men live alone; and 1 in 3 women over age 65 lives alone compared to fewer than 1 in 5 men.
	Slightly more than one in ten females in Central Ohio live in rural areas, compared to the state figure of one in five.
	Over 9,000 women in Central Ohio are veterans.

■ Employment and Income

Many women in Central Ohio are achieving economic self-sufficiency–yet generally women work in lower-wage occupations and struggle to make ends meet.

The employment status and sources of income for women and girls in Central Ohio have a great impact on both status and autonomy and are key indicators of gender disparities. The following topics are included in this section:

- Occupations and status
- Earnings and wages
- Poverty
- Retirement
- Public assistance
- Child care and support

Employment and Income: Assets and Opportunities

	Assets to build on	Opportunities for change
Employment and Income	More than 401,700 women in Central Ohio participated in the labor force—	but over 16,000 were unemployed.
	9.9 percent of women with earnings in Central Ohio earn over $50,000 a year—	yet 10.9 percent of all women and girls live in poverty.
	More than 143,000 Central Ohio women work in management and professional occupations—	yet Central Ohio women earn 70 cents to a Central Ohio man's dollar.
	The median annual earnings for females age 16 and over in Central Ohio ($28,106) is higher than the state median—	but the median annual earnings for Central Ohio males is $39,864.
	Over 62,000 mothers in Central Ohio with children under age six are in the labor force—	yet the demand for child care exceeds the capacity of child care providers by nearly 40,000 children.
	Women in Central Ohio occupy nearly 60% of community and social services occupations—	yet the mean annual income for these important positions is $36,400, compared to the over $84,000 mean income for management occupations, most of which (63%) are held by men.
	Over 88,000 women in Central Ohio receive Social Security benefits—	but 8,732 women over 65 live in poverty, with a poverty rate almost double that of men over age 65.
	There are 73,794 single female-headed households in Central Ohio—nearly triple the number of single male-headed households—	but more than 15,000 female-headed households with children are poor.

■ Achievement and Autonomy

Central Ohio women have significant achievements in education and business–yet are not yet well represented in influential community roles.

For the purposes of examining the status of women and girls in Central Ohio, "autonomy" is used to denote women's access to productive resources while "achievement" is used to describe earned social status or relative position in society. Attaining degrees, owning her own home, running her own small business, and participating in the political process as citizens and candidates are all indicators of the achievement and relative autonomy of women. The following topics are included in this section:

- Educational attainment
- Literacy
- Political participation
- Homeownership
- Business ownership and leadership
- Access to credit

Achievement and Autonomy: Assets and Opportunities

	Assets to build on	Opportunities for change
Achievement and Autonomy	Central Ohio women comprise 51% of the population and 47% of the workforce and bring over $5 billion to the economy from businesses they own—	yet there are no female CEOs of publicly-held companies in the area, and only 9.9% of corporate boards of directors seats in Central Ohio are held by women.
	Women comprise 54.1% of high school graduates in Central Ohio, and more women than men are enrolled in college or graduate school—	yet a greater number of men earn bachelors and graduate/professional degrees.
	Women in Central Ohio are more likely to vote (60.8%) compared to men (54.9%)—	yet women are underrepresented in elected official positions in Central Ohio: · Six of 21 county commissioners are women · 18 of 79 mayors are women · 4 out of 25 common pleas court judges are women
	Women in Central Ohio are as likely as men to receive government and conventional home purchase loans—	yet only one-third of the 73,000 single-female households with children own their own home.

■ Health and Well-Being

Central Ohio women enjoy increased longevity– yet they lack access to care and information.

This section of the report examines data on the health and well-being of women and girls in Central Ohio. These have a great impact on women's daily lives in Central Ohio counties. The following topics are included in this section:

- Mortality and Disease
- STIs and HIV/AIDS
- Mental Health
- Wellness Activities
- Reproductive Health
- Disability
- Access to Care and Insurance

Health and Well-Being: Assets and Opportunities

Health and Well-Being

Assets to build on
Women in Central Ohio bore 24,464 children in 2002, and over 80% of pregnant women in Central Ohio sought prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy.
Of the 80,729 working age women with disabilities in Central Ohio, over 44,000 participate in the workforce.
Approximately 80% of Central Ohio women over age 40 report having a mammogram within the prior two years, and approximately 85% over age 18 report having a pap smear within the past three years.

Opportunities for change
In Central Ohio, women are more likely (22.5%) than men (17.1%) to be obese.
In Central Ohio, three women a day were raped in 2002, according to police reports, for a rate of 62.1 per 100,000 females—higher than the rate for Ohio (42.1) and nearly double the national rate (33.0).
The leading cause of death for Central Ohio women is heart disease.

■ More to Learn

Many aspects of the lives of women and girls in Central Ohio are invisible because data are either not collected or not made available to the community.

The COUNT ON HER! project identified data gaps and research questions that could not be answered within the scope of the project. Addressing the types of gaps and questions outlined below can provide a more complete picture of the women and girls in Central Ohio.

Where are the gaps?	Examples of research questions
Data about subpopulations of women and girls	• How many Central Ohio women and girls migrated from Appalachia? • How many Central Ohio women and girls are recent immigrants or refugees? From which countries do they migrate and why? • What is the female population of various faith traditions in Central Ohio? • How many women in Central Ohio are heads of households because of partner's incarceration? • How many women in Central Ohio function as heads of households because they are "military wives"? • How many lesbians and bisexual women live in Central Ohio?
Data to calculate more fully the economic status of women	• Are there differences or disparities in occupations, income, retirement, poverty, and public assistance for subpopulations of women in Central Ohio? • In Central Ohio, are women closing the wage gap at the same rate as the rest of the United States? • What is the difference in personal income per capita for men and women in Central Ohio? What is the difference in personal wealth? • Do a higher percentage of women than men earn poverty-level wages in Central Ohio? • What is the extent of the economic resources of girls in Central Ohio? • What percent of women in Central Ohio have other retirement savings or income other than Social Security? • What data are not captured about women's unpaid labor in Central Ohio? How much time do women spend in unpaid household tasks? Caring for family members? Volunteering? • What is the effect of having children on women's income and employment levels in Central Ohio?

Where are the gaps?	Examples of research questions
Data to describe women's social influence and access to resources	• What measurable influence do Central Ohio women have in the public, corporate, and nonprofit sectors? What influence do women have in and on the media in Central Ohio? • What are the features of women-owned businesses in Central Ohio, and how well are these businesses doing compared to businesses owned by men? • How many girls in Central Ohio hold leadership positions in their schools, such as class president or student council president? • What is the ratio of girls to boys for school valedictorians in Central Ohio? • How many women and girls in Central Ohio are involved in home-schooling? • What is Central Ohio women's access to and influence on the legal system? • What are women's credit ratings compared to men's in Central Ohio? • What proportion of land or property in the seven-county Central Ohio area, especially in rural areas, is owned or managed by women? • What is the number of homeless women in the Central Ohio counties, and what percentage of these women have children?
Data to better measure the health status and well-being of women and girls	• How many Central Ohio women and girls suffer from depression or other mental health conditions that affect their well-being? • How many Central Ohio women become mothers through adoption? How many grandmothers are primary caretakers for their grandchildren? • How many women and girls in Central Ohio participate in organized sports? • How do diseases affect the diverse populations of women in Central Ohio? • What is the incidence of human papilloma virus (HPV) among Central Ohio females? • What is the rate and incidence of sexually transmitted infections among Central Ohio teenagers? • How many Hispanic/Latino women in Central Ohio are living with HIV/AIDS? • How many women and girls in Central Ohio have eating disorders? • How many women in Central Ohio are victims of battering by former spouses? How many are victims of battering by live-in partners of either gender? • How many girls in Central Ohio are raped? • How many girls in Central Ohio are raped by family members? • How many women and girls in Central Ohio experience sexual harassment? • How many women and girls in Central Ohio are victims of stalking? • How many same-sex partners in Central Ohio have children?

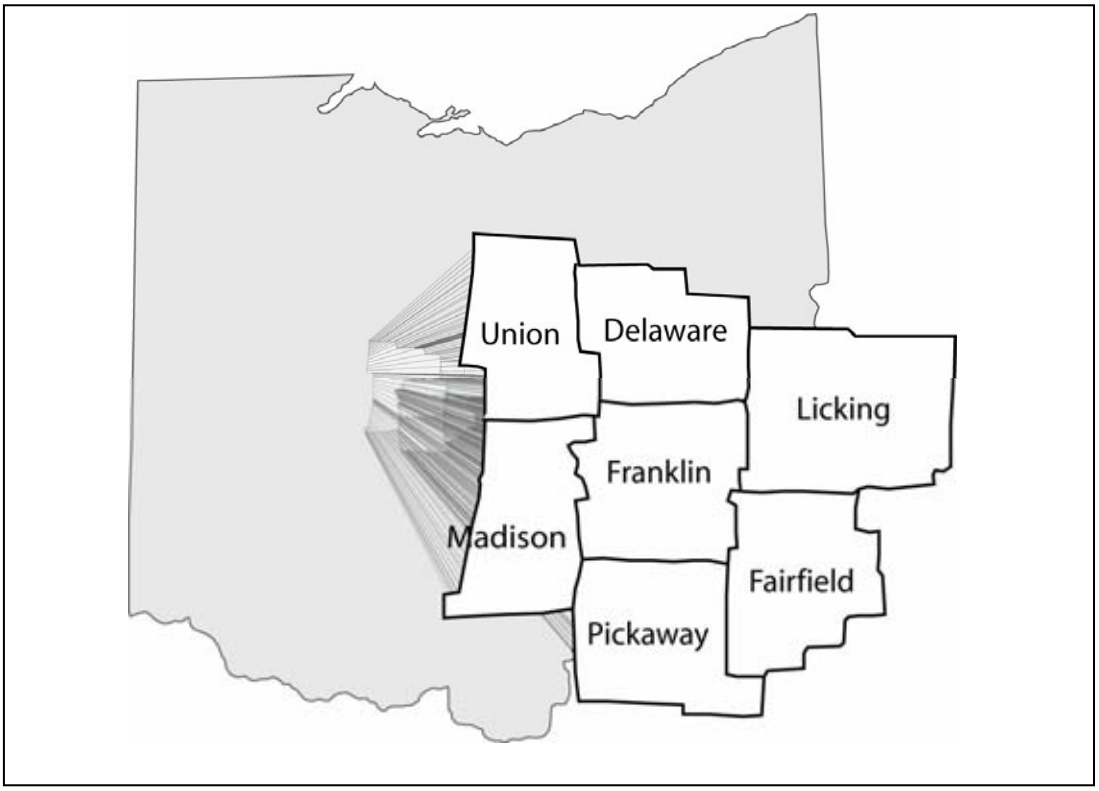
Population and Diversity

This section of the report provides information on the population and diversity of females in Central Ohio. The Central Ohio population and demographic statistics also serve as important context for the data presented in the other sections of the report. The following topics are included in this section:

- Populations by county
- Racial and ethnic diversity
- Age
- Marital and family status
- Urban and rural households
- Veteran status of Central Ohio women

The seven-county area of Central Ohio comprises approximately 3,500 square miles and has over 800,000 women and girls. Counties included in the Central Ohio region are Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union. Central Ohio has approximately 1.6 million of the state population of 11 million people.

Figure 1
The Seven-County Central Ohio Region



Population by County

- **805,184 women and girls live in Central Ohio.** Most women and girls (549,695) live in Franklin County, the most heavily populated county in Central Ohio. Madison County has the fewest number of females (18,533) and is the least populous of the seven counties (Table 1).

- **Females comprise 50.9 percent of the population of Central Ohio.** The percentage of females varies by county. Pickaway County has the lowest percentage of females (45 percent) and Union County has the highest (52.2 percent) (Table 1).

Table 1
Total Population in Ohio, Central Ohio, and Counties, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total population	11,353,140	1,581,066	109,989	122,759	1,068,978	145,491	40,213	52,727	40,909
Percent of Central Ohio population			7.0%	7.8%	67.6%	9.2%	2.5%	3.3%	2.6%
Females		805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Percent of population		50.9%	50.5%	50.2%	51.4%	51.3%	46.1%	45.0%	52.2%
Males		775,882	54,435	61,119	519,283	70,819	21,680	28,998	19,548
Percent of population		49.1%	49.5%	49.8%	48.6%	48.7%	53.9%	55.0%	47.8%

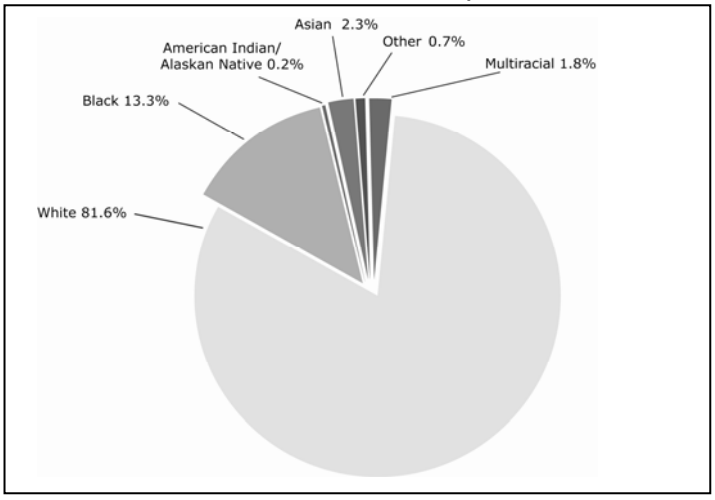
Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Racial and Ethnic Diversity

- **More than one in six females in Central Ohio is a member of a minority racial group.** Data show that white females account for 81.6 percent of Central Ohio females; black or African American females account for 13.3 percent. Asian females comprise 2.3 percent of Central Ohio females, 0.2 percent of Central Ohio females are American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.7 percent of females belong to another racial group, which includes Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and the U.S. Census choice "some other race." Multiracial females account for 1.8 percent of the Central Ohio female population. Approximately 1.6 percent of Central Ohio females are of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity, which may be of any race (Figure 2 and Table 3).

- **Franklin County is the most racially and ethnically diverse Central Ohio county.** In Franklin County, 22.4 percent of females are members of a non-Hispanic minority racial group; in the other six counties of the Central Ohio region, 1.6 percent of females are of a non-Hispanic minority racial group. Franklin County also has the highest percentage of Hispanic/Latino females (1.9 percent) compared to 0.4 percent of the population of the other six Central Ohio counties (Table 3).

Figure 2
Race of Central Ohio Women, 2000



Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

- **Four percent of Central Ohio females were born outside the United States; of those, 37.2 percent became naturalized citizens.** Franklin County has the greatest number of foreign-born women (30,093). Asia is the place of birth for the largest number of foreign-born Central Ohio women (Table 2).

Table 2
Foreign-Born Population by Place of Birth and Citizenship Status, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total foreign-born	339,279	71,806	2,872	1,601	64,487	1,650	445	362	389
Female	172,995	34,114	1,464	879	30,093	1,060	221	146	251
Percent of total pop.	3.0%	4.2%	2.6%	1.4%	5.5%	1.4%	1.2%	0.6%	1.2%
Place of birth									
Europe	73,846	8,056	471	353	6,463	478	120	84	87
Asia	60,471	15,525	723	350	13,907	335	77	50	83
Africa	8,921	4,589	1	24	4,498	59	7	0	0
Oceania	876	224	0	0	188	36	0	0	0
Americas	28,875	5,720	269	152	5,037	152	17	12	81
Male	166,284	37,692	1,408	722	34,394	590	224	216	138
Percent of total pop.	3.0%	4.9%	2.6%	1.2%	6.6%	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Place of birth									
Europe	57,837	6,314	326	263	5,255	258	123	64	25
Asia	59,742	16,437	733	253	15,116	180	50	44	61
Africa	13,113	6,530	92	43	6,324	49	11	6	5
Oceania	756	192	23	0	149	6	0	8	6
Americas	34,830	8,219	234	163	7,550	97	40	94	41
Percent naturalized citizens									
Foreign-born females	52.3%	37.2%	49.5%	60.6%	35.3%	45.2%	42.5%	77.4%	51.0%
Foreign-born males	47.4%	31.7%	49.2%	66.8%	29.7%	55.8%	43.8%	38.0%	46.4%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 3

Population of Central Ohio Counties by Race/Ethnicity, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total population	11,353,140	1,581,066	109,989	122,759	1,068,978	145,491	40,213	52,727	40,909
Total females	5,840,878	805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Total males	5,512,262	775,882	54,435	61,119	519,283	70,819	21,680	28,998	19,548
White females	4,952,166	657,110	52,401	59,074	413,201	71,510	17,787	23,187	19,950
Percent of total population	43.6%	41.6%	47.6%	48.1%	38.7%	49.2%	44.2%	44.0%	48.8%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	51.3%	50.9%	50.5%	50.6%	51.2%	51.4%	48.2%	47.8%	51.2%
Percent under 18 years	22.9%	23.0%	26.6%	25.2%	21.6%	24.4%	25.8%	24.9%	26.3%
Percent over 65 years	16.4%	12.8%	9.5%	13.3%	13.0%	13.8%	14.0%	13.7%	11.3%
Percent over 85 years	2.4%	1.8%	1.2%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%
White males	4,693,287	633,697	51,262	57,729	393,650	67,637	19,109	25,295	19,015
Percent of total population	41.3%	40.1%	46.6%	47.0%	36.8%	46.5%	47.5%	48.0%	46.5%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	48.7%	49.1%	49.5%	49.4%	48.8%	48.6%	51.8%	52.2%	48.8%
Percent under 18 years	25.4%	25.1%	29.0%	27.8%	23.7%	26.7%	25.0%	25.5%	29.9%
Percent over 65 years	11.8%	9.0%	7.3%	9.8%	8.8%	10.4%	9.1%	9.5%	8.5%
Percent over 85 years	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Black females	685,290	107,410	1,374	1,198	101,887	1,443	365	155	988
Percent of total population	6.0%	6.8%	1.2%	1.0%	9.5%	1.0%	0.9%	0.3%	2.4%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	52.7%	51.8%	49.5%	36.6%	53.3%	48.3%	14.5%	4.6%	86.0%
Percent under 18 years	29.7%	30.0%	34.6%	33.6%	30.1%	31.3%	27.7%	29.0%	4.1%
Percent over 65 years	10.9%	8.2%	6.1%	4.3%	8.2%	10.0%	14.8%	16.8%	2.2%
Percent over 85 years	1.3%	1.0%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	2.5%	2.6%	0.1%
Black males	616,017	99,875	1,400	2,076	89,309	1,547	2,146	3,236	161
Percent of total population	5.4%	6.3%	1.3%	1.7%	8.4%	1.1%	5.3%	6.1%	0.4%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	47.3%	48.2%	50.5%	63.4%	46.7%	51.7%	85.5%	95.4%	14.0%
Percent under 18 years	34.3%	33.8%	34.8%	20.7%	35.8%	32.1%	7.6%	5.4%	28.0%
Percent over 65 years	7.8%	5.9%	3.9%	1.4%	6.2%	7.0%	2.5%	1.9%	10.6%
Percent over 85 years	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native females	11,977	1,967	68	109	1,444	213	27	69	37
Percent of total population	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	48.9%	48.7%	43.3%	44.7%	49.8%	49.0%	33.8%	46.6%	49.3%
Percent under 18 years	26.6%	27.5%	17.6%	31.2%	27.4%	26.8%	33.3%	30.4%	35.1%
Percent over 65 years	6.6%	5.9%	4.4%	2.8%	6.5%	5.2%	11.1%	4.3%	0.0%
Percent over 85 years	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Population of Central Ohio Counties by Race/Ethnicity, 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
American Indian/Alaskan Native males	12,509	2,071	89	135	1,455	222	53	79	38
Percent of total population	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	51.1%	51.3%	56.7%	55.3%	50.2%	51.0%	66.3%	53.4%	50.7%
Percent under 18 years	25.1%	25.4%	27.0%	25.2%	25.7%	29.7%	13.2%	15.2%	21.1%
Percent over 65 years	5.2%	3.9%	2.2%	1.5%	4.5%	4.1%	1.9%	1.3%	2.6%
Percent over 85 years	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian females	68,170	18,343	864	499	16,215	474	99	57	135
Percent of total population	0.6%	1.2%	0.8%	0.4%	1.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	51.4%	49.9%	51.1%	56.1%	49.5%	55.8%	56.6%	48.7%	61.1%
Percent under 18 years	23.2%	23.3%	27.0%	30.3%	22.9%	23.2%	28.3%	29.8%	23.0%
Percent over 65 years	5.6%	4.3%	4.3%	6.2%	4.1%	6.3%	7.1%	12.3%	5.9%
Percent over 85 years	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Asian males	64,463	18,383	826	391	16,569	375	76	60	86
Percent of total population	0.6%	1.2%	0.8%	0.3%	1.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	48.6%	50.1%	48.9%	43.9%	50.5%	44.2%	43.4%	51.3%	38.9%
Percent under 18 years	24.2%	22.5%	26.9%	32.7%	22.0%	26.4%	18.4%	33.3%	24.4%
Percent over 65 years	4.2%	3.0%	4.0%	3.3%	2.9%	3.5%	3.9%	1.7%	5.8%
Percent over 85 years	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic/Latino females (of any race)	104,858	12,679	543	497	10,636	558	119	169	157
Percent of total population	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	48.3%	44.6%	49.0%	50.1%	43.8%	50.4%	40.5%	50.8%	50.8%
Percent under 18 years	37.5%	35.1%	38.3%	41.0%	34.5%	36.7%	43.7%	32.5%	35.7%
Percent over 65 years	5.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.8%	8.4%	7.7%	3.8%
Percent over 85 years	0.5%	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	2.5%	0.6%	0.0%
Hispanic/Latino males (of any race)	112,265	15,745	566	496	13,643	549	175	164	152
Percent of total population	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%	0.4%	1.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Percent of racial/ethnic group	51.7%	55.4%	51.0%	49.9%	56.2%	49.6%	59.5%	49.2%	49.2%
Percent under 18 years	36.6%	29.6%	35.3%	38.7%	28.4%	41.7%	26.3%	34.1%	44.7%
Percent over 65 years	4.1%	2.0%	3.5%	2.2%	1.8%	4.0%	2.3%	4.9%	3.3%
Percent over 85 years	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	1.3%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Age

- **Women's median age in Central Ohio (36.3) is slightly higher than men's (35.3).** Across all Central Ohio counties, and consistent with state figures, the median age for females (36.3) is slightly higher than males (35.3) (Table 4).

- **Hispanic/Latino women have the lowest median age (25.6 years) in Central Ohio.** The median age for white women (36.8) is higher than for women of other racial/ethnic groups in Central Ohio. The median age for white women in Ohio (38.7) is higher than for Central Ohio, while the median age for Ohio females in all minority groups is lower than for Central Ohio (Table 5).

- **There are 30,897 more women than men over age 65 in Central Ohio.** There are 94,607 Central Ohio women and 63,710 Central Ohio men over age 65. Women over 85 outnumber men by three to one: 74.4 percent of the total population over age 85 in Central Ohio is female (Table 6).

- **Nearly one-quarter of all Central Ohio females are girls under age 18.** Females under age 18 comprise 48.8 percent of the under-18 population in Central Ohio (197,235 girls compared to 206,866 boys) (Table 7).

Table 4

Median Age of Central Ohio Population, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total Population	36.2	34.8	35.3	36.2	32.5	36.6	35.8	36.0	34.5
Female	37.5	36.3	35.7	37.3	33.8	37.5	37.0	37.8	35.2
Male	34.9	35.3	34.8	34.9	31.3	35.7	35.0	34.9	33.7

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Table 5

Median Age of Females, by Race and Ethnicity, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
White	38.7	36.8	36.1	37.7	35.6	37.8	37.2	37.9	35.4
Black or African American	32.1	33.4	28.5	31.9	30.3	33.5	37.3	37.9	34.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	33.7	34.7	39.0	28.4	30.4	35.5	38.3	36.5	34.8
Asian	31.4	33.4	30.7	34.1	28.8	32.9	34.1	37.5	35.5
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	24.7	25.6	24.4	22.5	24.3	25.2	21.9	31.1	29.7

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Table 6

Older Adults in Central Ohio, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total female population	5,840,878	805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Number over age 65	899,198	94,607	5,148	7,964	63,295	10,105	2,573	3,227	2,295
Number over age 85	128,624	13,094	641	1,128	8,832	1,409	353	392	339
Total male population	5,512,262	775,882	54,435	61,119	519,283	70,819	21,680	28,998	19,548
Number over age 65	608,559	63,710	3,863	5,708	41,011	7,193	1,810	2,479	1,646
Number over age 85	48,172	4,508	251	442	2,908	470	137	177	123

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Table 7

Central Ohio Population Under Age 18, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total girls	1,410,454	197,235	15,064	15,844	131,493	18,592	4,847	5,974	5,421
White	1,132,923	151,197	13,942	14,907	89,272	17,478	4,582	5,777	5,239
Black/African American	203,632	32,200	476	403	30,683	451	101	45	41
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3,191	541	12	34	395	57	9	21	13
Asian	15,794	4,278	233	151	3,708	110	28	17	31
Hispanic/Latino (may be of any race)	39,285	4,451	208	204	3,671	205	52	55	56
Total boys	1,477,885	206,866	15,997	17,031	136,828	19,242	5,079	6,813	5,876
White	1,191,392	159,317	14,844	16,064	93,427	18,071	4,768	6,461	5,682
Black/African American	211,450	33,793	487	430	31,995	496	164	176	45
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3,143	525	24	34	374	66	7	12	8
Asian	15,582	4,143	222	128	3,639	99	14	20	21
Hispanic/Latino (may be of any race)	41,053	4,667	200	192	3,876	229	46	56	68

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Table 8

Population of Central Ohio Counties by Age, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total population	11,353,140	1,581,066	109,989	122,759	1,068,978	145,491	40,213	52,727	40,909
Females	5,840,878	805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Under 6 years	446,163	66,796	5,071	4,958	45,795	5,804	1,528	1,827	1,813
6-12 years	566,228	78,394	5,997	6,376	52,208	7,320	1,901	2,450	2,142
13-17 years	398,063	52,045	3,996	4,510	33,490	5,468	1,418	1,697	1,466
18-24 years	527,495	82,477	4,141	4,559	62,622	6,408	1,370	1,751	1,626
25-34 years	762,753	125,160	7,814	8,009	90,779	9,428	2,461	3,127	3,542
35-44 years	915,233	132,067	10,670	10,414	87,843	12,324	3,031	3,800	3,985
45-54 years	797,406	108,032	8,268	9,127	71,455	10,526	2,492	3,366	2,798
55-64 years	528,339	65,606	4,449	5,723	42,208	7,289	1,759	2,484	1,694
65 years and over	899,198	94,607	5,148	7,964	63,295	10,105	2,573	3,227	2,295
85 years and over	128,624	13,094	641	1,128	8,832	1,409	353	392	339
Percent under 18 years	24.1%	24.5%	27.1%	25.7%	23.9%	24.9%	26.2%	25.2%	25.4%
Percent over 65 years	15.4%	11.7%	9.3%	12.9%	11.5%	13.5%	13.9%	13.6%	10.7%
Percent over 85 years	2.2%	1.6%	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%
Males	5,512,262	775,882	54,435	61,119	519,283	70,819	21,680	28,998	19,548
Under 6 years	464,909	69,443	5,470	5,414	46,915	6,229	1,542	1,944	1,929
6-12 years	594,045	82,626	6,330	6,812	54,743	7,614	2,024	2,704	2,399
13-17 years	418,931	54,797	4,197	4,805	35,170	5,399	1,513	2,165	1,548
18-24 years	529,049	85,266	4,230	5,293	62,668	6,381	2,274	2,979	1,441
25-34 years	757,141	128,038	7,190	8,285	92,476	8,970	3,482	4,740	2,895
35-44 years	890,083	130,858	10,228	10,332	84,966	12,111	4,206	5,519	3,496
45-54 years	768,978	102,351	8,483	8,840	65,332	10,063	3,033	3,951	2,649
55-64 years	480,567	58,793	4,444	5,630	36,002	6,859	1,796	2,517	1,545
65 years and over	608,559	63,710	3,863	5,708	41,011	7,193	1,810	2,479	1,646
85 years and over	48,172	4,508	251	442	2,908	470	137	177	123
Percent under 18 years	26.8%	26.7%	29.4%	27.9%	26.3%	27.2%	23.4%	23.5%	30.1%
Percent over 65 years	11.0%	8.2%	7.1%	9.3%	7.9%	10.2%	8.3%	8.5%	8.4%
Percent over 85 years	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Marital Status

Marital status is recorded by the Census Bureau for individuals age 15 and over.

- **More than half of all Central Ohio women over 15 are married in 2000.** In Central Ohio, 52.5 percent of women over 15 are married, compared to 55.8 percent of men. The percentage of married women varies by Central Ohio county; Delaware County had the highest percentage of married females (66.8) and Franklin County has the lowest (48.0 percent) (Table 9).

- **One in four women in Central Ohio has never married, compared to nearly one in three men.** In the seven-county Central Ohio area, 26.4 percent of females over age 15 have never married, compared to 32.5 percent of males over age 15. Franklin County has the highest percentage of never-married females (30.1 percent) (Table 9).

- **More women than men in Central Ohio are separated or divorced.** In Central Ohio, 91,205 women are separated or divorced, compared to 67,300 men. Franklin County also has the highest percentage of divorced females (13.2) (Table 9).

- **Four times as many Central Ohio women as men are widowed.** In Central Ohio, 8.7 percent of women, compared to 2.1 percent of men, are widowed. Although the percentages vary by county, in all counties in Central Ohio at least three times as many women as men are widowed (Table 9).

Table 9
Marital Status of Population Age 15 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females	4,670,985	639,085	42,869	48,384	438,459	59,357	14,549	18,722	16,745
Never married	23.5%	26.4%	18.2%	17.7%	30.1%	19.4%	17.5%	17.5%	19.2%
Now married	53.8%	52.5%	66.8%	62.6%	48.0%	58.8%	61.4%	62.3%	61.7%
Separated	1.7%	1.9%	1.1%	1.2%	2.1%	1.4%	1.9%	1.5%	2.0%
Widowed	11.1%	8.7%	6.3%	9.3%	8.6%	9.7%	11.2%	9.4%	7.9%
Divorced	11.5%	12.4%	8.7%	10.4%	13.2%	12.0%	9.8%	10.7%	11.2%
Males	4,281,736	601,116	40,827	46,924	402,807	54,764	17,512	23,595	14,687
Never married	29.2%	32.5%	21.0%	24.5%	36.3%	24.0%	26.2%	32.5%	22.9%
Now married	58.4%	55.8%	70.4%	65.2%	51.7%	63.6%	59.1%	54.0%	66.3%
Separated	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	1.4%	2.5%	2.5%	1.1%
Widowed	2.7%	2.1%	1.7%	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	3.1%	2.5%	2.2%
Divorced	9.7%	9.6%	6.8%	8.3%	9.9%	10.1%	11.6%	11.0%	8.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Families and Households

- **Married-couple families account for about half of Central Ohio households.** In Central Ohio, 48.8 percent of all households are married couples, slightly lower than the state figure of 51.4 percent. The percentage of married-couple families varied widely in the counties in Central Ohio, from 67.7 percent in Delaware County to 43.0 percent in Franklin County. There are a proportionally higher number of non-family households in Franklin County (39.0 percent compared to under 30 percent for all other Central Ohio counties) (Table 10).

- **There are four times more single female-headed households than single male-headed households in Central Ohio.** Single female-headed households account for 11.8 percent of all family households; single male-headed households account for 3.9 percent. These figures reflect state percentages, which show female-headed households accounting for 12.1 percent and male-headed households for 3.8 percent. In all counties, the number of single female-headed households is more than double the number of single male-headed households (Table 10).

- **More women than men live alone.** In Central Ohio, and each of its constituent counties, more women (98,432) than men (75,824) live alone. Women account for 56.5 percent while men comprise 43.5percent of householders living alone in Central Ohio (Table 10).

- **One in three Central Ohio women over age 65 live alone, compared to fewer than one in five men.** Thirty-nine percent of women over age 65 in Central Ohio live alone, compared to 17.2 percent of men over age 65 (Table 10).

- **Central Ohio white and Asian families are more likely to be married-couple families than are black or African Americans, Hispanics, and American Indian/Alaskan Native families in Central Ohio.** Over half of all white families (52.1 percent) and Asian families (54.5 percent) are married-couple families, compared to 28.0 percent of black or African American families, 37.0 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native families, and 41.7 percent of Hispanic families (Table 11).

- **Nearly three in ten black or African American families in Central Ohio are headed by single females.** Female-headed households with no husband present are 29.1 percent of all black or African American family households, compared to 9.2 percent of white families and 5.9 percent of Asian families (Table 11).

- **Unmarried partner households comprise almost six percent of all households in Central Ohio.** Women live in approximately 34,000 households in Central Ohio identified by Census 2000 as unmarried partner households including households with male-female partners and households with two female partners (Table 12).

Sexual Orientation

Census 2000 did not ask questions specifically about sexual orientation. The Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies estimates that from two to six percent of the adults in the United States are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. If these percentages are applied to the population of Central Ohio (805,000), the number of lesbian and bisexual women may range from 12,800 to 38,000. The 2000 Census did count same-sex unmarried partner households. This category also includes persons of the same sex who identified themselves as spouses on the census form.

- **Female unmarried partner households account for 1,961 households in Central Ohio, or 5.4 percent of all unmarried partner households** (Table 12). According to the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, census data undercount gay and lesbian households by at least 16 percent because many cohabitating couples did not check the option on the census form (Badgett and Rogers).

Table 10

Household Types by Presence of Own Children, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total Households	4,445,773	625,103	39,674	45,425	438,778	55,609	13,672	17,599	14,346
Family Households	2,993,023	402,739	30,658	34,149	263,601	40,126	10,034	13,287	10,884
Married-couple family	2,285,798	304,854	26,876	28,465	188,793	32,557	8,096	10,829	9,238
Percent married-couple family	51.4%	48.8%	67.7%	62.7%	43.0%	58.5%	59.2%	61.5%	64.4%
With own children under 18 years	996,042	141,968	13,568	13,251	87,945	14,369	3,638	4,706	4,491
Percent	43.6%	46.6%	50.5%	46.6%	46.6%	44.1%	44.9%	43.5%	48.6%
With own children under 6 years	429,740	66,265	6,449	5,639	42,442	6,139	1,585	1,924	2,087
Percent	18.8%	21.7%	24.0%	19.8%	22.5%	18.9%	19.6%	17.8%	22.6%
Female householder, no husband present	536,878	73,794	2,667	4,117	57,195	5,582	1,354	1,728	1,151
Percent female householder, no husband present	12.1%	11.8%	6.7%	9.1%	13.0%	10.0%	9.9%	9.8%	8.0%
With own children under 18 years	323,095	46,636	1,681	2,537	36,260	3,536	827	1,076	719
Percent	60.2%	63.2%	63.0%	61.6%	63.4%	63.3%	61.1%	62.3%	62.5%
With own children under 6 years	127,153	18,872	602	929	15,010	1,332	295	400	304
Percent	23.7%	25.6%	22.6%	22.6%	26.2%	23.9%	21.8%	23.1%	26.4%
Male householder, no wife present	170,347	24,091	1,115	1,567	17,613	1,987	584	730	495
Percent male householder, no wife present	3.8%	3.9%	2.8%	3.4%	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
With own children under 18 years	90,775	13,249	662	936	9,310	1,225	346	450	320
Percent	53.3%	55.0%	59.4%	59.7%	52.9%	61.7%	59.2%	61.6%	64.6%
With own children under 6 years	35,846	5,508	229	354	3,975	503	121	193	133
Percent	21.0%	22.9%	20.5%	22.6%	22.6%	25.3%	20.7%	26.4%	26.9%
Non Family Households	1,452,750	222,364	9,016	11,276	175,177	15,483	3,638	4,312	3,462
Householder living alone	1,215,614	174,391	7,177	9,393	135,437	12,870	3,045	3,621	2,848
Females	706,960	98,432	4,207	5,753	75,530	7,388	1,794	2,170	1,590
Females 65 and over	345,891	36,889	1,691	3,014	25,456	3,828	1,018	1,152	730
Males	507,525	75,824	2,948	3,623	59,821	5,479	1,255	1,440	1,258
Males 65 and over	105,031	10,939	460	811	7,431	1,290	299	401	247
Householder not living alone	237,136	47,973	1,839	1,883	39,740	2,613	593	691	614

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 2

Table 11

Household Types by Presence of Own Children by Race/Ethnicity, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
White Households	3,832,408	520,577	37,748	43,871	340,874	53,630	13,166	17,255	14,033
Family Households	2,599,802	337,006	29,196	32,968	202,712	38,758	9,687	13,038	10,647
Married-couple family	54.7%	52.1%	68.2%	62.8%	46.5%	58.9%	59.8%	61.8%	64.5%
With own children under 18 years	43.0%	45.6%	50.1%	46.0%	45.2%	43.9%	44.7%	43.3%	48.6%
With own children under 6 years	18.5%	21.1%	23.8%	19.5%	21.6%	18.7%	19.4%	17.7%	22.5%
Male householder, no wife present	3.6%	3.5%	2.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%	4.1%	3.4%
With own children under 18 years	53.5%	56.2%	59.1%	59.2%	54.0%	61.2%	59.2%	62.0%	64.3%
With own children under 6 years	20.6%	22.4%	20.2%	21.6%	22.0%	25.0%	20.8%	25.9%	26.4%
Female householder, no husband present	9.6%	9.2%	6.4%	9.0%	9.5%	9.8%	9.6%	9.7%	8.0%
With own children under 18 years	56.9%	60.0%	62.0%	61.2%	58.9%	63.0%	60.4%	62.3%	62.6%
With own children under 6 years	20.5%	22.1%	21.2%	22.6%	21.7%	23.7%	21.4%	23.3%	26.7%
Non Family Households	1,232,606	183,571	8,552	10,903	138,162	14,872	3,479	4,217	3,386
Householder living alone	83.4%	77.9%	79.5%	83.4%	76.4%	83.1%	83.8%	84.0%	82.2%
Householder not living alone	16.6%	22.1%	20.5%	16.6%	23.6%	16.9%	16.2%	16.0%	17.8%
Black or African American Households	491,355	78,377	937	831	74,974	1,102	300	130	103
Family Households	311,495	49,148	708	642	46,713	729	195	85	76
Married-couple family	27.0%	28.0%	52.4%	59.9%	27.1%	41.5%	35.7%	43.1%	55.3%
With own children under 18 years	46.1%	51.3%	58.5%	66.3%	50.8%	51.0%	44.9%	35.7%	49.1%
With own children under 6 years	19.3%	23.6%	24.4%	27.5%	23.6%	22.5%	15.9%	10.7%	28.1%
Male householder, no wife present	5.2%	5.6%	4.9%	4.2%	5.6%	5.0%	7.0%	6.2%	6.8%
With own children under 18 years	52.9%	55.3%	69.6%	80.0%	54.5%	72.7%	61.9%	75.0%	100.0%
With own children under 6 years	22.4%	25.0%	30.4%	45.7%	24.7%	27.3%	19.0%	50.0%	57.1%
Female householder, no husband present	31.2%	29.1%	18.2%	13.1%	29.6%	19.7%	22.3%	16.2%	11.7%
With own children under 18 years	67.2%	69.6%	78.4%	73.4%	69.6%	66.4%	67.2%	52.4%	50.0%
With own children under 6 years	30.4%	31.9%	40.4%	19.3%	32.0%	25.8%	19.4%	19.0%	25.0%
Non Family Households	179,860	29,229	229	189	28,261	373	105	45	27
Householder living alone	87.2%	84.0%	85.2%	85.2%	83.9%	86.9%	83.8%	82.2%	88.9%
Householder not living alone	12.8%	16.0%	14.8%	14.8%	16.1%	13.1%	16.2%	17.8%	11.1%

Household Types by Presence of Own Children by Race/Ethnicity, 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
American Indian/Alaskan Native Households	9,463	1,501	63	95	1,143	158	0	42	0
Family Households	6,168	912	46	63	660	109	0	34	0
Married-couple family	41.7%	37.0%	52.4%	46.3%	32.9%	51.9%	NA	50.0%	NA
With own children under 18 years	49.5%	50.9%	30.3%	52.3%	52.9%	47.6%	NA	57.1%	NA
With own children under 6 years	21.2%	23.0%	9.1%	20.5%	26.1%	18.3%	NA	14.3%	NA
Male householder, no wife present	7.3%	7.3%	6.3%	7.4%	7.8%	5.1%	NA	2.4%	NA
With own children under 18 years	60.4%	61.5%	50.0%	71.4%	61.8%	62.5%	NA	0.0%	NA
With own children under 6 years	21.4%	25.7%	25.0%	28.6%	24.7%	37.5%	NA	0.0%	NA
Female householder, no husband present	16.2%	16.5%	14.3%	12.6%	17.1%	12.0%	NA	28.6%	NA
With own children under 18 years	65.0%	62.8%	55.6%	58.3%	64.1%	52.6%	NA	66.7%	NA
With own children under 6 years	26.3%	34.0%	11.1%	41.7%	35.4%	26.3%	NA	33.3%	NA
Non Family Households	3,295	589	17	32	483	49	0	8	0
Householder living alone	75.5%	71.1%	64.7%	71.9%	70.2%	81.6%	NA	75.0%	NA
Householder not living alone	24.5%	28.9%	35.3%	28.1%	29.8%	18.4%	NA	25.0%	NA
Asian Households	44,905	13,048	530	234	11,915	217	52	28	72
Family Households	30,546	8,430	419	199	7,530	171	44	22	45
Married-couple family	58.6%	54.5%	74.3%	76.9%	52.9%	68.7%	71.2%	53.6%	52.8%
With own children under 18 years	57.0%	59.2%	60.9%	65.0%	59.0%	58.4%	62.2%	80.0%	55.3%
With own children under 6 years	29.2%	31.9%	33.5%	27.2%	32.0%	26.2%	43.2%	33.3%	31.6%
Male householder, no wife present	3.4%	4.2%	2.5%	2.6%	4.3%	2.8%	7.7%	3.6%	4.2%
With own children under 18 years	33.2%	31.7%	46.2%	16.7%	31.2%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	66.7%
With own children under 6 years	14.1%	12.0%	15.4%	16.7%	12.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%
Female householder, no husband present	6.0%	5.9%	2.3%	5.6%	6.0%	7.4%	5.8%	21.4%	5.6%
With own children under 18 years	54.3%	51.6%	41.7%	69.2%	50.8%	75.0%	66.7%	83.3%	25.0%
With own children under 6 years	18.7%	18.6%	8.3%	7.7%	18.9%	31.3%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%
Non Family Households	14,359	4,618	111	35	4,385	46	8	6	27
Householder living alone	75.1%	72.3%	80.2%	74.3%	71.9%	84.8%	100.0%	83.3%	77.8%
Householder not living alone	24.9%	27.7%	19.8%	25.7%	28.1%	15.2%	0.0%	16.7%	22.2%

Household Types by Presence of Own Children by Race/Ethnicity, 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Hispanic/Latino Households	62,417	8,253	284	267	7,201	299	63	69	70
Family Households	44,535	5,389	211	203	4,608	215	46	56	50
Married-couple family	45.5%	41.7%	63.0%	58.4%	39.4%	55.5%	57.1%	44.9%	50.0%
With own children under 18 years	59.7%	65.2%	63.1%	64.7%	65.9%	59.0%	72.2%	48.4%	65.7%
With own children under 6 years	30.8%	40.5%	38.0%	34.0%	42.1%	28.3%	33.3%	25.8%	28.6%
Male householder, no wife present	7.8%	10.9%	4.2%	4.9%	11.7%	6.0%	3.2%	10.1%	8.6%
With own children under 18 years	54.1%	41.1%	50.0%	61.5%	39.6%	72.2%	50.0%	71.4%	50.0%
With own children under 6 years	29.1%	23.4%	25.0%	30.8%	23.1%	16.7%	0.0%	57.1%	33.3%
Female householder, no husband present	18.0%	12.7%	7.0%	12.7%	12.9%	10.4%	12.7%	26.1%	12.9%
With own children under 18 years	73.1%	70.2%	70.0%	67.6%	70.5%	80.6%	25.0%	55.6%	77.8%
With own children under 6 years	35.5%	35.5%	40.0%	29.4%	35.9%	38.7%	0.0%	22.2%	55.6%
Non Family Households	17,882	2,864	73	64	2,593	84	17	13	20
Householder living alone	72.7%	60.4%	67.1%	73.4%	59.3%	72.6%	76.5%	69.2%	75.0%
Householder not living alone	27.3%	39.6%	32.9%	26.6%	40.7%	27.4%	23.5%	30.8%	25.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 2

Table 12

Unmarried Partner Households, 2000

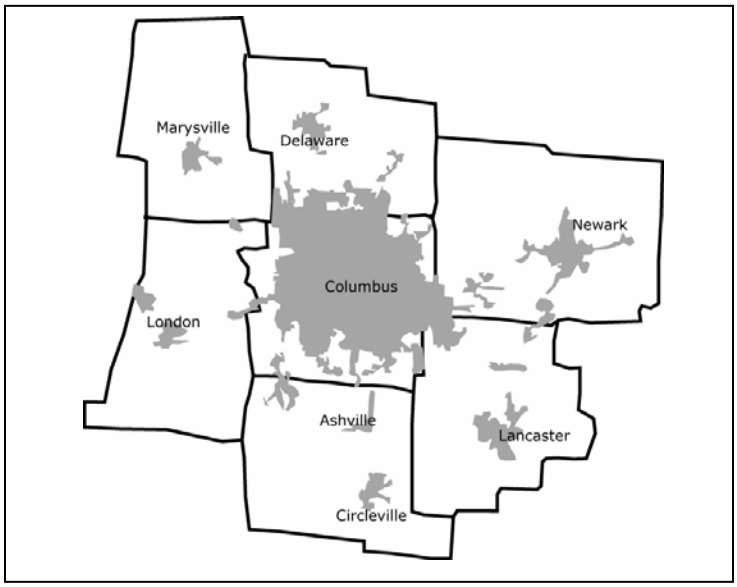
	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total Households	4,445,773	625,103	39,674	45,425	438,778	55,609	13,672	17,599	14,346
Unmarried-partner households	229,089	36,575	1,699	2,205	27,090	3,099	712	1,053	717
Percent of total households	5.2%	5.9%	4.3%	4.9%	6.2%	5.6%	5.2%	6.0%	5.0%
Male householder and male partner	9,266	2,066	106	72	1,718	106	24	23	17
Percent of total households	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Male householder and female partner	111,489	17,020	842	1,145	12,124	1,575	365	564	405
Percent of total households	2.5%	2.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%	2.8%
Female householder and female partner	9,671	1,961	113	99	1,523	128	29	46	23
Percent of total households	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Female householder and male partner	98,663	15,528	638	889	11,725	1,290	294	420	272
Percent of total households	2.2%	2.5%	1.6%	2.0%	2.7%	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%	1.9%
All other households	4,216,684	588,528	37,975	43,220	411,688	52,510	12,960	16,546	13,629
Percent of total households	94.8%	94.1%	95.7%	95.1%	93.8%	94.4%	94.8%	94.0%	95.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Urban and Rural Populations

The term "urban" is used by the Census Bureau to designate places of 2,500 or more persons in areas incorporated as cities and towns, excluding the rural portions of extended cities. Figure 3 shows the general placement of urban areas in the seven-county Central Ohio area.

Figure 3
Urban Areas with Selected Cities in Central Ohio, 2000



- **Slightly more than one in ten females in Central Ohio live in rural areas, compared to the state figure of one in five.** Nearly 14 percent of Central Ohio females live in rural areas and 86.1 percent live in urban areas. The presence of Franklin County skews this rate significantly—in Franklin County, 98.1 percent of the population lives in an urban area (Table 13).

- **Franklin County has the highest percentage of urban women; Union County has the highest percentage of rural women.** In Franklin County, 98.2 percent of females live in an urban area. In Union County, 56.9 percent of females live in a rural area (Table 13).

Table 13
Population Living in Urban Areas, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total Population	11,353,140	1,581,066	109,989	122,759	1,068,978	145,491	40,213	52,727	40,909
Percent living in urban areas	77.4%	85.6%	67.9%	61.0%	98.1%	61.5%	51.7%	54.6%	40.0%
Total Females	5,840,878	805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Percent living in urban areas	78.1%	86.1%	68.4%	62.6%	98.2%	62.6%	47.4%	49.9%	43.1%
Percent living in rural areas	21.9%	13.9%	31.6%	37.4%	1.8%	37.4%	52.6%	50.1%	56.9%
Total Males	5,512,262	775,882	54,435	61,119	519,283	70,819	21,680	28,998	19,548
Percent living in urban areas	76.6%	85.2%	67.4%	59.3%	98.1%	60.3%	55.4%	58.5%	36.6%
Percent living in rural areas	23.4%	14.8%	23.6%	40.7%	1.9%	39.7%	44.6%	41.5%	63.4%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1

Veteran Status

- **There are nearly 10,000 female veterans living in Central Ohio.** There are 1.5 percent of Central Ohio women under age 65 who are veterans, compared to 19 percent of men. Two percent of women age 65 and over are veterans, compared to nearly 70 percent of men age 65 and over. Women enlist in the Armed Forces at much lower rates than men in Central Ohio. In 2000, there were 116 women in service (less than 0.02 percent of Central Ohio females age 18-64) compared to 929 men (0.18 percent of all Central Ohio males) (Table 14).

Table 14
Armed Forces Enlistment and Veteran Status, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female									
Total 18 to 64 years	3,535,446	513,868	35,485	37,822	355,394	45,912	11,118	14,523	13,614
In Armed Forces	1,647	116	0	9	72	22	0	0	13
Veteran	44,534	7,477	355	510	5,399	627	160	212	214
Percent veteran	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%
65 years and over	899,952	94,894	5,076	7,992	63,568	10,152	2,590	3,207	2,309
Veteran	13,561	1,900	52	96	1,443	233	16	12	48
Percent veteran	1.5%	2.0%	1.0%	1.2%	2.3%	2.3%	0.6%	0.4%	2.1%
Male									
Total 18 to 64 years	3,424,458	505,402	34,598	38,299	341,444	44,414	14,776	19,823	12,048
In Armed Forces	8,222	929	45	99	590	130	19	36	10
Veteran	676,247	95,863	6,578	9,069	59,928	10,511	3,061	4,253	2,463
Percent veteran	19.7%	19.0%	19.0%	23.7%	17.6%	23.7%	20.7%	21.5%	20.4%
65 years and over	608,143	63,374	3,795	5,737	40,716	7,163	1,800	2,490	1,673
Veteran	409,665	43,690	2,652	3,857	28,057	5,154	1,241	1,602	1,127
Percent veteran	67.4%	68.9%	69.9%	67.2%	68.9%	72.0%	68.9%	64.3%	67.4%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 2

■ More to Learn about Population and Diversity

The COUNT ON HER! project identified data gaps and research questions that could not be answered within the scope of the project. Addressing the types of gaps and questions outlined below can provide a more complete picture of the women and girls in Central Ohio. The list below is not exhaustive; it is meant to spark further ideas and inquiry.

1. **How many Central Ohio women and girls migrated from Appalachia?**

2. **How many Central Ohio women and girls are recent immigrants or refugees? From which countries do they migrate and why?**

3. **What is the female population of various faith traditions in Central Ohio?**

4. **How many women in Central Ohio are heads of households because of partner's incarceration?**

5. **How many women in Central Ohio function as heads of households because they are "military wives"?**

6. **How many lesbians and bisexual women live in Central Ohio?**

Employment and Income

This section of the report examines data on the employment status and key sources of income for women and girls in Central Ohio. These have a great impact on both the status and autonomy of women and girls and are key indicators of gender disparities in Central Ohio counties. The following topics are included in this section:

- Occupations and employment status
- Earnings and wages
- Poverty
- Retirement
- Public assistance
- Child care and support
- Women's unpaid labor

The Central Ohio Economy

Central Ohio employment and unemployment trends provide an important backdrop for examining the employment and income figures used in this study. In 2000, 47.4 percent of the Central Ohio workforce (over age 16) was female, and the unemployment rate was 4.0 percent. The female unemployment rate in the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)—which includes all of the Central Ohio counties except Union County—has nearly doubled from 2000 to 2004, from 4.0 percent to 7.9 percent, and exceeds the rate for males (Table 1).

Table 1
Unemployment by Gender in Columbus MSA, 2000-2004

	2000	2004	Percent change, 2000-2004
Female	4.0%	7.9%	3.9%
Male	4.1%	6.7%	2.6%

Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

From 2000 to 2003, the Columbus MSA lost 27,800 jobs, a decrease of 3.1 percent. The largest job losses were in retail trade and manufacturing, sectors historically important to the region (Table 2 and Figure 1).

Table 2

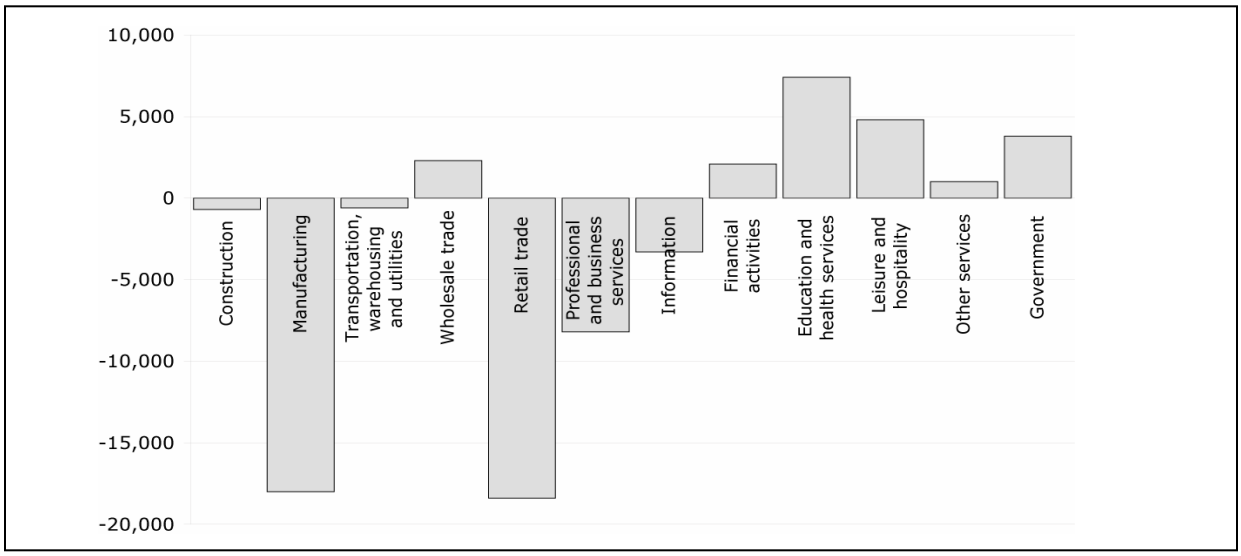
Change in Non-Agriculture Wage and Salary Employment by Sector, 2000-2003, Columbus MSA

	Number employed		Change in employment	Percent change
	Dec 2000	Dec 2003		
Construction	39,600	38,900	-700	-1.8%
Manufacturing	89,600	71,600	-18,000	-20.1%
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	36,000	35,400	-600	-1.7%
Wholesale trade	35,800	38,100	2,300	6.4%
Retail trade	132,800	114,400	-18,400	-13.9%
Professional and business services	128,600	120,400	-8,200	-6.4%
Information	23,700	20,400	-3,300	-13.9%
Financial activities	74,200	76,300	2,100	2.8%
Education and health services	90,500	97,900	7,400	8.2%
Leisure and hospitality	77,000	81,800	4,800	6.2%
Other services	35,100	36,100	1,000	2.8%
Government	144,300	148,100	3,800	2.6%
Total	**907,200**	**879,400**	**-27,800**	**-3.1%**

Source: Labor Market Information, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Figure 1

Changes in Columbus MSA Employment for Sectors with More than 1,000 Jobs Lost or Gained, 2001-2003



Source: Labor Market Information, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Although this report uses the most recent data available, it is important to note that the economy is subject to rapid fluctuations. Economic figures for women and girls in Central Ohio included in this report, which are primarily from Census 2000, should be read in light of the most recent changes in the state and local economy.

■ Assets to Build On, Opportunities for Change, and Parity Targets

	Assets	Opportunities for Change	Parity Targets
Employment	• Women in Central Ohio have a labor force participation rate of 63.9 percent, higher than the Ohio and U.S. rates. (Table 3) • Of the employed women 16 and over, 37.1 percent (143,089) work in management, professional and related occupations. (Table 7)	• Of the women in management, professional, and related occupations in Central Ohio, 20 percent work in management (occupation's average annual salary: $84,380) compared to 32.4 percent of men. (Table 8) • In Central Ohio, 108,227 women work in office administration and support roles (occupation's average annual salary: $28,340) compared to 37,599 men. (Table 9)	To reach parity with the percentage of men in management in Central Ohio, the following number of women must be hired in management positions: • **17,764**

	Assets	Opportunities for Change	Parity Targets
Income	• In five of the seven central Ohio counties, median earnings for females 16 and over who worked full-time in 1999 are higher than Ohio median. In four counties this number is higher than U.S. median. (Table 14) • Median hourly wages for women rose by 8.3 percent over 1989-2001 in Ohio. Men's median hourly wages rose by 1.0 percent during the same period. (Table 15)	• Median earnings for Central Ohio females 16 and over who worked full-time in 1999 were $28,106, or 70.5 percent of earnings for males. (Table 14) • Nearly 60.0 percent of public assistance recipients in Central Ohio are female. (Table 21) • On average, Central Ohio women receive only 74 cents in Social Security benefits for every dollar received by men. (Table 16)	To reach parity with the male median annual earnings, the median annual earnings for Central Ohio females must increase by the following: • **$11,758** To reach parity with the annual earnings of Central Ohio males, the number of females with annual earnings greater than $50,000 must increase by: • **69,579**

	Assets	Opportunities for Change	Parity Targets
Poverty	• The poverty rate for females is 10.9 percent, down by 3 percentage points since 1990 in Central Ohio. (Table 17) • The poverty rate for female-headed households with children under 18 is 29.6 percent, down by 10 percentage points since 1990 in Central Ohio. (Table 19)	• In Central Ohio, 85,487 females live in poverty. (Table 17) • 42.5 percent of female-headed households with children under age five in Central Ohio are below poverty level. (Table 19) • The poverty rate for black or African American female-headed households with children under age 5 in Central Ohio is nearly 15 percentage points higher than for white female-headed households with children under age 5. (Table 20)	To reach parity with the poverty rate for male-headed households in Central Ohio, the number of female-headed households living in poverty must decrease for the following household types by: • **Total female-headed households—7,856** • **Female-headed households with children under 18—7,368** • **Female-headed households with children under 5—4,499** To reach parity with the poverty rate for all females in Central Ohio, the number of black or African American females living in poverty must decrease in the following age groups by: • **18-64 years—6,673** • **65 and over—885**

■ Occupations and Employment Status

The employment status of women continues to be the subject of considerable debate, given women's traditional roles in childbearing and childrearing. However, women's participation in the labor force, and the occupations in which they are employed, are closely tied to a number of indicators of the status of women in Central Ohio, including their economic position, influence, financial security and autonomy.

Labor Force Participation

Labor force participation measures the percent of persons age 16 and over who are employed or are unemployed and looking for work.

- **Women's participation in the labor force has increased over time.** Although early figures for Central Ohio are not available, women's participation in the labor force in the United States has increased substantially since 1970 when it was 32.2 percent; today it is 57.5 percent (U.S. Census).

- **Women in Central Ohio participate in the labor force at rates higher than the average for Ohio.** Women's labor force participation rate in Central Ohio was 63.9 percent in 2000, up from 61.3 percent in 1990. In Ohio, 58.5 percent of women participated in the labor force in 2000 (Table 3).

- **Labor force participation rates for women are lower than for men in Central Ohio.** In Central Ohio, 47.4 percent of the labor force was female in 2000. In Central Ohio in 2000, females had a labor force participation rate nearly 12 percentage points lower than men (63.9 percent versus 75.6 percent) (Table 3). This difference is also seen in Ohio data. Typically, women's labor force participation is lower than for men, primarily due to time out of the workforce for childrearing and other family responsibilities**.**

- **White women participate in the labor force at higher rates than women in other racial groups.** In Central Ohio, white women participate in the labor force at a rate of 64.2 percent. Hispanic/Latino women, who may be of any race, participate at slightly higher rates (64.5 percent). Black or African American, Asian, and American Indian/Alaskan Native women participate at slightly lower rates (63.3 percent, 59.3 percent, and 59.2 percent, respectively). Across all racial and ethnic categories of women, labor force participation rates in Central Ohio are slightly higher than for Ohio (Table 4). However, data are not available for some racial/ethnic categories in some Central Ohio counties.

- **More than two-thirds of Central Ohio women with young children are in the labor force.** Central Ohio women with children under age six participate in the labor force at a rate slightly higher than the state participation rate: 67.1 percent versus 65.3 percent (Table 5). Over 70 percent of black or African American women in Central Ohio with children under the age of six participate in the labor force, compared to white women's participation of 67.2 percent. Both rates are higher than state averages.

Table 3

Labor Force Participation Rates for Population 16 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females in labor force	2,687,072	401,724	24,552	29,493	279,642	35,480	8,744	10,983	9,830
Percent of total females	58.5%	63.9%	65.6%	62.1%	64.8%	61.0%	61.2%	59.6%	59.9%
Males in labor force	3,007,636	446,134	33,366	34,221	304,749	39,943	10,058	12,294	11,503
Percent of total males	71.7%	75.6%	83.4%	74.5%	77.1%	74.4%	58.2%	53.2%	80.2%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 4

Women's Labor Participation and Unemployment Rates Age 16 and Over by Race/Ethnicity, Central Ohio, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
White females	3,948,365	521,237	39,765	45,681	332,967	55,847	13,729	18,055	15,193
In labor force	58.5%	64.2%	65.4%	62.0%	65.3%	61.0%	61.2%	59.7%	63.4%
Unemployed	4.0%	3.2%	4.1%	3.6%	3.1%	3.5%	2.7%	3.5%	2.1%
Black or African American females	499,435	77,629	972	869	73,510	1,070	289	114	805
In labor force	58.8%	63.3%	72.0%	65.4%	63.9%	63.6%	58.5%	25.4%	5.1%
Unemployed	10.1%	8.0%	11.9%	2.3%	8.1%	7.9%	9.5%	6.9%	0.0%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native females	10,318	1,664	NA	117	1,405	142	NA	NA	NA
In labor force	58.4%	59.2%	NA	66.7%	58.3%	62.0%	NA	NA	NA
Unemployed	7.4%	7.2%	NA	7.7%	6.6%	12.5%	NA	NA	NA
Asian females	53,957	14,263	696	319	12,902	346	NA	NA	NA
In labor force	57.7%	59.3%	60.2%	58.6%	59.2%	59.8%	NA	NA	NA
Unemployed	4.6%	4.5%	1.4%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Hispanic/Latino females (may be any race)	68,810	8,328	366	385	7,217	264	37	59	NA
In labor force	61.1%	64.5%	74.3%	61.0%	64.2%	65.5%	67.6%	57.6%	NA
Unemployed	8.3%	6.1%	2.9%	3.4%	6.4%	5.8%	0.0%	11.8%	NA

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 5

Labor Force Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates Women Age 16 and Over with Children under Age Six, Central Ohio, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
All females with own children under 6 years	608,962	92,962	7,511	7,498	62,497	8,436	1,992	2,498	2,530
Percent in labor force	65.3%	67.1%	64.1%	67.2%	66.6%	71.1%	68.0%	66.1%	73.3%
Percent unemployed	6.3%	5.1%	2.9%	4.5%	5.7%	4.0%	4.6%	6.1%	1.4%
White females with own children under 6 years	503,941	73,717	7,003	7,141	44,639	8,093	1,902	2,450	2,489
Percent in labor force	65.0%	67.2%	63.7%	67.3%	66.6%	71.0%	68.4%	66.2%	73.6%
Percent unemployed	4.7%	3.4%	2.5%	4.6%	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%	6.2%	1.4%
Black or African American females with own children under 6 years	78,531	13,559	180	140	13,015	191	27	6	0
Percent in labor force	69.8%	70.3%	82.2%	52.1%	70.4%	66.5%	74.1%	16.7%	NA
Percent unemployed	15.1%	12.8%	18.2%	6.8%	12.7%	11.0%	55.0%	0.0%	NA
American Indian/ Alaskan Native females with own children under 6 years	1,435	264	0	35	204	25	0	0	0
Percent in labor force	58.3%	63.6%	NA	80.0%	56.4%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
Percent unemployed	9.1%	7.1%	NA	0.0%	3.5%	32.0%	NA	NA	NA
Asian females with own children under 6 years	9,925	2,722	190	99	2,406	27	0	0	0
Percent in labor force	54.9%	56.9%	62.1%	71.7%	55.7%	77.8%	NA	NA	NA
Percent unemployed	5.0%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	7.9%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Hispanic/Latino females (may be any race) with own children under 6 years	14,439	1,751	105	107	1,456	59	13	11	0
Percent in labor force	59.2%	56.8%	76.2%	67.3%	53.2%	96.6%	38.5%	45.5%	NA
Percent unemployed	10.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Unemployment

Unemployment rates measure the percent of the labor force which is unemployed and looking for work. It does not include those discouraged workers who have dropped out of the labor force because they have given up looking for employment. Since the data were collected for Census 2000, unemployment rates increased significantly in U.S., Ohio and Central Ohio, but more recent data are not available at the county level.

- **The unemployment rates for women and men in Central Ohio were the same in 2000.** In Central Ohio, the unemployment rate for women and men was 4.0 percent in 2000. Among counties in Central Ohio, unemployment rates for women varied, as they did for men (Table 6). In some counties, rates were higher for men (Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, Union), while in others they were higher for women (Delaware, Fairfield). In 2004, the unemployment rate for females was 7.9 percent, compared to males' unemployment rate of 6.7 percent (Table 1).

- **Black or African American women in Central Ohio in 2000 had the highest female unemployment rate in Central Ohio.** Black or African American women in Central Ohio had an unemployment rate of 8.0 percent in 2000 (Table 4). If they had young children, the unemployment rate for black or African American women was 12.8 percent (Table 5). In most counties, the rates for black or African American women were twice that of white women. Women in all other major racial/ethnic groups had higher unemployment rates than did white women.

Table 6
Unemployment Rates for Persons Age 16 and Over, Central Ohio, 2000

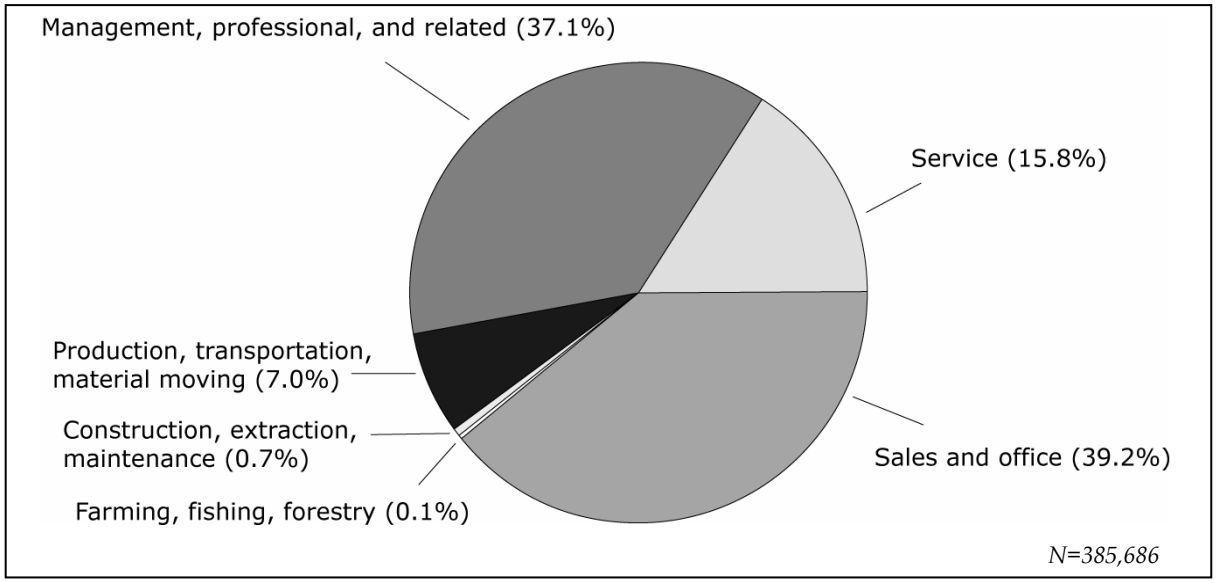
	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females in labor force	2,687,072	401,724	27,552	29,493	279,642	35,480	8,744	10,983	9,830
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%	4.1%	3.6%	2.9%	3.5%	2.2%
Males in labor force	3,007,636	446,134	33,366	34,221	304,749	39,943	10,058	12,294	11,503
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.1%	3.3%	3.1%	4.3%	3.9%	3.2%	4.7%	2.3%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 4

Occupations

- **Three out of four women in Central Ohio are working in management and professional or sales and office occupations.** In Central Ohio, 76.3 percent of women over age 16 who are in the labor force work in management, professional and related occupations (37.1 percent) or in sales and office occupations (39.2 percent) (Figure 2, Table 7). The same pattern is seen in Ohio, where 33.2 percent of women are in management, professional and related occupations and 36.9 percent of women are in sales and office occupations (Table 7).

Figure 2
Distribution of Central Ohio Women across Occupations, 2000



Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

- **Women in Central Ohio are less likely than men to be managers and more likely to work in office administration and support roles.** Similar percentages of Central Ohio females and males are employed in management and professional occupations (37.1 percent and 35.2 percent respectively) (Table 7). However, within this occupational category, women are more likely to work in education, training, and library occupations, while men are concentrated in management occupations (Table 8). In the education, training, and library occupations, the mean annual salary in the Columbus MSA is $43,750 per year compared to $84,380 per year for management occupations (Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2003 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates). Similarly, 39.2 percent of women and 20 percent of men work in sales and office occupations, but within this category are concentrated in the lower-paying office administration roles (mean annual salary $28,340), while men are more likely to be in sales occupations (Mean salary $31,280) (Table 9).

Table 7

Distribution of Women and Men across Occupations, Central Ohio, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,557,021	385,686	26,375	28,427	268,031	34,170	8,491	10,596	9,596
Management, professional, and related occupations	33.2%	37.1%	44.0%	34.4%	38.3%	31.9%	29.0%	29.4%	27.2%
Service occupations	18.5%	15.8%	13.0%	15.7%	15.6%	17.5%	18.2%	17.7%	18.0%
Sales and office occupations	36.9%	39.2%	37.7%	40.6%	39.2%	39.8%	40.0%	39.3%	39.5%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	0.5%	0.9%	1.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	10.5%	7.0%	4.6%	8.3%	6.2%	9.6%	12.4%	12.6%	13.8%
Males									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,845,154	427,233	32,205	33,049	291,098	38,252	9,714	11,685	11,230
Management, professional, and related occupations	28.9%	35.2%	47.0%	30.3%	36.8%	26.8%	23.2%	23.4%	26.9%
Service occupations	11.0%	11.9%	8.9%	11.4%	12.4%	11.8%	12.1%	10.9%	10.2%
Sales and office occupations	16.9%	20.0%	19.0%	18.4%	21.5%	16.9%	13.3%	13.5%	15.0%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	15.9%	13.6%	11.5%	18.2%	12.0%	19.1%	20.7%	21.9%	15.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	26.8%	18.9%	13.3%	21.4%	17.2%	24.9%	30.0%	29.5%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 8

Distribution of Central Ohio Women and Men in Management and Professional Occupations, 2000[1]

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females									
Management, professional, and related occupations total	849,086	143,260	11,598	9,786	102,786	10,900	2,465	3,112	2,613
Management occupations	18.7%	20.0%	24.4%	21.2%	19.4%	19.4%	24.0%	18.8%	20.0%
Community and social services occupations	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%	5.2%	4.1%	3.9%	4.6%	5.2%
Education, training, and library occupations	23.7%	20.9%	19.5%	19.9%	20.8%	21.6%	21.4%	28.1%	21.2%
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	24.0%	19.0%	19.2%	25.3%	18.0%	20.7%	21.2%	23.6%	21.0%
Males									
Management, professional, and related occupations total	823,171	150,545	15,127	10,006	107,162	10,234	2,258	2,736	3,022
Management occupations	35.8%	32.4%	39.8%	42.0%	29.5%	34.8%	47.0%	43.7%	38.1%
Community and social services occupations	3.7%	3.2%	2.5%	2.8%	3.3%	3.6%	4.9%	2.7%	1.4%
Education, training, and library occupations	9.1%	8.7%	5.6%	7.1%	9.1%	10.6%	8.8%	9.5%	6.8%
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	7.3%	6.1%	6.4%	5.7%	6.2%	5.6%	6.8%	4.7%	3.9%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 9

Distribution of Central Ohio Women and Men in Sales and Office Occupations, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females									
Sales and office occupations total	943,062	151,366	9,950	11,537	104,952	13,584	3,393	4,161	3,789
Sales and related	31.7%	28.5%	33.2%	31.3%	27.9%	29.0%	25.5%	27.1%	26.0%
Office and administrative support	68.3%	71.5%	66.8%	68.7%	72.1%	71.0%	74.5%	72.9%	74.0%
Males									
Sales and office occupations total	480,693	85,648	6,112	6,079	62,466	6,450	1,288	1,574	1,679
Sales and related	59.0%	56.1%	70.6%	62.8%	54.2%	55.1%	59.9%	52.9%	57.8%
Office and administrative support	41.0%	43.9%	29.4%	37.2%	45.8%	44.9%	40.1%	47.1%	42.2%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

[1] Percentages of subcategories under the main occupation categories do not total 100 percent because not all subcategories of each occupation are included.

Industries and Class of Workers

- **Women in Central Ohio are clustered in lower wage industries.** The greatest percentage of women (41.6 percent) in Central Ohio work in the education, health, and other social services industries (compared to men at 21.1 percent) (Table 10). A much lower percentage of women than men work in construction and manufacturing (8.4 percent compared to 25.4 percent). Using Franklin County as an example, workers in the construction industry earned average annual wages of $39,737 in 2000, much higher than the average annual earnings of workers in educational services ($26,984), and higher than health care and social assistance workers ($34,105) (U.S. Census 2000 EEO Dataset).

- **More than one in four women in Central Ohio works in the nonprofit and government sectors.** Women account for 29.7 percent of government and nonprofit sector workers in Central Ohio, while men account for 17.9 percent of these workers (Table 11). Most Central Ohio women (66.5 percent) work in private, for-profit companies, but are less likely than men to work in a private, for-profit company or to be self-employed.

- **Women in Central Ohio are more likely to be part-time or seasonal workers than are men.** In the seven-county Central Ohio area, 45.5 percent of female workers were part-time or seasonal employees, compared to 31.7 percent of male workers (Table 12). In Ohio, 49.4 percent of female workers worked part-time or seasonal, compared to 32.2 percent of male workers. Nearly half of female workers (49.8 percent) in the United States in 1999 were part-time or seasonal employees (compared to 34.6 percent of male workers).

  While women workers often choose part-time employment for family reasons, some workers in the part-time and seasonal category may also be underemployed. Underemployment measures the percentage of discouraged workers (have given up looking for full-time employment), involuntary part-time workers, and workers idled because of barriers to employment such as lack of child care or transportation. Although data for Central Ohio are not available, the annual average underemployment in Ohio was 6.6 percent for males and 7.2 percent for females in 2000. These figures rose to 9.8 percent for males and 9.0 percent for females in 2002, according to "The State of Working Ohio 2003" (Policy Matters).

Table 10

Distribution of Central Ohio Women and Men across Industries, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,557,021	385,686	26,375	28,427	268,031	34,170	8,491	10,596	9,596
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%
Construction	1.4%	1.4%	1.9%	1.6%	1.3%	1.8%	1.1%	1.8%	1.4%
Manufacturing	12.4%	7.0%	7.2%	8.8%	5.6%	10.4%	11.4%	9.6%	18.3%
Wholesale trade	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.1%	3.1%	3.0%	2.7%
Retail trade	13.2%	13.8%	11.8%	17.0%	13.6%	14.0%	15.5%	16.0%	11.8%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2.6%	3.0%	2.2%	2.9%	3.1%	2.4%	4.4%	4.3%	1.9%
Information	2.5%	3.5%	3.7%	2.2%	4.0%	2.1%	2.0%	1.7%	3.3%
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	8.0%	11.7%	13.6%	9.8%	12.1%	11.8%	8.4%	8.3%	7.6%
Professional, scientific, management and administrative services	7.8%	9.1%	9.5%	7.5%	9.7%	7.3%	6.3%	7.1%	8.2%
Education, health, social and other services	45.5%	41.6%	42.3%	42.0%	41.7%	41.7%	39.2%	41.8%	38.5%
Public administration	4.0%	5.9%	4.4%	5.3%	6.2%	5.5%	8.0%	5.5%	4.7%
Male									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,845,154	427,233	32,205	33,049	291,098	38,252	9,714	11,685	11,230
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%	1.6%	0.3%	1.9%	3.9%	3.6%	4.6%
Construction	10.2%	9.8%	10.3%	13.4%	8.7%	13.1%	13.1%	15.3%	9.1%
Manufacturing	26.9%	15.6%	18.1%	19.6%	12.6%	23.4%	22.4%	22.1%	32.8%
Wholesale trade	4.7%	5.1%	5.8%	4.8%	5.1%	4.0%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%
Retail trade	10.8%	12.5%	10.6%	13.7%	12.9%	11.2%	10.8%	12.0%	10.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	7.1%	7.2%	5.0%	7.9%	7.3%	7.4%	8.6%	9.1%	7.1%
Information	2.3%	3.6%	3.7%	2.5%	4.0%	2.7%	2.6%	1.2%	2.3%
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	4.7%	7.6%	9.0%	5.5%	8.6%	4.9%	3.0%	3.7%	3.1%
Professional, scientific, management and administrative services	8.3%	11.1%	13.0%	7.1%	12.2%	7.5%	7.0%	6.3%	9.0%
Education, health, social and other services	19.2%	21.1%	18.4%	17.3%	22.9%	18.2%	15.5%	15.3%	13.4%
Public administration	4.2%	5.6%	4.9%	6.8%	5.4%	5.9%	8.1%	6.2%	3.2%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 11

Distribution of Central Ohio Women and Men by Class of Workers, 2000[2]

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,545,385	384,605	26,286	28,327	267,681	33,910	8,440	10,504	9,457
Employee of private company	68.2%	66.5%	66.1%	66.8%	66.1%	69.3%	65.0%	67.2%	70.8%
Self-employed in own incorporated business	1.4%	1.3%	2.1%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	1.1%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	11.6%	10.6%	12.7%	11.5%	10.6%	10.5%	10.4%	7.7%	7.0%
Government workers	14.5%	17.3%	14.2%	15.3%	18.2%	14.2%	17.4%	18.7%	15.0%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%	4.8%	3.7%	4.5%	5.6%	4.6%	5.7%
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Male									
Total civilians employed aged 16 and over	2,799,272	423,385	31,792	32,528	290,219	37,537	9,336	11,265	10,708
Employee of private company	75.4%	73.0%	70.8%	72.9%	73.0%	73.6%	70.1%	73.6%	81.2%
Self-employed in own incorporated business	3.5%	3.4%	5.8%	4.0%	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%	2.4%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	4.5%	5.0%	5.8%	4.2%	5.1%	5.3%	4.1%	3.8%	2.5%
Government workers	10.4%	12.6%	10.8%	12.5%	13.1%	11.2%	14.8%	12.1%	7.4%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.1%	5.8%	6.6%	6.2%	5.4%	6.7%	8.1%	7.1%	6.3%
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

[2] Includes only those workers employed in industries other than agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining.

Table 12

Full-time, Year-round and Part-time/Seasonal Workers Age 16 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female workers in 1999	2,948,411	441,496	30,116	32,105	307,291	39,127	9,652	11,914	11,291
Worked full time, year-round	1,492,151	240,591	16,284	17,142	168,518	20,689	5,429	6,440	6,089
Percent full-time, year-round	50.6%	54.5%	54.1%	53.4%	54.8%	52.9%	56.2%	54.1%	53.9%
Percent part-time/seasonal	49.4%	45.5%	45.9%	46.6%	45.2%	47.1%	43.8%	45.9%	46.1%
Male workers in 1999	3,240,124	482,292	35,035	37,053	326,340	43,194	12,722	15,726	12,222
Worked full time, year-round	2,197,759	329,554	26,186	26,698	219,845	29,664	8,288	9,796	9,077
Percent full-time, year-round	67.8%	68.3%	74.7%	72.1%	67.4%	68.7%	65.1%	62.3%	74.3%
Percent part-time/seasonal	32.2%	31.7%	25.3%	27.9%	32.6%	31.3%	34.9%	37.7%	25.7%

Source: U.S.Census 2000, Summary File 4

■ Earnings and Wages

State per capita personal income figures for each county in Central Ohio are not available by gender, but figures for the total population provide a context for understanding general trends in each county (Table 13).

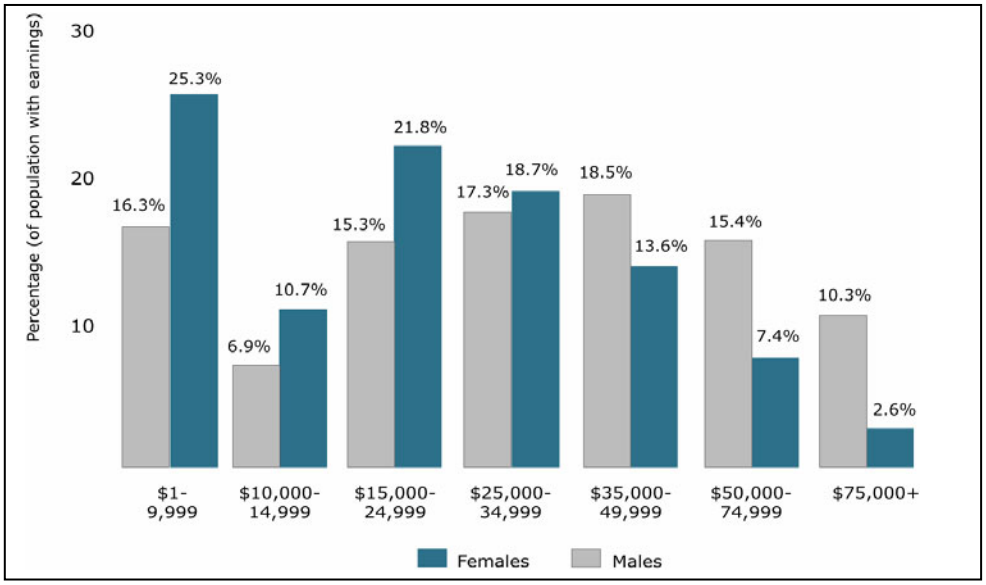
Table 13
Personal Income per Capita, 2000

	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Personal income per capita in 2000 prices							
2000	$34,660	$29,251	$31,908	$25,675	$23,611	$21,579	$25,381
1990	$29,014	$23,577	$27,020	$22,324	$19,846	$18,896	$24,906
1980	$20,445	$19,620	$21,683	$19,418	$17,660	$17,353	$19,559
Percent change in personal income per capita							
Between 1990 and 2000	19.5%	24.1%	18.1%	15.0%	19.0%	14.2%	1.9%
Between 1980 and 2000	69.5%	49.1%	47.2%	32.2%	33.7%	24.4%	29.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

- **Women's earnings and wages fall well below those of men in Central Ohio.** The median earnings for a full-time Central Ohio worker in 1999 were $26,400 for females and $32,052 for males. For women in Central Ohio who had earnings, 23.6 percent earned $35,000 or above annually, compared to 44.2 percent of men. Ten percent of women earned over $50,000 annually, compared to 25.7 percent of men (Table 14 Figure 3).

Figure 3
Distribution of Annual Earnings for Central Ohio Population with Earnings, 1999



Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 14

Median Annual Earnings of Population Employed Full-time by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, 1999 (in $)

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total population	$32,052	$34,234	$43,335	$33,585	$33,523	$32,260	$30,929	$31,367	$34,642
All Males	$37,692	$39,864	$51,428	$39,566	$37,672	$37,957	$35,251	$36,265	$40,910
All Females	$26,400	$28,106	$33,041	$27,353	$29,856	$26,884	$26,119	$26,086	$27,405
Female:male earnings ratio	70.0	70.5	64.2	69.1	79.3	70.8	74.1	71.9	67.0
White									
Total population	$32,509	$34,518	$43,446	$33,383	$35,366	$32,303	$30,925	$31,485	$34,718
Male	$38,569	$40,250	$51,406	$39,506	$39,969	$38,000	$35,476	$36,539	$40,852
Female	$26,546	$28,187	$33,115	$27,202	$30,622	$26,879	$25,972	$26,021	$27,498
Female:male earnings ratio	68.8	70.0	64.4	68.9	76.6	70.7	73.2	71.2	67.3
Black or African American									
Total population	$27,559	$32,508	$41,691	$40,069	$28,086	$34,128	$30,214	$23,990	$29,375
Male	$30,876	$37,893	$54,063	$43,333	$30,129	$37,026	$27,292	$22,885	$50,521
Female	$25,769	$31,979	$36,400	$37,284	$26,924	$30,750	$31,991	$33,977	$26,528
Female:male earnings ratio	83.5	84.4	67.3	86.0	89.4	83.0	117.2	148.5	52.5
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
Total population	$27,217	$26,372	NA	$26,583	$25,390	$27,143	NA	NA	NA
Male	$30,401	$32,293	NA	$26,964	$28,307	$41,607	NA	NA	NA
Female	$24,255	$21,595	NA	$25,694	$20,795	$18,295	NA	NA	NA
Female:male earnings ratio	79.8	66.9	NA	95.3	73.5	44.0	NA	NA	NA
Asian									
Total population	$38,692	$40,364	$51,524	$42,434	$37,959	$29,539	NA	NA	NA
Male	$46,166	$56,991	$66,058	$45,750	$45,607	$70,547	NA	NA	NA
Female	$28,640	$32,119	$31,449	$40,313	$29,034	$27,679	NA	NA	NA
Female:male earnings ratio	62.0	56.4	47.6	88.1	63.7	39.2	NA	NA	NA
Hispanic/Latino (may be of any race)									
Total population	$26,445	$29,737	$37,188	$30,000	$24,592	$38,274	$22,115	$26,250	NA
Male	$29,401	$34,524	$39,338	$45,882	$25,428	$47,639	$21,538	$27,321	NA
Female	$22,845	$27,138	$29,844	$25,000	$22,490	$29,063	$31,250	$25,179	NA
Female:male earnings ratio	77.7	78.6	75.9	54.5	88.4	61.0	145.1	92.2	NA

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

NOTE: The population threshold on Summary File 4 is 100. In addition, there must be at least 50 or more unweighted cases of the population group. The requested table is not available for the some geographic area(s) because the population of the selected race or ethnic group, or ancestry group, is less than the threshold(s).

- **Women in Central Ohio earn 70.5 cents for every dollar men earn annually**. In Central Ohio, females working full-time earned $28,106, while men working full-time earned $39,864. In Franklin County with the smallest wage gap of the Central Ohio counties, females earned nearly 80 cents for every dollar earned by a male. In contrast, Delaware County females earned 64.2 cents for every dollar earned by a male (Table 14).

- **Wages of Central Ohio women differ by race and ethnicity.** In all Central Ohio counties except Franklin and Union counties, black or African American women who work full-time have higher median annual earnings than do white women (Table 14).

- **In Central Ohio, black or African American women earned 84.4 cents for every dollar earned by black or African American men.** Black or African American women in Central Ohio earned an average of $31,979 compared to $37,893 for black or African American men. Wage ratios of females and males of the same race and ethnicity vary among the seven counties. In Madison and Pickaway counties, black or African American women's median wages were higher than those of black or African American men. For other racial and ethnic groups, the wide variance of wages may be a result of the low county population of that group (Table 14).

- **Women in Ohio are closing the wage gap.** Although data are not available for Central Ohio, state data suggest that women may be closing the wage gap. Women's hourly wages rose 8.3 percent in Ohio over a 12-year period, while men's hourly wages rose 1.0 percent over the same period (Table 15).

Table 15

Median Hourly Wages and Wage Ratio of Wage and Salary Workers, Age 16 and Over

	United States	Ohio
Females		
1979	$9.96	$10.13
1989	$10.53	$10.31
2001	$11.40	$11.17
Percent change (1989-2001)	8.3%	8.3%
Males		
1979	$15.87	$16.66
1989	$14.43	$14.56
2001	$14.60	$14.71
Percent change (1989-2001)	1.2%	1.0%
Wage ratio by gender		
1979	62.8	60.8
1989	73.0	70.8
2001	78.1	75.9

Source: Policy Matters Ohio, AFL-CIO

■ Retirement

- **More women than men receive Social Security Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits in Central Ohio, but receive less average annual benefits.** In December 2002, women comprised 58.9 percent of OASDI recipients in Central Ohio. Average monthly benefits for women in Ohio were $754, compared to men's benefits of $1,013 (Table 16). There are several explanations for these findings. Women beneficiaries outnumber men in Central Ohio, because women as a group tend to live longer than men. Women's average benefits are also lower than men's average benefits due to the cumulative effect of a lifetime of lower wages and time out from the workforce (Social Security Administration). Social Security also comprises a larger portion of women's household income in retirement as compared to men's, according to figures compiled by the National Economic Interagency Working Group on Social Security (55 percent of income for women compared to 45 percent for men).

- **Only one in three women nationally has retirement savings or income other than OASDI**. Nationally, only 35 percent of women ages 55-69 have participated in an employer-sponsored benefit plan in their own name, compared to 55 percent of working men in 2000 (Johnson/Urban Institute 2004). Data for Central Ohio are unavailable.

Table 16

Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance, Average Benefits for Age 65 and Older, December 2002

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total beneficiaries	1,410,087	149,670	10,155	13,940	95,240	16,840	4,250	5,465	3,780
Female	830,584	88,135	5,715	8,010	57,020	9,660	2,485	3,080	2,165
Male	579,503	61,535	4,440	5,930	38,220	7,180	1,765	2,385	1,615
Amount of benefits (in $ 1,000)	1,231,777	128,783	9,164	11,756	82,494	14,081	3,552	4,513	3,223
Female	633,183	66,432	4,373	5,846	43,612	7,054	1,812	2,164	1,571
Male	598,594	62,351	4,791	5,910	38,882	7,027	1,740	2,349	1,652
Average monthly benefits (in $)	874	860	902	843	866	836	836	826	853
Female	762	754	765	730	765	730	729	703	726
Male	1,033	1,013	1,079	997	1,017	979	986	985	1,023

Source: Social Security Administration

■ Poverty

The Census Bureau uses a set of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The 1999 poverty threshold for a three-person family with one member under age 18 was $13,410.

- **More women and girls than men and boys live in poverty.** In Central Ohio, 10.9 percent of females and 9.0 percent of males live below poverty levels; in Ohio, those figures are 11.9 percent of females and 9.2 percent of males. There are 85,487 females in Central Ohio living at or below the poverty level (compared to 67,095 males). Of those persons living in poverty in Central Ohio, 60.7 percent are female and 39.3 percent are male (Table 17).

- **Adult women have higher rates of poverty than do adult men in Central Ohio.** Although females and males under age 18 in Central Ohio have nearly the same rates of poverty, females ages 18-64 have higher rates of poverty (10.5 percent) than do males in this age group (7.9 percent) (Table 17).

- **In Central Ohio, the poverty rate for women over age 65 is almost double that of men.** There are 8,732 women in Central Ohio over age 65 in poverty as compared to 3,247 men over age 65 (Table 17). The United States has the greatest percentage of elderly women in poverty of all the major industrialized nations (AFL-CIO 2004-1).

- **Racial disparities exist in adult women's poverty rates in Central Ohio**. Black or African American women over 18 have poverty rates more than double those of white women in the same age groups (Table 18). Of women between the ages of 18 and 64, 21.0 percent of black or African American women are in poverty, compared to 14.8 percent of Asian women and 16.9 percent of Hispanic women (who may be of any race). Other major racial and ethnic groups also have poverty rates higher for women compared to those of white women.

- **Racial disparities exist in the poverty rate of females under age 18 in Central Ohio.** Black or African American females under 18 have poverty rates triple those of white females in the same age groups (Table 18). Of black or African American females ages 5 to 17, 28.6 percent are poor, compared to 7.5 percent of white females. Females under age five in all racial or ethnic categories, except for Asians, have higher rates of poverty than older females. Black or African American females under age five have a one in three chance of being poor (35.8 percent) compared to 9.4 percent of white females in this age group.

Table 17

Percent of Individuals below Poverty by Age, 1999

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females in poverty	676,479	85,487	2,383	4,153	67,500	6,323	1,542	2,492	1,094
Percent of all females	11.9%	10.9%	4.4%	6.8%	12.6%	8.7%	8.5%	10.7%	5.7%
Under 5	62,878	7,703	206	463	6,017	519	184	203	111
Percent in poverty	17.4%	14.1%	5.0%	11.4%	16.1%	11.1%	14.9%	13.5%	7.7%
5-17 years	138,772	16,132	412	743	12,624	1,257	277	643	176
Percent in poverty	13.6%	11.6%	3.8%	6.4%	13.8%	9.3%	7.9%	14.6%	4.6%
18-64 years	390,205	52,920	1,441	2,366	42,703	3,585	821	1,418	586
Percent in poverty	11.2%	10.5%	4.2%	6.3%	12.3%	8.0%	7.4%	9.8%	4.9%
65 and over	84,624	8,732	324	581	6,156	962	260	228	221
Percent in poverty	10.1%	9.9%	7.0%	7.8%	10.3%	10.2%	10.8%	7.7%	10.4%
Males in poverty	494,219	67,095	1,735	2,911	54,343	4,279	1,248	1,910	669
Percent of all females	9.2%	9.0%	3.3%	4.9%	10.7%	6.2%	7.2%	8.4%	3.5%
Under 5	65,388	8,442	309	533	6,451	651	174	248	76
Percent in poverty	17.2%	14.9%	6.7%	12.1%	16.8%	12.9%	14.3%	15.6%	4.7%
5-17 years	141,647	16,927	440	736	13,385	1,155	406	663	142
Percent in poverty	13.2%	11.5%	4.0%	5.9%	13.9%	8.3%	11.1%	13.4%	3.4%
18-64 years	256,066	38,479	913	1,416	32,147	2,192	569	859	383
Percent in poverty	7.7%	7.9%	2.7%	3.9%	9.6%	5.1%	5.2%	6.2%	3.2%
65 and over	31,118	3,247	73	226	2,360	281	99	140	68
Percent in poverty	5.3%	5.3%	2.0%	4.1%	6.0%	4.0%	5.8%	6.1%	4.3%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 18

Number and Percent of Central Ohio Females in Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 1999

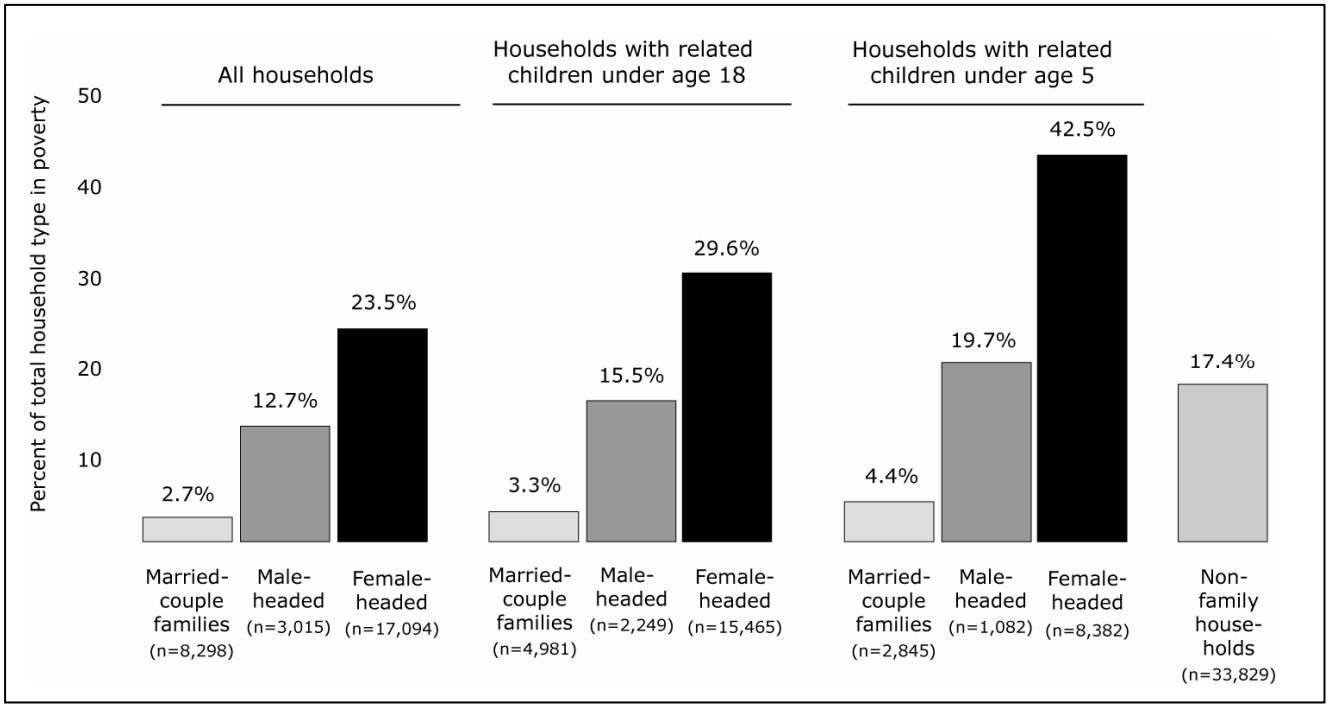
	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
White	447,417	53,527	2,134	3,956	36,671	5,895	1,380	2,459	1,032
Under 5	34,500	3,880	147	424	2,362	493	148	203	103
Percent	12.0%	9.4%	3.9%	11.2%	9.4%	11.2%	13.1%	13.9%	7.3%
5-17 years	78,698	8,103	341	697	4,919	1,117	225	640	164
Percent	9.5%	7.5%	3.4%	6.4%	7.8%	8.7%	6.7%	14.7%	4.5%
18-64 years	267,131	34,809	1,322	2,256	25,150	3,367	773	1,395	546
Percent	9.0%	8.4%	4.0%	6.2%	9.5%	7.8%	7.3%	9.8%	4.7%
65 and over	67,088	6,735	324	579	4,240	918	234	221	219
Percent	8.9%	8.6%	7.2%	7.9%	8.4%	9.9%	10.1%	7.5%	10.5%
Black or African American	188,064	24,414	154	19	23,922	235	72	12	0
Under 5	22,307	2,934	41	6	2,858	10	19	0	0
Percent	43.5%	35.8%	41.4%	7.7%	36.3%	8.4%	70.4%	NA	0.0%
5-17 years	49,913	6,375	32	0	6,254	73	16	0	0
Percent	34.5%	28.6%	12.5%	0.0%	29.2%	24.2%	25.8%	NA	0.0%
18-64 years	100,070	13,404	81	13	13,172	114	19	5	0
Percent	25.2%	21.0%	10.2%	1.7%	21.5%	13.3%	10.3%	10.0%	0.0%
65 and over	15,774	1,701	0	0	1,638	38	18	7	0
Percent	22.6%	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	20.7%	30.2%	24.0%	43.8%	0.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2,976	552	0	37	458	39	0	6	12
Under 5	256	48	0	0	48	0	0	0	0
Percent	28.5%	23.6%	NA	0.0%	28.6%	0.0%	NA	0.0%	NA
5-17 years	525	60	0	14	46	0	0	0	0
Percent	23.3%	15.5%	0.0%	56.0%	14.6%	0.0%	NA	0.0%	0.0%
18-64 years	2,093	420	0	21	342	39	0	6	12
Percent	23.1%	25.0%	0.0%	22.3%	27.3%	27.5%	0.0%	8.5%	26.7%
65 and over	102	24	0	2	22	0	0	0	0
Percent	14.9%	21.8%	NA	11.8%	25.0%	NA	0.0%	NA	NA
Asian	8,405	2,571	30	39	2,441	46	15	0	0
Under 5	455	129	0	0	129	0	0	0	0
Percent	9.2%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA
5-17 years	1,270	459	21	12	419	0	7	0	0
Percent	12.0%	15.5%	10.1%	9.0%	16.5%	0.0%	77.8%	0.0%	0.0%
18-64 years	6,266	1,890	9	27	1,800	46	8	0	0
Percent	13.2%	14.8%	1.5%	9.2%	15.7%	16.5%	11.0%	0.0%	0.0%
65 and over	414	93	0	0	93	0	0	0	0
Percent	11.2%	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%	12.6%	0.0%	NA	0.0%	NA
Hispanic/Latino	21,928	2,153	38	51	1,974	13	46	23	8
Under 5	3,528	326	1	2	310	0	5	8	0
Percent	29.0%	19.7%	1.2%	2.5%	21.7%	0.0%	50.0%	36.4%	0.0%
5-17 years	5,656	453	20	26	371	13	21	2	0
Percent	22.5%	16.6%	11.8%	12.0%	18.2%	6.3%	84.0%	5.9%	0.0%
18-64 years	11,920	1,275	17	15	1,212	0	20	11	0
Percent	20.2%	16.9%	5.7%	4.5%	18.5%	0.0%	54.1%	21.6%	0.0%
65 and over	824	99	0	8	81	0	0	2	8
Percent	16.4%	24.3%	0.0%	32.0%	24.8%	0.0%	NA	100.0%	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

- **Single female-headed households with young children are the most likely household type to be poor in Central Ohio.** In Central Ohio, 42.5 percent of households headed by women with children under age five are in poverty. Single male-headed households with children under age five are half as likely to be in poverty as are female-headed households with children under age five (15.5 percent). Pickaway and Fairfield counties have the highest rates of poverty for female-headed households with children under age five (47.0 and 51.5 percent); Union County has the lowest (33.0 percent). Married-couple families are the least likely household type to be in poverty (Figure 4 and Table 19).

Figure 4

Poverty Status by Household Type by Presence and Age of Children, Central Ohio, 1999



Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

- **Poverty rates for households in Central Ohio differ by race and ethnicity.** Black or African American households in Central Ohio have a higher rate of poverty (21.0 percent) than all households in general (10.0 percent). Half (50.1 percent) of the households of black or African American female-headed households with children under age five are in poverty, compared to 42.5 percent of all female-headed households with children under age five. In Franklin County, which has a larger American Indian/Alaskan Native population than other Central Ohio counties, 63.9 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native female-headed households with children under age five are in poverty, (Table 20).

Table 19

Households in below Poverty by Household Type by Presence and Age of Children, 1999

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
All household types	4,446,621	625,237	39,755	45,431	438,876	55,588	13,690	17,555	14,342
Households below poverty	474,607	62,236	1,570	2,962	49,598	4,452	1,144	1,680	830
Percent below poverty	10.7%	10.0%	3.9%	6.5%	11.3%	8.0%	8.4%	9.6%	5.8%
Married-couple family	77,760	8,298	351	594	5,590	871	260	468	164
With related children under 18 years	45,556	4,981	205	366	3,373	494	184	288	71
Percent	4.3%	3.3%	1.5%	2.6%	3.6%	3.2%	4.6%	5.7%	1.5%
Under 5 years	23,106	2,845	119	248	1,902	299	92	144	41
Percent	5.5%	4.4%	2.0%	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	6.3%	7.7%	2.0%
Male householder, no wife present	20,214	3,015	84	190	2,365	177	57	106	36
With related children under 18 years	16,044	2,249	69	123	1,729	149	57	86	36
Percent	16.1%	15.5%	11.5%	13.3%	16.4%	12.4%	14.7%	15.5%	11.2%
Under 5 years	7,632	1,082	34	71	833	81	6	40	17
Percent	20.6%	19.7%	16.5%	23.6%	20.2%	19.1%	6.2%	17.2%	15.9%
Female householder, no husband present	137,052	17,094	448	770	13,787	1,152	306	434	197
With related children under 18 years	124,213	15,465	400	731	12,421	1,055	279	417	162
Percent	34.6%	29.6%	20.7%	26.9%	30.3%	27.1%	31.2%	37.9%	21.9%
Under 5 years	64,025	8,382	244	462	6,686	554	151	195	90
Percent	49.2%	42.5%	36.7%	47.0%	42.9%	37.4%	42.9%	51.5%	33.0%
Non family households	239,581	33,829	687	1,408	27,856	2,252	521	672	433
Percent	16.6%	17.3%	7.7%	12.7%	16.0%	14.7%	14.4%	15.7%	12.5%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 20

Households below Poverty by Household Type by Race/Ethnicity and by Presence and Age of Children, 1999

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
All households	4,446,621	625,237	39,755	45,431	438,876	55,588	13,690	17,555	14,342
Number below poverty	474,607	62,236	1,570	2,962	49,598	4,452	1,144	1,680	830
White households total	3,828,649	520,354	37,769	43,935	340,730	53,495	13,133	17,235	14,057
Percent below poverty	8.5%	7.8%	3.8%	6.5%	8.4%	7.8%	8.0%	9.5%	5.7%
Married-couple family	3.0%	2.2%	1.3%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.9%	4.4%	1.7%
With related children under 18 years	3.7%	2.6%	1.5%	2.6%	2.5%	3.1%	4.1%	5.8%	1.5%
Under 5 years	4.8%	3.5%	2.1%	4.4%	3.1%	4.7%	5.6%	7.8%	2.0%
Male householder, no wife present	9.9%	10.5%	7.9%	12.4%	10.5%	10.1%	9.8%	13.5%	8.2%
With related children under 18 years	13.5%	13.1%	11.1%	12.9%	13.2%	12.6%	13.7%	15.9%	11.8%
Under 5 years	17.9%	17.8%	18.0%	22.3%	17.6%	20.1%	0.0%	17.2%	15.9%
Female householder, no husband present	20.7%	18.1%	15.6%	19.9%	16.9%	20.2%	23.9%	27.8%	18.3%
With related children under 18 years	29.0%	24.0%	18.1%	27.6%	22.5%	27.3%	30.7%	37.9%	20.9%
Under 5 years	43.7%	36.5%	32.9%	48.1%	33.8%	38.0%	44.3%	51.6%	34.5%
Black or African American households total	489,208	77,659	972	791	74,282	1,137	297	100	80
Percent below poverty	25.5%	21.0%	7.6%	2.1%	21.5%	16.8%	16.8%	7.0%	0.0%
Married-couple family	7.0%	5.8%	0.4%	2.3%	6.1%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	8.8%	7.3%	0.7%	3.1%	7.6%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Under 5 years	11.9%	10.3%	2.6%	8.2%	10.5%	13.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Male householder, no wife present	20.9%	18.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.3%	10.7%	26.1%	NA	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	26.5%	22.8%	0.0%	0.0%	23.4%	11.3%	35.3%	NA	0.0%
Under 5 years	30.7%	24.8%	0.0%	NA	25.2%	15.0%	42.9%	NA	NA
Female householder, no husband present	37.9%	33.1%	38.8%	0.0%	33.2%	30.6%	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	44.0%	37.8%	55.9%	0.0%	37.8%	30.2%	50.0%	0.0%	NA
Under 5 years	56.8%	50.1%	68.7%	0.0%	50.1%	40.7%	0.0%	0.0%	NA

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Households below Poverty by Household Type by Race/Ethnicity and by Presence and Age of Children, 1999, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
American Indian/Alaskan Native households total	10,348	1,709	0	136	1,433	140	0	0	0
Percent below poverty	23.6%	26.3%	NA	24.3%	26.6%	25.0%	NA	NA	NA
Married-couple family	10.2%	9.3%	0.0%	21.5%	8.0%	11.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	12.5%	5.4%	0.0%	34.3%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Under 5 years	14.1%	2.7%	0.0%	21.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	NA
Male householder, no wife present	20.3%	26.4%	34.8%	NA	26.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
With related children under 18 years	21.5%	19.3%	NA	NA	20.7%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Under 5 years	28.7%	30.0%	NA	NA	30.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female householder, no husband present	38.6%	39.1%	0.0%	16.7%	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	34.3%	38.2%	NA	100.0%	36.2%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
Under 5 years	56.6%	54.8%	0.0%	0.0%	63.9%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Asian households total	45,368	12,962	589	199	11,942	232	0	0	0
Percent below poverty	15.8%	19.2%	2.4%	7.0%	20.3%	15.9%	NA	NA	NA
Married-couple family	6.7%	6.3%	1.3%	1.3%	6.8%	5.1%	14.8%	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	7.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%	16.3%	17.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Under 5 years	7.5%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	43.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Male householder, no wife present	20.3%	26.4%	34.8%	NA	26.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
With related children under 18 years	23.3%	22.8%	61.5%	NA	20.4%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Under 5 years	19.5%	7.5%	0.0%	NA	8.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female householder, no husband present	24.9%	28.6%	NA	75.0%	28.8%	23.5%	NA	0.0%	NA
With related children under 18 years	34.3%	38.2%	NA	100.0%	36.2%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
Under 5 years	36.0%	43.5%	NA	NA	43.5%	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Households below Poverty by Household Type by Race/Ethnicity and by Presence and Age of Children, 1999, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Hispanic or Latino households total	62,102	8,186	273	328	7,197	254	57	77	0
Percent below poverty	19.2%	16.1%	9.9%	11.0%	16.9%	2.0%	40.4%	14.3%	NA
Married-couple family	9.1%	8.8%	1.4%	7.1%	9.4%	3.2%	48.6%	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	11.2%	11.0%	2.1%	5.8%	11.7%	4.7%	60.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Under 5 years	13.6%	10.4%	0.0%	0.0%	10.9%	0.0%	57.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Male householder, no wife present	18.7%	22.8%	0.0%	0.0%	23.6%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	NA
With related children under 18 years	21.3%	24.6%	0.0%	0.0%	25.9%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Under 5 years	24.9%	31.6%	0.0%	0.0%	32.3%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female householder, no husband present	38.8%	20.7%	30.4%	15.4%	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years	44.1%	23.7%	37.8%	18.2%	25.2%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	0.0%
Under 5 years	58.8%	26.0%	33.3%	0.0%	31.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 3

■ Public Assistance

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services administers the Food Stamp program for households whose gross monthly income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and whose net adjusted income is within 100 percent of federal poverty guidelines. The Ohio Works First (OWF) program is the financial assistance portion of Ohio's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

- **Females of all ages account for nearly 60 percent of recipients of public assistance in Central Ohio.** More females in Central Ohio (approximately 85,770) receive food stamps and TANF benefits than do males (approximately 58,630). Central Ohio data are not available for public assistance recipients by household type (Table 21).

Table 21
Public Assistance Recipients by Gender, April 2004

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Food Stamps									
Total Recipients	1,005,908	144,398	3,957	7,934	113,193	10,321	2,316	4,581	2,096
Percent Male	41.0	40.6	42.4%	41.9%	40.3%	40.8%	42.0%	42.0%	41.1%
Percent Female	59.0	59.4	57.6%	58.1%	59.7%	59.2%	58.0%	58.0%	58.9%
Ohio Works First (OWF)									
Total Recipients	186,328	30,678	643	1,376	25,371	1,218	503	1,044	523
Percent Male	40.6	40.5	37.8%	42.9%	40.4%	38.7%	40.2%	42.7%	43.6%
Percent Female	59.4	59.5	62.2%	57.1%	59.6%	61.3%	59.8%	57.3%	56.4%

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

■ Child Support

- **Nearly 12 percent of women in Central Ohio rely on child support for part of their income.** Child support has been ordered to be paid to over 93,000 women in Central Ohio. Only 1.2 percent of women in Central Ohio (9,903) are themselves ordered to pay child support (Table 22). According to the Ohio Office of Child Support, statewide figures suggest that just over half of child support payments owed to the residential parent were collected in 1999 (57.85 percent collection rate).

Table 22
Women Collecting and Paying Child Support, 1999

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total number of females	5,840,878	805,184	55,554	61,640	549,695	74,672	18,533	23,729	21,361
Number collecting child support	785,046	93,135	3,129	6,084	67,800	9,884	1,956	2,471	1,811
Number paying child support	96,201	9,903	370	835	6,154	1,623	231	332	328

Source: Office of Child Support, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

■ Child Care

- **The demand for child care for children under six in Central Ohio far exceeds the capacity of child care providers**. According to the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association, the gap between the demand for child care and the supply in Central Ohio totals nearly 40,000 children (Table 23). Infant care is especially tight—58 percent of new mothers in Central Ohio are working mothers, and the gap between demand and supply for infant care is approximately 10,000 infants (Table 24).

- **Costs of child care in Central Ohio are high.** The average weekly cost for full-time child care in Central Ohio (for an infant and a preschooler) is approximately $279, or 25.6 percent of the median family income for Central Ohio families, according to the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association.

Table 23
Child Care Supply and Demand in Central Ohio, 2002

	Central Ohio
Children under age 6 with all parents in labor force	83,176
Child care centers, full day total capacity	38,888
Family child care homes capacity	5,802
Total formal full-time capacity	44,690
Difference	-38,486

Source: Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association

Table 24
Infant Care Supply and Demand in Central Ohio, 2002

	Central Ohio
Newborns with working mothers	14,324
Child care centers, infant capacity	3,329
Family child care homes estimated infant capacity	1,466
Total formal full-time infant capacity	4,795
Difference	-9,529

Source: Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association

■ Women's Unpaid Labor

- **Women contribute a significant amount of unpaid labor to the economy.** Women's work outside of the paying workforce—time spent caring for family or volunteering in the community—is a substantial base for the economy of Central Ohio; however, figures for Central Ohio are unavailable. The 1995 United Nation's Human Development Report announced that women's unpaid and underpaid labor—in activities such as housework, child care, and work in the community—was worth $11 trillion worldwide and $1.4 trillion in the United States alone.

- **It is estimated that as much as two-thirds of women's labor is unpaid.** The U.N. estimates that two-thirds of women's total work time is spent in unpaid market activities while one-third is paid. For men, the reverse is true (United Nations 1995). Women perform the majority of child care in their homes. Women are also often caregivers to family members who are disabled or chronically ill or to older family members. Almost 25 percent of households in the U.S. provide care to friends or relatives age 50 or older, and nearly 75 percent of caregivers are women (OWL 2001). Figures for Central Ohio are unavailable.

- **A higher percentage of women than men perform volunteer and community service in their communities.** Figures for the number of Central Ohio women performing volunteer and community service labor are unavailable, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 32.2 percent of women volunteer, compared to 25.1 percent of men, and both donate an average of 52 hours per year in this work (Bureau of Labor Statistics 2003). The dollar value of a volunteer hour in Ohio in 2002 was estimated by Independent Sector at $15.43 (IS 2004).

■ More to Learn about Employment and Income

Because this report relies on existing data rather than original research, its scope highlights some of the information about women's lives in Central Ohio that is not currently being collected or analyzed by federal, state, or local institutions or groups. Some of the resulting questions regarding the economic and employment status of women in Central Ohio are the following:

1. **Are there differences or disparities in occupations, income, retirement, poverty, and public assistance for subpopulations of women in Central Ohio?**

2. **In Central Ohio, are women closing the wage gap at the same rate as the rest of the United States?**

3. **What is the difference in personal income per capita for men and women in Central Ohio? What is the difference in personal wealth?**

4. **Do a higher percentage of women than men earn poverty-level wages in Central Ohio?**

5. **What is the extent of the economic resources of girls in Central Ohio?**

6. **What percent of women in Central Ohio have other retirement savings or income other than Social Security?**

7. **What data are not captured about women's unpaid labor in Central Ohio? How much time do women spend in unpaid household tasks? Caring for family members? Volunteering?**

8. **What is the effect of having children on women's income and employment levels in Central Ohio?**

Achievement and Autonomy

"Achievement" is used to describe earned social status or relative position in society—a condition that is often perceived as a gauge of social power. Attaining higher levels of education indicates women's progress in the social arena. Autonomy and achievement may overlap: in the area of business ownership, for example, owning one's own business certainly also connotes a high level of personal achievement along with exemplifying one's access to resources.

In this report, "autonomy" is used to describe the access to other resources—such as land, business, credit, or public office—that help women achieve self-sufficiency. Owning her own home, running her own small business, and participating in the political process as citizens and candidates are all indicators of the relative autonomy of women.

This section of the report examines data on the education, political participation, and access to resources of women and girls in Central Ohio. The following topics are included in this section:

- Educational attainment
- Literacy
- Political participation
- Homeownership and homelessness
- Business ownership and leadership
- Access to credit

■ Assets to Build On, Opportunities for Change, and Parity Targets

	Assets	Opportunities for Change	Parity Target
Educational Attainment	• Nearly 25 percent of Central Ohio women over the age of 18 have a bachelors degree or higher compared to 18.1 percent of Ohio women. (Table 3)	• 22.6 percent of black or African American women and 26.9 percent of Hispanic women in Central Ohio are without high school diplomas compared to 14.6 percent of all Central Ohio women. (Table 6)	• To reach parity with the rate for all Central Ohio women, **5,922** more black or African American women and **987** more Hispanic women would earn high school diplomas or the equivalent.
School Enrollment	• School enrollment for Central Ohio women in most age groups is either at par with or higher than men. (Table 7) • College or graduate school enrollment for Central Ohio women in all age groups is either at par with or higher than men. (Table 9)	• School enrollment for 18 and 19 year old black or African American (58.1 percent) and Hispanic (62.8percent) women is substantially lower than the Central Ohio figure for all Central Ohio 18 and 19 year old women (69.7 percent). (Table 8)	• To reach or exceed the average rates for Central Ohio, **377** 18-19 year old black or African American women and **37** 18-19 year old Hispanic women would enroll in school.
School Achievement	• Proportion of girls proficient in reading on 4th, 6th, and 9th grade proficiency tests is higher compared to boys in all Central Ohio counties. (Table 10) • High school graduation rates for girls are 1-9 percentage points higher compared to boys in all seven Central Ohio counties. (Figure 1)	• Proportion of girls proficient in math on 4th and 9th grade proficiency tests is lower compared to boys in most Central Ohio counties. (Table 10)	• Depending on the county, the percentage of fourth grade girls achieving proficiency in math must increase by **0.4 to 2.9 percent,** and the percentage of ninth grade girls achieving proficiency in math must increase by **0.8 to 7.6 percent**, to achieve parity with boys.

	Assets	Opportunities for Change	Parity Target
Political Participation	• Women in Central Ohio are more likely to register (70 percent) and vote (60.8 percent) compared to men (registered-registered: 67 percent; voted: 54.9 percent). (Table 14 and Table 15)	• Women are underrepresented among state and local government elected officials in Ohio and Central Ohio (state executive offices, state legislator, county commissioners, judges, mayors). (Table 13)	• Women's representation in public office reflects women's proportion of the general population in the district, county, or state.
Access to Resources and Leadership: Homeownership	• Women in Central Ohio receive loans for homeownership at rates similar to or higher than men in all but the highest income group. (Table 17 and Table 18)	• Only one–third of female-headed families with children under 18 live in homes they own compared to nearly half of male–headed households with children and 80 percent of married–couple families. (Table 16)	• To reach parity with male-headed families with children under 18, the number of female-headed families with children under 18 who live in homes they own must increase by **7,510.**
Access to Resources and Leadership: Business Ownership	• Women-owned firms accounted for 27 percent of all businesses in Central Ohio. The total receipts for these firms was over $5 billion. (Table 20)	• Only 9.9 percent of corporate board seats in Central Ohio are held by women. (Table 23) • Only 21.0 percent of SBA business loans were made to women. (Table 22)	• Women's representation on corporate boards reflects their proportion of the population of shareholders in each public company.

■ Education

Educational Attainment

- **In Central Ohio, 85.2 percent of all women have at least a high school diploma (or equivalent), compared to 84.6 percent of men**. In Central Ohio 518,667 women over age 18 have a high school diploma or greater, and of these, 327,514 continued their education beyond high school (Table 3).

- **More than half of all Asian women in Central Ohio age 18 and over have college degrees.** In Central Ohio, 53.6 percent of Asian women hold an associate, bachelor's, or higher degree. This is over 20 percentage points higher than for white women (31.4 percent) and 30 percentage points higher than for Hispanic (24.2 percent), American Indian (20.4 percent) and black or African American women (19.0 percent) (Table 6).

- **Nearly 90,000 Central Ohio females lack a high school diploma or the equivalent.** In Central Ohio, 50.4 percent of persons age 18 and over without a high school diploma or equivalent are female. This ranges from Pickaway County, where females are only 39.7 percent of those lacking a high school diploma, to Union County where the figure is 54.4 percent (Table 2).

- **Hispanic/Latino women in Central Ohio are more likely to have less than a ninth grade education than women of other population groups.** Out of the 8,002 Hispanic or Latino (of any race) females age 18 and older, 11.4 percent have less than a ninth grade education, compared to 7.5 percent of Asian females, 3.8 percent of black or African American females, and 2.9 percent of white females (Table 6).

- **Females in Central Ohio are more likely than males to have a high school diploma, but no advanced education.** Of the 353,966 persons in Central Ohio age 18 and over who are high school graduates only, 54.1 percent (191,394) are female (Table 1).

- **A higher proportion of black or African American women in Central Ohio attend college without obtaining a degree than do women of other population groups.** While 27.6 percent of black or African American women age 18 and over attended some college without obtaining a degree, the figures for white women (23.3 percent) and Asian women (14.9 percent) are lower (Table 6).

- **The more advanced the degree, the smaller is the percentage of female degree-holders in Central Ohio.** Of those earning an associate degree, 58.6 percent are women; of those earning bachelors degrees, 49.9 percent are women; and of those earning graduate or professional degrees, 44.9 percent are women (Table 6).

Table 1

Population Age 18 and Over with High School Diploma or Equivalent by Gender, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total high school graduates (with no further education)	3,004,134	353,966	20,069	34,272	213,926	43,262	12,587	16,917	12,933
Percent female	53.4%	54.1%	55.4%	53.2%	55.5%	52.5%	45.7%	45.5%	55.5%
Percent male	46.6%	45.9%	44.6%	46.8%	44.5%	47.5%	54.3%	54.5%	44.5%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 2

Non High School Graduates by Gender, Population Age 18 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total non high school graduates	1,507,013	176,972	6,541	12,327	120,074	17,367	6,576	9,580	4,507
Percent female	51.3%	50.4%	49.3%	47.8%	51.8%	51.7%	41.6%	39.7%	54.4%
Percent male	48.7%	49.6%	50.7%	52.2%	48.2%	48.3%	58.4%	60.3%	45.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 3

Educational Attainment of Population Age 18 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females age 18 and over	4,435,398	608,762	40,561	45,814	418,962	56,064	13,708	17,730	15,923
Less than 9th grade	4.1%	2.9%	1.4%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.9%	3.4%	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13.3%	11.7%	6.5%	10.4%	11.9%	12.5%	15.0%	18.1%	12.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	36.2%	31.4%	27.4%	39.8%	28.3%	40.5%	41.9%	43.4%	45.1%
Some college, no degree	22.0%	23.7%	23.3%	22.0%	24.7%	21.3%	20.5%	18.9%	20.8%
Associate degree	6.3%	5.7%	6.8%	7.4%	5.4%	6.3%	5.0%	4.9%	5.9%
Bachelor's degree	12.4%	17.3%	25.4%	12.6%	18.9%	11.3%	8.9%	7.4%	9.6%
Graduate or professional degree	5.7%	7.1%	9.1%	5.2%	7.8%	4.6%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%
Males age 18 and over	4,032,601	568,776	38,393	44,036	382,160	51,577	16,576	22,313	13,721
Less than 9th grade	4.3%	3.3%	1.4%	2.9%	3.3%	3.6%	4.9%	5.1%	3.2%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	14.0%	12.1%	7.3%	11.7%	11.8%	12.7%	18.3%	20.8%	11.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	34.7%	28.6%	23.3%	36.4%	24.9%	39.9%	41.3%	41.3%	42.0%
Some college, no degree	21.5%	23.1%	21.5%	22.4%	24.2%	20.4%	19.2%	19.0%	21.3%
Associate degree	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%	5.8%	4.7%	5.4%	5.1%	4.1%	4.8%
Bachelor's degree	13.4%	18.7%	27.2%	14.4%	20.5%	12.3%	8.2%	6.8%	12.8%
Graduate or professional degree	7.4%	9.3%	14.2%	6.3%	10.5%	5.8%	3.0%	2.9%	4.2%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 4

Degrees Earned by Gender, Persons Age 18 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Associate degree	472,997	62,478	4,725	5,957	40,559	6,337	1,529	1,780	1,591
Percent women	58.6%	55.8%	58.3%	57.2%	55.8%	56.2%	44.8%	48.8%	58.8%
Percent men	41.4%	44.2%	41.7%	42.8%	44.2%	43.8%	55.2%	51.2%	41.2%
Bachelors degree	1,089,588	211,714	20,764	12,117	157,456	12,691	2,589	2,820	3,277
Percent women	50.5%	49.9%	49.6%	47.6%	50.3%	49.8%	47.3%	46.4%	46.4%
Percent men	49.5%	50.1%	50.4%	52.4%	49.7%	50.2%	52.7%	53.6%	53.6%
Graduate/ professional degree	552,048	96,323	9,136	5,194	72,997	5,543	1,002	1,344	1,107
Percent women	46.0%	44.9%	40.5%	46.2%	45.0%	46.3%	50.2%	51.3%	48.0%
Percent men	54.0%	55.1%	59.5%	53.8%	55.0%	53.7%	49.8%	48.7%	52.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 5

Educational Attainment of Degreed Population Age 18 and Older, Grouped by Age, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females									
18-24	527,664	82,264	4,167	4,677	62,442	6,203	1,417	1,730	1,628
Bachelor's degree	8.1%	11.6%	13.8%	6.4%	12.9%	6.0%	5.2%	4.2%	4.4%
Graduate or professional degree	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
25-34	760,694	125,055	7,845	7,832	90,662	9,606	2,420	3,169	3,521
Bachelor's degree	20.5%	27.4%	40.8%	21.5%	29.2%	18.2%	15.9%	11.3%	12.9%
Graduate or professional degree	6.5%	8.3%	8.8%	5.2%	9.6%	3.8%	3.6%	2.2%	2.3%
35-64	2,247,088	306,549	23,473	25,313	202,290	30,103	7,281	9,624	8,465
Bachelor's degree	13.1%	17.5%	25.5%	13.7%	19.0%	11.8%	9.5%	7.1%	10.4%
Graduate or professional degree	7.7%	9.2%	12.1%	7.0%	10.1%	6.2%	4.8%	5.7%	4.6%
65 years and over	899,952	94,894	5,076	7,992	63,568	10,152	2,590	3,207	2,309
Bachelor's degree	6.3%	8.7%	10.9%	4.0%	9.9%	6.2%	2.8%	6.2%	5.0%
Graduate or professional degree	3.3%	4.3%	2.6%	2.5%	5.1%	3.1%	2.5%	2.1%	2.4%
Males									
18-24	528,595	84,975	4,170	5,225	62,362	6,429	2,252	3,055	1,482
Bachelor's degree	5.8%	8.8%	7.0%	5.9%	10.2%	5.1%	1.8%	1.7%	5.0%
Graduate or professional degree	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
25-34	753,067	127,908	7,196	8,248	92,551	8,874	3,510	4,686	2,843
Bachelor's degree	18.9%	26.4%	39.1%	16.9%	29.1%	16.5%	9.0%	6.3%	19.6%
Graduate or professional degree	5.9%	8.3%	10.7%	3.9%	9.7%	4.2%	2.2%	1.3%	1.6%
35-64	2,142,796	292,519	23,232	24,826	186,531	29,111	9,014	12,082	7,723
Bachelor's degree	14.4%	19.4%	29.1%	16.6%	20.9%	13.7%	10.3%	8.5%	13.0%
Graduate or professional degree	9.7%	12.2%	17.9%	8.7%	14.0%	7.3%	3.4%	4.0%	5.5%
65 years and over	608,143	63,374	3,795	5,737	40,716	7,163	1,800	2,490	1,673
Bachelor's degree	9.6%	12.7%	15.4%	9.4%	14.8%	8.0%	4.3%	5.5%	7.3%
Graduate or professional degree	7.2%	9.9%	12.6%	5.0%	11.7%	6.3%	6.1%	4.0%	5.7%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 6

Educational Attainment of Female Population Age 18 and Older by Race/Ethnicity, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total females	4,435,398	608,762	40,561	45,814	418,962	56,064	13,708	17,730	15,923
Less than 9th grade	4.1%	2.9%	1.4%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.9%	3.4%	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13.3%	11.7%	6.5%	10.4%	11.9%	12.5%	15.0%	18.1%	12.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	36.2%	31.4%	27.4%	39.8%	28.3%	40.5%	41.9%	43.4%	45.1%
Some college, no degree	22.0%	23.7%	23.3%	22.0%	24.7%	21.3%	20.5%	18.9%	20.8%
Associate degree	6.3%	5.7%	6.8%	7.4%	5.4%	6.3%	5.0%	4.9%	5.9%
Bachelor's degree	12.4%	17.3%	25.4%	12.6%	18.9%	11.3%	8.9%	7.4%	9.6%
Graduate or professional degree	5.7%	7.1%	9.1%	5.2%	7.8%	4.6%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%
White females	3,819,028	505,781	38,435	44,108	324,076	53,914	13,169	17,366	14,713
Less than 9th grade	3.9%	2.6%	1.4%	2.4%	2.5%	3.4%	4.7%	3.4%	2.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	12.3%	10.6%	6.3%	10.5%	10.3%	12.5%	14.8%	17.8%	11.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37.3%	32.1%	28.1%	40.4%	28.3%	41.0%	42.5%	43.5%	46.2%
Some college, no degree	21.6%	23.3%	23.0%	21.8%	24.4%	21.0%	20.4%	18.8%	20.5%
Associate degree	6.3%	5.8%	6.7%	7.4%	5.5%	6.2%	5.1%	5.0%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	12.9%	18.2%	25.3%	12.4%	20.7%	11.2%	8.9%	7.5%	10.2%
Graduate or professional degree	5.8%	7.4%	9.0%	5.2%	8.4%	4.6%	3.7%	4.0%	3.4%
Black or African-American females	479,248	74,639	924	822	70,663	1,035	278	114	803
Less than 9th grade	4.8%	3.8%	1.5%	3.8%	3.7%	2.4%	16.2%	6.1%	7.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	21.4%	18.8%	9.7%	5.7%	18.9%	13.6%	19.1%	46.5%	33.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	30.9%	30.8%	19.0%	20.1%	31.1%	29.4%	31.3%	21.1%	31.1%
Some college, no degree	25.8%	27.6%	36.9%	30.0%	27.4%	33.7%	27.0%	26.3%	22.5%
Associate degree	6.0%	5.4%	4.7%	12.5%	5.4%	6.3%	4.3%	0.0%	2.6%
Bachelor's degree	7.6%	9.9%	18.7%	22.4%	9.8%	10.1%	2.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Graduate or professional degree	3.6%	3.7%	9.4%	5.5%	3.7%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%

Educational Attainment of Female Population Age 18 and Older, by Race/Ethnicity, 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
American Indian/Alaskan Native females	9,922	1,612	0	111	1,359	142	0	0	0
Less than 9th grade	6.3%	2.2%	NA	14.4%	1.5%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	21.1%	26.9%	NA	22.5%	26.8%	31.7%	NA	NA	NA
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28.0%	28.9%	NA	29.7%	29.8%	19.7%	NA	NA	NA
Some college, no degree	25.8%	21.5%	NA	23.4%	20.5%	29.6%	NA	NA	NA
Associate degree	7.9%	7.8%	NA	9.9%	7.7%	7.7%	NA	NA	NA
Bachelor's degree	7.4%	8.3%	NA	0.0%	8.6%	11.3%	NA	NA	NA
Graduate or professional degree	3.5%	4.3%	NA	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Asian females	52,292	13,828	656	311	12,526	335	0	0	0
Less than 9th grade	7.6%	7.5%	2.1%	3.9%	7.5%	20.6%	NA	NA	NA
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8.1%	7.7%	8.7%	8.7%	7.6%	9.9%	NA	NA	NA
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	16.4%	16.3%	8.4%	24.8%	16.3%	25.4%	NA	NA	NA
Some college, no degree	14.5%	14.9%	11.4%	21.2%	14.9%	16.1%	NA	NA	NA
Associate degree	5.5%	5.4%	9.0%	0.0%	5.2%	8.7%	NA	NA	NA
Bachelor's degree	27.0%	29.2%	45.4%	22.8%	28.9%	14.9%	NA	NA	NA
Graduate or professional degree	20.9%	19.0%	14.9%	18.6%	19.6%	4.5%	NA	NA	NA
Hispanic/Latino females (may be of any race)	65,110	8,002	332	363	6,983	228	37	59	0
Less than 9th grade	11.4%	11.4%	4.2%	10.2%	12.2%	1.8%	0.0%	3.4%	NA
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	18.7%	15.5%	10.8%	12.4%	15.8%	18.4%	32.4%	8.5%	NA
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29.2%	23.8%	15.1%	36.4%	23.2%	21.9%	32.4%	59.3%	NA
Some college, no degree	21.8%	25.1%	31.6%	19.3%	24.8%	37.7%	5.4%	25.4%	NA
Associate degree	5.5%	4.0%	9.6%	6.9%	3.7%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	NA
Bachelor's degree	8.9%	13.3%	15.7%	12.7%	13.3%	13.6%	13.5%	3.4%	NA
Graduate or professional degree	4.6%	6.9%	13.0%	2.2%	6.9%	3.5%	16.2%	0.0%	NA

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 4

School Enrollment

- **Fewer Central Ohio females (217,731) than males (223,424) over age three are enrolled in school.** For each age range between ages 3 and 35, Central Ohio males outnumber females, both in population and school enrollment. However, females in most age ranges are enrolled in school at similar or slightly higher rates than are males, except for females age 25-34, who are enrolled at a slightly lower rate than are males (Table 7).

- **About half of all Central Ohio girls ages three and four are enrolled in school.** The percentage of Central Ohio girls ages three and four enrolled in school (49.4 percent) is nearly the same as boys' (48.8 percent), but enrollment varies based on race. Enrollment for black or African American girls is 60.4 percent, compared to Asian girls at 48.9 percent, and white girls at 46.7 percent. Hispanic or Latino (of any race) girls ages three and four in Central Ohio are enrolled in school at a rate of 54.3 percent (Table 8).

- **Eighty percent of Asian women ages 18 and 19 in Central Ohio are enrolled in school**. In Central Ohio, the school enrollment rate of Asian women ages 18 and 19 (80.2 percent) is from 10 to 35 percentage points higher than for women in other population groups. In the 20 to 24 age range, nearly two-thirds of Asian women (63.3 percent) are enrolled in school, compared to 33.9 percent of black or African American women and 41.2 percent of white women (Table 8).

- **Central Ohio Hispanic or Latino women age 35 and over are more likely to be enrolled in school than women in other population groups.** Nine percent of Hispanic or Latino (of any race) women age 35 and over are enrolled in school, compared to 5.8 percent of black or African American, 5.0 percent of Asian, and 3.1 percent of white women in this age group (Table 6 and Table 8).

- **In Central Ohio, 61,203 females age 15 and over are enrolled in college or graduate school, compared to 57,340 males.** The percentages of females and males age 15 and over enrolled in higher education are nearly the same (9.6 percent and 9.5 percent respectively). Over 12,000 of these females are over age 35 (Table 9).

Table 7

Total Population and School Enrollment, Age 3 and Above, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female									
Total 3 and 4 years	150,804	22,048	1,628	1,812	14,845	1,899	543	716	605
Enrolled in school	72,277	10,895	891	771	7,677	858	209	256	233
Percent enrolled	47.9%	49.4%	54.7%	42.5%	51.7%	45.2%	38.5%	35.8%	38.5%
Total 5 to 9 years	399,532	55,694	4,395	4,736	36,953	5,107	1,248	1,679	1,576
Enrolled in school	382,334	53,049	4,267	4,591	35,004	4,913	1,180	1,567	1,527
Percent enrolled	95.7%	95.3%	97.1%	96.9%	94.7%	96.2%	94.6%	93.3%	96.9%
Total 10 to 14 years	402,975	55,265	4,280	4,422	36,417	5,411	1,479	1,780	1,476
Enrolled in school	399,060	54,780	4,237	4,394	36,077	5,393	1,466	1,748	1,465
Percent enrolled	99.0%	99.1%	99.0%	99.4%	99.1%	99.7%	99.1%	98.2%	99.3%
Total 15 to 17 years	235,587	30,323	2,308	2,570	19,497	3,293	841	992	822
Enrolled in school	226,374	29,157	2,227	2,530	18,653	3,179	802	972	794
Percent enrolled	96.1%	96.2%	96.5%	98.4%	95.7%	96.5%	95.4%	98.0%	96.6%
Total 18 and 19 years	157,250	22,716	1,360	1,379	16,396	2,177	424	505	475
Enrolled in school	107,434	15,824	1,076	904	11,532	1,518	315	248	231
Percent enrolled	68.3%	69.7%	79.1%	65.6%	70.3%	69.7%	74.3%	49.1%	48.6%
Total 20 to 24 years	370,414	59,548	2,807	3,298	46,046	4,026	993	1,225	1,153
Enrolled in school	137,843	24,203	1,136	827	20,194	1,429	205	227	185
Percent enrolled	37.2%	40.6%	40.5%	25.1%	43.9%	35.5%	20.6%	18.5%	16.0%
Total 25 to 34 years	760,694	125,055	7,845	7,832	90,662	9,606	2,420	3,169	3,521
Enrolled in school	83,287	15,770	816	677	12,855	726	200	195	301
Percent enrolled	10.9%	12.6%	10.4%	8.6%	14.2%	7.6%	8.3%	6.2%	8.5%
Total 35 years and over	3,147,040	401,443	28,549	33,305	265,858	40,255	9,871	12,831	10,774
Enrolled in school	97,499	14,053	795	887	10,410	1,109	283	312	257
Percent enrolled	3.1%	3.5%	2.8%	2.7%	3.9%	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%	2.4%

Total Population and School Enrollment, Age 3 and Above, 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Male									
Total 3 and 4 years	156,408	22,767	1,872	1,800	15,152	2,113	496	675	659
Enrolled in school	73,105	11,115	946	935	7,604	971	137	306	216
Percent enrolled	46.7%	48.8%	50.5%	51.9%	50.2%	46.0%	27.6%	45.3%	32.8%
Total 5 to 9 years	416,683	59,334	4,793	4,817	39,449	5,385	1,391	1,847	1,652
Enrolled in school	397,979	56,621	4,616	4,549	37,609	5,113	1,345	1,801	1,588
Percent enrolled	95.5%	95.4%	96.3%	94.4%	95.3%	94.9%	96.7%	97.5%	96.1%
Total 10 to 14 years	428,057	57,660	4,082	4,879	37,977	5,564	1,495	1,978	1,685
Enrolled in school	423,576	57,046	4,057	4,843	37,475	5,542	1,495	1,964	1,670
Percent enrolled	99.0%	98.9%	99.4%	99.3%	98.7%	99.6%	100.0%	99.3%	99.1%
Total 15 to 17 years	249,135	32,340	2,434	2,888	20,647	3,187	936	1,282	966
Enrolled in school	239,099	31,026	2,369	2,834	19,652	3,111	896	1,216	948
Percent enrolled	96.0%	95.9%	97.3%	98.1%	95.2%	97.6%	95.7%	94.9%	98.1%
Total 18 and 19 years	162,080	23,445	1,423	1,373	16,631	2,160	724	697	437
Enrolled in school	107,992	16,132	1,066	857	11,923	1,409	311	321	245
Percent enrolled	66.6%	68.8%	74.9%	62.4%	71.7%	65.2%	43.0%	46.1%	56.1%
Total 20 to 24 years	366,515	61,530	2,747	3,852	45,731	4,269	1,528	2,358	1,045
Enrolled in school	123,902	24,374	1,035	905	19,945	1,338	375	585	191
Percent enrolled	33.8%	39.6%	37.7%	23.5%	43.6%	31.3%	24.5%	24.8%	18.3%
Total 25 to 34 years	753,067	127,908	7,196	8,248	92,551	8,874	3,510	4,686	2,843
Enrolled in school	74,937	16,662	641	687	13,813	639	274	444	164
Percent enrolled	10.0%	13.0%	8.9%	8.3%	14.9%	7.2%	7.8%	9.5%	5.8%
Total 35 years and over	2,750,939	355,893	27,027	30,563	227,247	36,274	10,814	14,572	9,396
Enrolled in school	67,762	10,448	773	627	7,400	668	297	482	201
Percent enrolled	2.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.1%	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%	3.3%	2.1%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 8

Female School Enrollment Rates, Age 3 and Above, by Race 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
White females									
3 and 4 years	45.7%	46.7%	54.9%	41.9%	48.3%	43.9%	39.6%	36.1%	39.2%
5 to 9 years	95.6%	95.5%	97.3%	96.8%	94.9%	96.3%	94.2%	93.6%	96.8%
10 to 14 years	99.1%	99.2%	99.1%	99.3%	99.1%	99.8%	99.1%	98.2%	99.2%
15 to 17 years	96.3%	96.8%	96.7%	98.4%	96.5%	96.7%	95.3%	98.0%	96.6%
18 and 19 years	70.0%	71.9%	77.5%	66.3%	74.1%	69.4%	74.2%	49.0%	49.3%
20 to 24 years	37.7%	41.2%	41.0%	24.7%	45.5%	34.7%	21.1%	18.4%	14.6%
25 to 34 years	9.7%	11.0%	10.3%	8.3%	12.5%	7.1%	8.5%	6.2%	6.6%
35 years and over	2.8%	3.1%	2.6%	2.5%	3.4%	2.7%	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%
Black or African American females									
3 and 4 years	58.7%	60.4%	65.0%	37.9%	60.7%	36.1%	100.0%	NA	NA
5 to 9 years	96.3%	95.0%	100.0%	100.0%	94.8%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	NA
10 to 14 years	98.9%	98.9%	95.7%	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%
15 to 17 years	95.1%	94.1%	89.5%	100.0%	94.0%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%
18 and 19 years	58.1%	58.1%	100.0%	0.0%	57.5%	73.3%	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%
20 to 24 years	31.5%	33.9%	35.2%	56.6%	33.8%	33.6%	0.0%	NA	29.1%
25 to 34 years	15.9%	17.3%	3.8%	27.9%	17.5%	7.5%	0.0%	8.1%	22.8%
35 years and over	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%	6.6%	5.8%	8.1%	3.4%	0.0%	4.1%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native females									
3 and 4 years	54.3%	66.1%	NA	100.0%	70.0%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
5 to 9 years	96.1%	100.0%	NA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
10 to 14 years	98.6%	100.0%	NA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
15 to 17 years	93.5%	92.1%	NA	100.0%	91.6%	NA	NA	NA	NA
18 and 19 years	55.3%	45.0%	NA	0.0%	55.1%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
20 to 24 years	38.7%	33.3%	NA	0.0%	37.9%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
25 to 34 years	12.3%	10.4%	NA	0.0%	11.7%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
35 years and over	7.2%	5.7%	NA	0.0%	6.8%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA

Female School Enrollment Rates, Age 3 and Above, by Race 2000, continued

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Asian females									
3 and 4 years	57.1%	48.9%	20.6%	25.9%	51.9%	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 to 9 years	96.3%	96.1%	90.6%	100.0%	96.2%	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 14 years	99.1%	99.1%	100.0%	100.0%	99.0%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
15 to 17 years	98.3%	97.5%	100.0%	100.0%	97.7%	84.2%	NA	NA	NA
18 and 19 years	82.2%	80.2%	100.0%	60.0%	78.0%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
20 to 24 years	64.0%	63.3%	42.0%	57.9%	63.6%	100.0%	NA	NA	NA
25 to 34 years	25.0%	25.7%	11.3%	8.8%	26.9%	21.4%	NA	NA	NA
35 years and over	5.9%	5.0%	6.7%	7.8%	5.0%	0.0%	NA	NA	NA
Hispanic or Latino females (may be of any race)									
3 and 4 years	44.1%	54.3%	82.6%	45.7%	53.5%	38.5%	NA	100.0%	NA
5 to 9 years	94.7%	93.7%	87.0%	92.6%	93.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	NA
10 to 14 years	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	NA
15 to 17 years	92.9%	84.5%	100.0%	100.0%	81.8%	87.1%	0.0%	100.0%	NA
18 and 19 years	58.6%	62.8%	63.6%	11.1%	63.8%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	NA
20 to 24 years	28.7%	32.3%	32.5%	23.1%	32.9%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	NA
25 to 34 years	13.5%	14.6%	12.3%	8.0%	15.1%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	NA
35 years and over	5.6%	9.0%	2.3%	12.5%	9.6%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	NA

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Table 9

College or Graduate School Enrollment for Population Age 15 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female									
Total population 15 and over	4,670,985	639,085	42,869	48,384	438,459	59,357	14,549	18,722	16,745
Total enrolled in college or graduate school	358,410	61,203	3,249	2,602	49,128	4,015	750	783	676
Percent of total female population	7.7%	9.6%	7.6%	5.4%	11.2%	6.8%	5.2%	4.2%	4.0%
Age 15 to 17 years	1,047	173	13	15	119	11	0	4	11
Age 18 to 24 years	193,992	33,520	1,691	1,155	27,443	2,331	364	325	211
Age 25 to 34 years	78,916	15,041	803	645	12,315	657	181	173	267
Age 35 years and over	84,455	12,469	742	787	9,251	1,016	205	281	187
Male									
Total population 15 and over	4,281,736	601,116	40,827	46,924	402,807	54,764	17,512	23,595	14,687
Total enrolled in college or graduate school	293,983	57,340	2,877	2,117	46,671	3,120	834	1,122	599
Percent of total male population	6.9%	9.5%	7.0%	4.5%	11.6%	5.7%	4.8%	4.8%	4.1%
Age 15 to 17 years	786	149	24	0	96	14	10	0	5
Age 18 to 24 years	166,729	32,186	1,519	1,016	26,619	1,953	360	446	273
Age 25 to 34 years	69,952	15,899	609	558	13,399	596	245	342	150
Age 35 years and over	56,516	9,106	725	543	6,557	557	219	334	171

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

School Achievement

- **Girls in Central Ohio counties are generally more proficient in reading than in math, according to state proficiency testing results.** In the 2002-03 school year, Central Ohio girls in public and nonpublic schools who took the fourth, sixth, and ninth grade state proficiency tests had better scores than boys on the reading test. In five of the Central Ohio counties, girls also had better scores than boys on the sixth grade math test (Table 10).

- **Females in Central Ohio counties are more likely than males to graduate from high school.** Female graduation rates (81.6 – 98.4 percent) in 2003 exceeded those of males (76.3 – 93.4 percent) in all seven Central Ohio counties (Figure 1).

- **Girls in Central Ohio are much less likely to be expelled or suspended from school than boys in Central Ohio.** Disciplinary action rates for girls in Central Ohio are less than half the rates for boys (Table 11).

Table 10

Percent of Students at or above the Proficient Level for Reading and Math, School Year 2002-2003

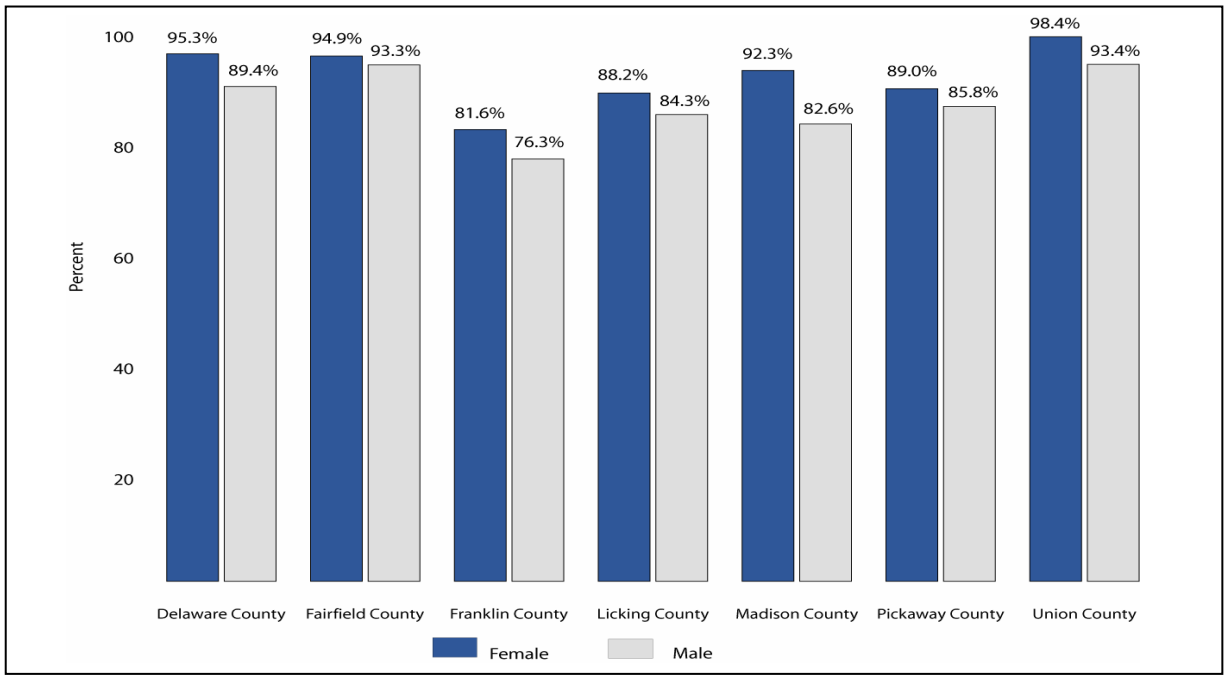
	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Fourth grade proficiency								
Reading all students	66.3%	73.8%	73.4%	63.3%	73.8%	72.5%	63.6%	63.2%
Females	69.9%	77.6%	76.7%	66.2%	77.0%	74.8%	67.8%	69.7%
Males	63.0%	69.9%	70.5%	60.6%	70.8%	70.5%	59.7%	56.8%
Math all students	58.6%	70.5%	66.3%	56.1%	67.6%	58.6%	56.2%	56.9%
Females	57.5%	70.2%	64.8%	54.9%	66.9%	57.7%	55.5%	55.7%
Males	59.6%	70.8%	67.7%	57.1%	68.2%	59.4%	56.8%	58.1%
Sixth grade proficiency								
Reading all students	65.0%	72.3%	74.0%	60.4%	72.7%	66.0%	65.4%	69.6%
Females	69.1%	77.1%	78.2%	64.5%	75.7%	67.9%	74.0%	72.3%
Males	61.0%	67.7%	70.2%	56.5%	69.8%	64.0%	57.9%	67.1%
Math all students	52.8%	61.0%	63.9%	51.6%	58.2%	46.1%	50.2%	56.5%
Females	53.9%	61.0%	64.2%	52.5%	58.8%	46.2%	54.7%	56.1%
Males	51.7%	61.1%	63.6%	50.8%	57.7%	46.1%	46.3%	56.7%
Ninth grade proficiency[1]								
Reading all students	86.9%	91.7%	92.3%	86.0%	90.6%	91.0%	88.0%	88.8%
Females	89.8%	95.1%	94.4%	88.6%	91.4%	94.5%	90.8%	92.9%
Males	84.2%	88.2%	90.4%	83.5%	89.8%	87.7%	85.3%	85.0%
Math all students	71.2%	82.4%	82.5%	69.6%	75.3%	76.3%	74.7%	79.3%
Females	69.8%	81.4%	81.2%	68.6%	71.4%	75.9%	70.9%	79.6%
Males	72.6%	83.5%	83.7%	70.5%	79.0%	76.7%	78.5%	78.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Education

[1] Figures denote the results of only those students who took the ninth grade proficiency test as ninth graders. Since the ninth grade proficiency must be passed as a graduation requirement, students may retake the test in later grades.

Figure 1

Graduation Rates by County, 2003



Source: Ohio Department of Education

Table 11

Disciplinary Actions per 100 Students, All Grades, Central Ohio 2003

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females								
Expulsions	0.08	0.16	0.04	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.00
Out of School Suspensions	10.07	3.12	4.67	12.79	5.68	6.17	5.13	1.88
Other Discipline Types Disciplinary Actions	16.07	4.58	15.77	19.81	6.70	6.04	5.40	9.09
Males								
Expulsions	0.26	0.54	0.06	0.27	0.39	0.14	0.07	0.09
Out of School Suspensions	24.21	8.40	14.77	30.04	15.41	15.68	11.44	5.09
Other Discipline Types Disciplinary Actions	31.93	10.23	38.13	37.90	12.91	14.01	18.65	17.86

Source: Ohio Department of Education, Education Management Information System (calculated by CRP)

Literacy

Research shows that the education level of the mother affects pre-school and school-aged children. Children's performance in reading, math, and general knowledge increases with an increase in the level of their mother's education (National Center for Family Literacy 2003).

- **More females (4,804) than males (3,467) participated in Central Ohio adult basic and literacy education programs in 2001-2003.** During the 2001-2003 program years, females represented 58.1 to 50.0 percent of participants in Adult Basic and Literacy Education programs funded by the Ohio Department of Education, but participation by women declined over the last three years. Females are a higher percentage of ABLE participants in Fairfield, Pickaway and Union counties, compared to the other Central Ohio counties (Table 12).

Table 12

Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) Participants, 2001-2003

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females									
2001	32,597	4,804	181	138	3,703	391	187	162	42
Percent of ABLE	49.7%	58.1%	53.6%	53.1%	58.6%	58.8%	51.7%	59.3%	75.0%
2002	35,493	5,444	216	132	4,161	421	275	199	40
Percent of ABLE	57.7%	56.4%	55.0%	50.2%	55.9%	58.1%	57.9%	68.6%	60.6%
2003	34,081	4,917	263	180	3,751	280	238	153	52
Percent of ABLE	57.0%	50.0%	58.6%	63.4%	48.1%	53.7%	53.0%	61.0%	57.8%
Males									
2001	32,982	3,467	157	122	2,614	274	175	111	14
Percent of ABLE	50.3%	41.9%	46.4%	46.9%	41.4%	41.2%	48.3%	40.7%	25.0%
2002	26,029	4,215	177	131	3,286	304	200	91	26
Percent of ABLE	42.3%	43.6%	45.0%	49.8%	44.1%	41.9%	42.1%	31.4%	39.4%
2003	25,680	4,924	186	104	4,046	241	211	98	38
Percent of ABLE	43.0%	50.0%	41.4%	36.6%	51.9%	46.3%	47.0%	39.0%	42.2%

Source: Office of Career-Technical and Adult Education, Ohio Department of Education

■ Politics and Participation

Setting Public Policy

- **Women are underrepresented in positions that set the course of public policy in Ohio.** At the national level in 2004, Central Ohio is represented[2] by four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, only one of which is held by a woman, and by two senators, neither of whom are women. None of these representatives are minorities or are of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. In Ohio, two out of six state executive offices are held by women (Lieutenant Governor and State Auditor). In 2003, only 25 of 132 Ohio state representatives were women (18.9 percent) (Ohio Legislative Service Commission) (Table 13).

- **Only six out of 21 county commissioners in Central Ohio are women.** Women hold 28.6 percent of Central Ohio county commission seats, well below the percentage of women in the Central Ohio population (50.9 percent) (Table 13).

- **Only 18 out of the 79 mayors in Central Ohio are women.** Women hold 22.7 percent of mayoral positions in Central Ohio, well below the percentage of women in the Central Ohio population (50.9 percent) (Table 13).

- **Only 16 percent of Central Ohio's common pleas court judges are women.** Out of 25 Central Ohio common pleas court judges, only four are women (Table 13).

Table 13
Elected and Appointed Officials by County, 2004

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
County commissioners	21	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Female	6	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
Mayors (all villages and cities)	79	9	16	19	14	6	10	5
Female	18	1	3	6	1	1	4	1
Council Members (county seats)	57	5	10	7	11	8	8	7
Female	9	2	0	3	1	1	2	0
Judges (Court of Common Pleas)	25	2	2	16	2	1	1	1
Female	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

Source: State of Ohio, County Information; Ohio Municipal League.

[2] Central Ohio roughly includes congressional districts 7, 12, 15, and 18.

Voting

- **More women than men in the Central Ohio area (Columbus MSA) are registered and vote.** According to information from the November 2000 Current Population Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau, 70 percent of female citizens in the Columbus Metropolitan Survey Area reported registering to vote, compared to 67 percent of male citizens (Table 14). In addition, 60.8 percent of women reported voting in the November 2000 elections, as compared to 54.9 percent of men (Table 15). No county-level data are available to compare registration and voting patterns in the seven Central Ohio counties.

Table 14
Columbus MSA Voter Registration, November 2000

Percent citizens that were registered (18+)	Total citizens	Number registered	Percent registered
Female	553,466	387,420	70.0%
Male	518,250	347,213	67.0%

Table 15
Columbus MSA Voters in the November 2000 General Election

Percent citizens that voted in November 2000 (18+)	Total citizens	Number that voted	Percent voted
Female	553,466	336,391	60.8%
Male	518,250	284,746	54.9%

Source for both tables: Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

■ Access to Resources and Leadership

Homeownership

- **About one-third of single female-headed families with children under age 18 in Central Ohio are homeowners.** Although specific rates vary by county, only 32.5 percent of single women with children under 18 own their own homes in Central Ohio, compared to 48.6 percent of single men with children under 18 and 79.8 percent of married-couple families with children under 18 (Table 16).

- **Females living alone are more likely than males living alone to be homeowners in Central Ohio.** The homeownership rate of females living alone (50.4 percent) is below the overall homeownership rate in Central Ohio (62.7 percent), but is nearly 10 percentage points above the rate for men living alone (Table 16).

Table 16
Homeownership Rate by Family Type, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Overall homeownership rate	69.1%	62.7%	80.4%	76.2%	56.9%	74.4%	72.3%	74.6%	77.5%
Family households									
Female householder, no husband present	49.0%	43.7%	54.8%	51.7%	41.3%	52.1%	52.4%	53.2%	47.9%
With own children under 18	35.4%	32.5%	47.7%	37.6%	30.3%	39.6%	40.4%	41.4%	36.7%
Male householder, no wife present	60.2%	50.6%	67.0%	63.7%	45.8%	64.1%	60.9%	60.8%	68.4%
With own children under 18	53.3%	48.6%	59.2%	63.6%	44.5%	58.4%	58.5%	48.3%	62.0%
Married-couple family	85.6%	82.3%	91.1%	86.8%	79.0%	87.0%	83.7%	84.7%	88.7%
With own children under 18	82.5%	79.8%	90.5%	84.0%	76.6%	83.9%	77.1%	79.0%	85.4%
Non Family households									
Female householder living alone	56.1%	50.4%	63.4%	64.5%	47.1%	59.7%	59.6%	59.0%	56.8%
Male householder living alone	48.9%	40.1%	54.5%	57.0%	35.8%	56.1%	52.3%	61.1%	57.4%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 4

Home Loans

- **Females in the Columbus MSA are as likely as males in most income groups to receive government loans for homeownership.** Government loan origination rates for females range from 72.9 to 83.6 percent, compared to rates for males of 69.7 to 82.3 percent in Central Ohio. However, females have higher origination rates than males (72.9 percent vs. 69.7 percent) in the below $31,700 income group, while females have lower origination rates than do males (75.0 percent vs. 82.3 percent) in the over $76,080 income group. Females in the Columbus MSA are approved for government loans for homeownership at higher rates than they are approved for conventional loans (Table 17).

- **Females in the Columbus MSA have somewhat higher origination rates than do males for conventional loans for homeownership.** Origination rates for Central Ohio females range from 58.7 to 79 percent, compared to rates for males of 54.3 to 77 percent in Central Ohio. Only in the highest income group (over $76,080) do females have lower conventional loan origination rates than do males. Loan approval rates increase with increasing levels of income for both genders (Table 18).

Table 17

Disposition of Applications for Government Loans, 1-4 Family Homes, by Income and Gender of Applicant, Columbus MSA

Income and Gender of Applicant	Applications Received	Loans Originated		Applications Approved But Not Accepted	Applications Denied		Applications Withdrawn	Files Closed as Incomplete
Less than $31,700 per year[3]								
Female	903	658	72.9%	36	104	11.5%	86	19
Male	743	518	69.7%	26	116	15.6%	70	13
Joint male-female	187	130	69.5%	8	27	14.4%	19	3
Gender not available	130	65	50.0%	12	29	22.3%	20	4
From $31,700 - $50,720 per year								
Female	1692	1336	79.0%	70	137	8.1%	124	25
Male	1692	1347	79.6%	64	131	7.7%	133	17
Joint male-female	1421	1118	78.7%	59	118	8.3%	106	20
Gender not available	290	206	71.0%	17	35	12.1%	31	1
From $50,720 - $63,400 per year								
Female	378	311	82.3%	16	26	6.9%	23	2
Male	575	472	82.1%	25	33	5.7%	40	5
Joint male-female	1433	1177	82.1%	66	101	7.0%	81	8
Gender not available	139	101	72.7%	14	12	8.6%	11	1
From $63,400 - $76,080 per year								
Female	138	114	82.6%	6	6	4.3%	11	1
Male	284	232	81.7%	10	15	5.3%	21	6
Joint male-female	1084	921	85.0%	56	40	3.7%	62	5
Gender not available	74	58	78.4%	2	7	9.5%	7	0
More than $76,080 per year								
Female	100	75	75.0%	1	6	6.0%	18	0
Male	232	191	82.3%	10	12	5.2%	15	4
Joint male-female	1054	881	83.6%	42	51	4.8%	73	7
Gender not available	82	60	73.2%	6	4	4.9%	10	2

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Reports

[3] Corresponds to 50% of the MSA median income as defined by HUD. For 2002, the Columbus MSA median income was calculated by HUD as $63,400 per year.

Table 18

Disposition of Applications for Conventional Loans, 1-4 Family Homes, by Income and Gender of Applicant, Columbus MSA

Income and Gender of Applicant	Applications Received	Loans Originated		Apps. Approved But Not Accepted	Applications Denied		Apps. Withdrawn	Files Closed as Incomplete
Less than $31,700 per year[4]								
Female	1523	894	58.7%	125	374	24.6%	85	45
Male	1239	673	54.3%	123	330	26.6%	77	36
Joint male-female	509	316	62.1%	46	104	20.4%	30	13
Gender not available	673	211	31.4%	106	268	39.8%	65	23
From $31,700 - $50,720 per year								
Female	2115	1536	72.6%	157	234	11.1%	116	72
Male	2479	1713	69.1%	210	359	14.5%	139	58
Joint male-female	1969	1398	71.0%	150	287	14.6%	88	46
Gender not available	1054	565	53.6%	126	210	19.9%	124	29
From $50,720 - $63,400 per year								
Female	830	633	76.3%	58	80	9.6%	30	29
Male	1174	849	72.3%	91	140	11.9%	67	27
Joint male-female	1871	1422	76.0%	155	174	9.3%	90	30
Gender not available	672	364	54.2%	102	122	18.2%	65	19
From $63,400 - $76,080 per year								
Female	485	383	79.0%	35	33	6.8%	23	11
Male	843	649	77.0%	54	69	8.2%	49	22
Joint male-female	1958	1535	78.4%	128	144	7.4%	116	35
Gender not available	575	384	66.8%	61	64	11.1%	49	17
More than $76,080 per year								
Female	828	619	74.8%	63	65	7.9%	58	23
Male	2231	1685	75.5%	149	190	8.5%	143	64
Joint male-female	7087	5969	84.2%	353	262	3.7%	418	85
Gender not available	1867	1389	74.4%	156	131	7.0%	152	39

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Reports

Homelessness and Housing Assistance

While Central Ohio includes seven counties, reliable information about homelessness is available only for the city of Columbus and Franklin County. Data on homelessness are not collected at the state level from counties in Ohio, and counties vary in the number and type of shelters and reporting requirements.

[4] Corresponds to 50% of the MSA median income as defined by HUD. For 2002, the Columbus MSA median income was calculated by HUD as $63,400 per year.

- **In Ohio, 147,000 persons are estimated to be homeless annually.** The Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO) reports that 57 percent of the homeless persons in Ohio's urban areas are women. Estimates of the percentage of homeless women in rural areas vary from 35 to over 50 percent (Licking County Coalition for Housing). According to a study conducted by The Ohio State University for the Appalachian region, rural homeless persons are more likely to be women or mothers with children (Good Works, 2004).

- **Shelters funded by the Community Shelter Board served 1,096 single women in Franklin County between October 2000-2001.** In 2000-01, three shelter programs served 1,000 homeless single women in Franklin County, and this number does not include women in over 800 families sheltered in other CSB-participating programs. CSB identifies single mothers with children as the most common family type served in family shelters.

- **More than 2,400 people were homeless in Licking County during a one-year period ending April 1, 1997.** Counties in Central Ohio, other than Franklin, have a wide range of shelters and organizations to serve homeless populations, but data are not regularly collected and reported. Licking County will conduct a homeless count in the summer of 2004 to measure its current homeless population (LCCH).

- **In Central Ohio, more female-headed households live in public and Section 8 housing than do any other family household types.** From 58 to 77 percent of family public housing residents in Central Ohio counties are female-headed households. Of those who hold Section 8 vouchers in Central Ohio counties, 77 to 85 percent are female-headed households (Table 19).

Table 19
Current Residents of Public Housing and Section 8 Families, 2004

	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Public Housing Units								
Total Occupied Units	41,292	No PH	96	3,215	100	100	104	No PH
Percent female headed	42.0%	-	77.1%	71.6%	58.0%	66.0%	74.0%	-
Section 8 Vouchers								
Total Occupied Units	78,622	428	909	10,056	671*	No Sec 8	635	No Sec 8
Percent female headed	56.0%	77.8%	75.8%	85.4%	NA	-	77.0%	-

*Sources: Cleveland Office of Public Housing, HUD, Delaware Metropolitan Housing Authority, Fairfield MHA, Columbus MHA, London MHA, Pickaway MHA, *Licking County Coalition for Housing(based on website search)*

Business Ownership and Leadership

The C200 Business Leadership Index, published annually by the Committee of 200 (C200), a national organization of preeminent women entrepreneurs and corporate leaders, attempts to measure women's clout in the world of business. The report is the weighted aggregate of ten separate benchmarks, measured on a ten-point scale where ten represents parity with men. Benchmarks include business ownership and corporate board seats. Nationally, women have achieved a rating of 4.66 on this ten-point scale; in Central Ohio, women's progress has not been fully measured.

- **Women-owned firms accounted for 27 percent of all businesses in Central Ohio in 1997**.[5] Women-owned businesses in Central Ohio had sales and receipts of over $5 billion in 1997. These firms also employed 45,000 workers in Central Ohio, according to the 1997 Economic Census (Table 20).

- **The economic impact of women-owned businesses in Central Ohio may be much greater than reported by the Census Bureau**. According to the Center for Women's Business Research, the number of privately-held, women-owned firms in the Columbus MSA (which does not include Union County) was projected to reach 34,622 and have sales totaling over $8 billion in 2002.

Table 20
Women-Owned Firms, 1997

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Women-owned firms	205,044	32,709	2,499	2,061	22,200	2,932	1,121	1,006	890
Percent of total firms	26.2%	27.0%	25.9%	22.1%	27.0%	26.7%	39.5%	29.5%	31.3%
Sales and receipts (in $1,000)	30,596,853	5,862,451	176,335	127,940	5,072,209	223,062	33,523	174,494	54,888
Number employed	291,361	45,097	1,824	1,693	36,475	2,232	276	1,875	722

Source: 1997 Economic Census

- **Most women-owned businesses in the Columbus MSA are in the service and retail sectors.** In the Columbus MSA, 56.2 percent are service companies, 17.7 percent are retail trade, and 8.2 percent are finance, insurance, and real estate organizations. A total of only 5.3 percent of women-owned business in the Columbus MSA are in the agriculture, wholesale trade, and manufacturing sectors (Table 21).

Table 21
Distribution of Women-Owned Businesses by Industry, Columbus MSA

Industry	Percent of women-owned firms
Agricultural services, forestry, fishing, and mining	1.2%
Construction industries and subdividers and developers	2.7%
Manufacturing	2.1%
Transportation, communications, & utilities	2.2%
Wholesale trade	2.0%
Retail trade	17.7%
Finance, insurance and real estate industries (ex sub & dev)	8.2%
Service industries (exc membership org & private households)	56.2%
Industries not classified	7.8%

Source: 1997 Economic Census

[5] Included are all nonfarm businesses filing 1997 tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, and any type of corporation, and with receipts of $1,000 or more. Women ownership of a business was based on the gender of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business. Firms equally male-/female-owned were counted and tabulated as a separate category.

- **In Central Ohio, 21 percent of Small Business Administration (SBA) 7(a) business loans were made to women.** The Basic 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program is SBA's primary business loan program and can be used for a wide range of business purposes. In Central Ohio in 2002-03, women received 14.6 percent of the total amount of loans made. In the SBA capital development loan program (504), women received 26.7 percent of the loans made in Central Ohio. These loans provide growing businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings (Table 22).

- **Only one of ten corporate board of directors seats in Central Ohio are held by women.** Although women are 50.9 percent of the population of Central Ohio, only 9.9 percent of board seats of corporations in Central Ohio counties are held by women. Nationally, in 2001, women held 10.9 percent of board seats in the Fortune 1000 companies (2001 Catalyst Census of Women Board Directors of the Fortune 1000) (Table 23).

- **Women in the Central Ohio area occupy positions of leadership in a wide variety of organizations, but have not yet achieved status equal to their representation in the population.** In the Columbus MSA, there are no female CEOs of public companies, and only four CEOs of private companies (out of 100 companies). Women are more likely to lead non-profit organizations, holding 40.0 percent of CEO positions in 2003 (Table 24).

Table 22
Small Business Administration Loans 2003 (Oct. 2002-Sept. 2003)

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
7(a) Loans								
Total number of loans	339	39	13	234	29	11	4	9
Total amount all loans	$63,353,938	$7,853,700	$3,212,574	$41,340,022	$6,897,800	$1,365,242	$1,377,200	$1,307,400
# of loans to women	72	6	4	52	4	4	1	1
% of loans to women	21.2%	15.4%	30.8%	22.2%	13.8%	36.4%	25.0%	11.1%
Amount of loans to women	$9,270,743	$966,700	$485,800	$7,197,101	$408,100	$168,042	$35,000	$10,000
% of total amount ofall loans to women	14.6%	12.3%	15.1%	17.4%	5.9%	12.3%	2.5%	0.8%
504 loans (capital development)								
Total number of loans	26		1	22	2			1
Total amount all loans	$20,773,163		$882,000	$18,011,163	$1,200,000			$680,000
# of loans to women	7		0	7	0			0
% of loans to women	26.9%		0.0%	31.8%	0.0%			0.0%
Amount of loans to women	$4,620,895			$4,620,895				
%Percent of total amount ofall loans to women	22.2%		0.0%	25.7%	0.0%			0.0%

Source: Small Business Administration

Table 23

Boards of Directors, Central Ohio,[6] 2003

County	Number of Companies	Total directors	Women directors	Percent women
Delaware	2	20	2	10%
Fairfield	1	8	1	12.5%
Franklin	33	279	26	9.3%
Licking	2	17	1	5.8%
Union	2	18	4	22.2%
Total	40	342	34	9.9%

Source: Brains for Business, Inc., based on SEC Filings, 2003

Table 24

Selected Community Leadership Indicators, Columbus MSA 2003

	Number of Organizations	Number of Women
Chief Executives - Non-Profits	Top 50	20
Chief Executives - College and University	Top 24	9
Highest Paid Executives - Public Companies	100	7
CEOs-Private Companies	100	4
CEOs-Public Companies	40	0
Managing Partners - Accounting and Law	Top 10 for each	1

Source:Columbus Business First Book of Lists 2003

[6] There are no publicly-held companies whose headquarters are located in Madison or Pickaway counties (Brains for Business 2003).

■ More to Learn about Achievement and Autonomy

Because this report relies on existing data rather than original research, its scope highlights some of the information about women's lives in Central Ohio that is not currently being collected or analyzed by federal, state, or local institutions or groups. Some of the resulting questions regarding the achievement and autonomy of women in Central Ohio are the following:

1. **What measurable influence do Central Ohio women have in the public, corporate, and nonprofit sectors? What influence do women have in and on the media in Central Ohio?**

2. **What are the features of women-owned businesses in Central Ohio, and how well are these businesses doing compared to businesses owned by men?**

3. **How many girls in Central Ohio hold leadership positions in their schools, such as class president or student council president?**

4. **What is the ratio of girls to boys for school valedictorians in Central Ohio?**

5. **How many women and girls in Central Ohio are involved in home-schooling?**

6. **What is Central Ohio women's access to and influence on the legal system?**

7. **What are women's credit ratings compared to men's in Central Ohio?**

8. **What proportion of land or property in the seven-county Central Ohio area, especially in rural areas, is owned or managed by women?**

9. **What is the number of homeless women in the Central Ohio counties, and what percentage of these women have children?**

Health and Well-Being

This section of the report examines data on the health and well-being of women and girls in Central Ohio. Physical and mental health have a great impact on women's daily lives in Central Ohio counties. The following topics are included in this section:

- Mortality and Disease
- STIs and HIV/AIDS
- Mental Health
- Wellness Activities
- Reproductive Health
- Disability
- Access to Care and Insurance
- Violence and Crime

■ Assets to Build On and Opportunities for Change

	Assets	Opportunities for Change
Leading Causes of Death	• Women have lower death rates from heart disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and diabetes compared to men in nearly all Central Ohio counties. (Table 5)	• Women have a higher death rate from cerebrovascular disease—stroke—compared to men, in five of the seven Central Ohio counties. (Table 5) • Black or African American women have substantially higher death rates from all leading causes of death compared to women of other races. (Table 6)
Disease Prevalence	• Women have a lower incidence rate of cancer than men in all seven Central Ohio counties. (Table 7)	• Of the persons living with HIV/AIDS (1,970) in Central Ohio, 17.2 percent are women. (Table 11 and Table 12) • Women have much higher rates for two most common sexually transmitted infections (Chlamydia and gonorrhea) compared to males in all Central Ohio counties. (Table 10)
Mental Health	• The average annual mortality rate from suicide is substantially lower for females compared to males in all Central Ohio counties. (Table 3)	• Of the persons treated for drug and alcohol problems in Central Ohio, 24.5 percent were women. (Table 14)

	Assets	Opportunities for Change
Health Behaviors and Chronic Diseases and Conditions	• The percent of women scheduling timely mammograms is higher for all counties in Central Ohio compared to Ohio. (Table 17) • Only 8.0 percent of women in Central Ohio reported binge drinking compared to 31.4 percent of men. (Table 18)	• In Central Ohio, 26.5 percent of women suffer from hypertension compared to 20.5 percent of men. (Table 9) • In Central Ohio, 22.5 percent of women are obese compared to 17.1 percent of men. (Table 18)
Reproductive Health	• In six of the seven Central Ohio Counties, the percent of women seeking first trimester care is 1-7 percentage points higher compared to Ohio average of 87.3 percent. (Table 22)	• Teen birth rates for black or African American and Hispanic girls are substantially higher compared to the rate for all girls. (Table 21) • The infant mortality rate for black or African American women is nearly twice the rate for all women. (Table 23)
Disabilities	• Well over half (55.4 percent) of women with disabilities participated in the labor force—a total of 44,776 women. (Table 29)	• Of the females age five and over with disabilities, 19.7 percent live below the poverty level compared to 15.3 percent of males with disabilities. (Table 31)

	Assets	Opportunities for Change
Violence and Crime	• Females are much less likely than males to be incarcerated and, if they are, are much less likely to be violent offenders. (Table 37)	• In reported domestic disputes in Central Ohio between married couples, 71.6 percent of the victims are wives. (Table 34) • Of the wives in reported domestic disputes, over half—57.6 percent —reported injuries. (Table 34) • Three women a day were raped, according to police reports gathered by the FBI—a rate nearly double the national rate. (Table 35)

■ Health and Mortality

Mortality Rates and Causes of Death

- **In all age groups, female mortality rates are lower than males in Central Ohio.** In Central Ohio counties, female mortality rates ranged from 757.9 to 899.9 per 100,000 females, compared to male mortality rates range from 759.6 to 1197.5 per 100,000 males (Figure 1). The only exception is Union County, in which particular age groups of males have much lower rates of mortality than expected and thus lower the overall rate (see Table 1). Female mortality rates nationwide are also lower than rates for males. Nationally, among the four major race-sex groups, white females had the highest life expectancy at birth (80.2 years), followed by black or African American females (75.5 years), white males (75.0 years), and black or African American males (68.6 years) (National Vital Statistics Report 2001).

- **Black or African American females have higher mortality rates than other groups of women in Central Ohio.** In Franklin County, which has the largest black or African American population of the counties in Central Ohio, the mortality rates for black or African American females is 958.0 per 100,000 versus 1,427.1 for African American males. Age-adjusted rates for black or African American females are higher than other groups of women in all Central Ohio counties except Delaware County, but are generally much lower than rates for black or African American males (Figure 2).

- **The leading cause of death for females in Central Ohio is heart disease.** Women in Central Ohio have lower rates than do men of death from heart disease (18.2 versus 263.5) and cancer (217.9 versus 326.6). Heart disease and cancer are the top two leading causes of death in Central Ohio for both females and males (Table 5).

- **Black or African American females in Central Ohio have higher rates of death from heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes than do women in other racial or ethnic populations.** Black or African American women die from heart disease at rates approximately 40-200 points higher than other do other groups of women in Central Ohio counties (Table 6)**.** Although there are some fluctuations in the county-level data, these figures reflect national trends that show large health disparities between black or African American women and other groups of women (National Women's Law Center).

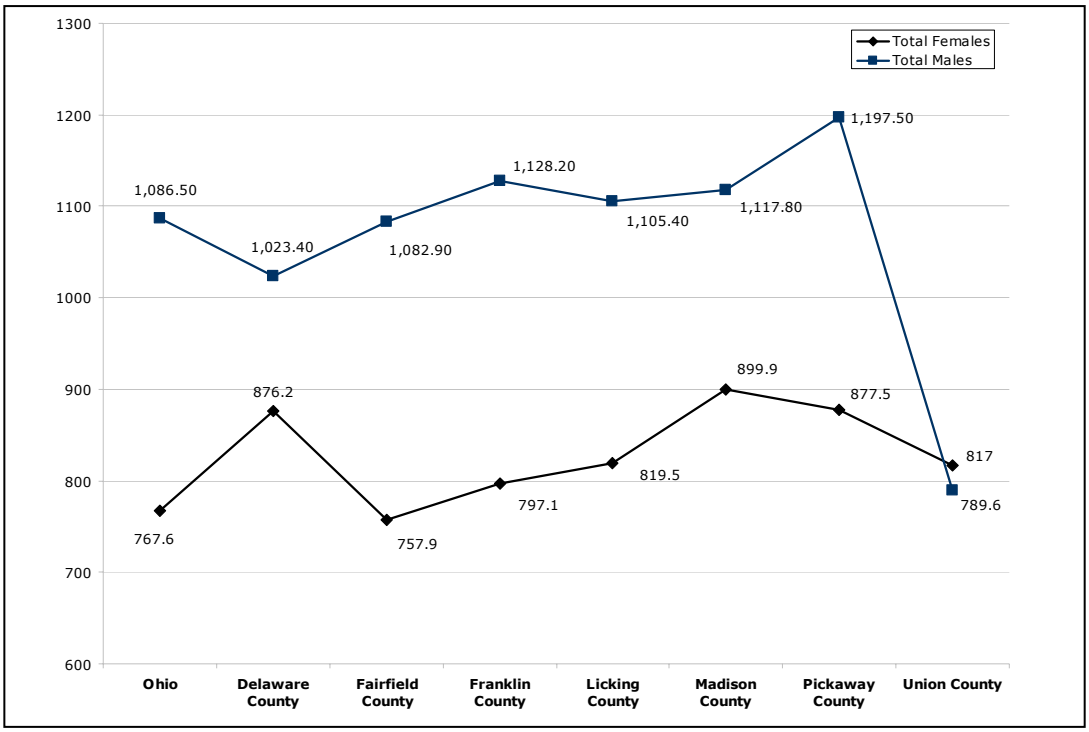
- **In Central Ohio, the fourth leading cause of death for Asian women and Hispanic women (who may be of any race) is diabetes.** Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death for Asian, Hispanic, and black or African American women in Central Ohio. For all women in Central Ohio, it is the fifth leading cause of death (Table 5 and Table 6).

- **Suicide rates for males are more than triple the rate for females in all counties in Central Ohio.** Females have much lower rates (1.2-4.3 per 100,000) of mortality from suicide do than males (12.2-24.2) in Central Ohio (Table 3).

- **In Central Ohio, 264 women died from breast cancer in 2001.** The average rate of death from breast cancer for Central Ohio women is 38.5 per 100,000 women, compared to a national rate of 27.0 per 100,000 women (Table 4). According to national data, white women have a higher incidence of breast cancer, but black or African American women have a higher mortality rate from breast cancer (National Women's Law Center).

Figure 1

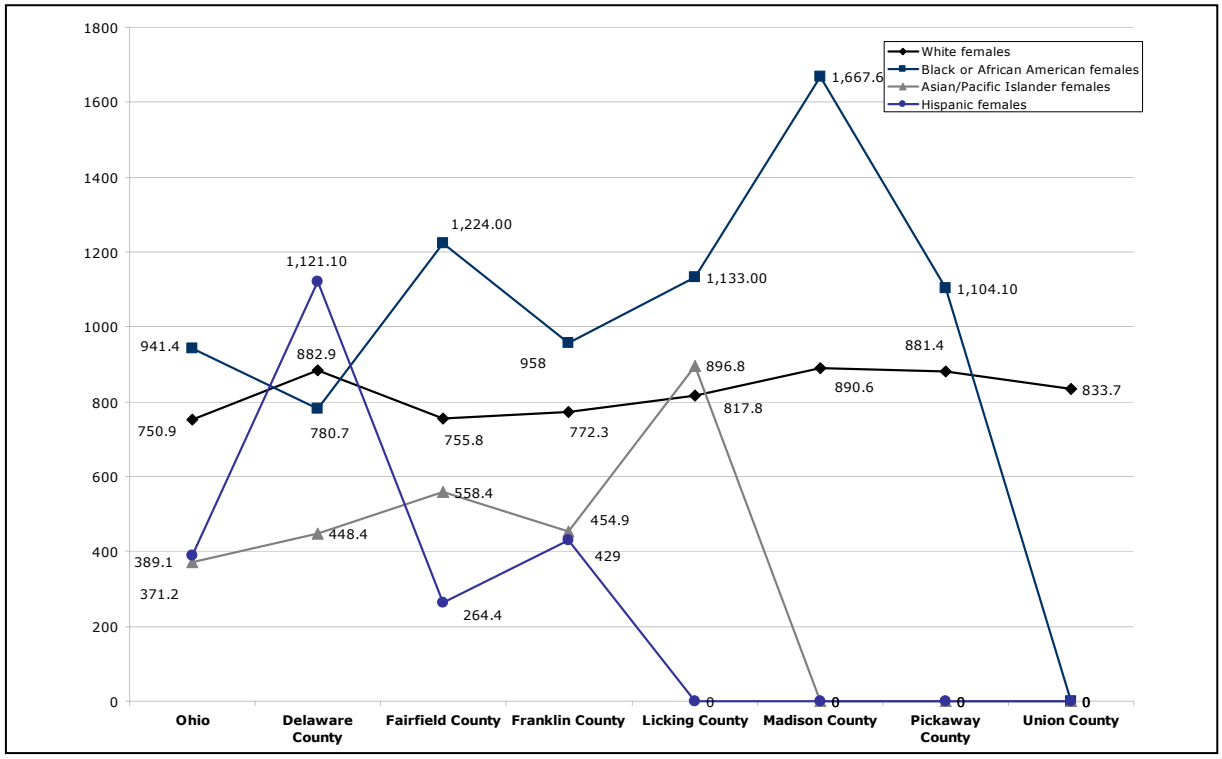
Female and Male Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population, 2001



Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

Figure 2

Female Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population by Race, 2001



Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

Table 1

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population, 2001

	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total Females	767.6	876.2	757.9	797.1	819.5	899.9	877.5	817.0
<1 year	655.7	760.5	1,113.9	705.2	717.9	0.0	819.7	319.5
1-4	27.9	29.0	0.0	38.8	0.0	0.0	85.0	80.3
5-14 years	11.5	11.3	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	58.2	64.1
15-24 years	36.6	37.3	12.5	31.1	49.3	133.0	0.0	0.0
25-34 years	65.6	46.0	73.1	59.0	75.7	129.2	134.0	27.7
35-44 years	144.2	64.0	105.0	169.4	115.4	200.2	132.0	221.7
45-54 years	325.7	310.8	273.3	373.4	255.1	584.3	403.2	136.1
55-64 years	814.0	705.5	679.0	878.7	764.0	1,322.3	1,296.2	888.4
65-74 years	2,084.4	1,764.9	2,278.3	2,203.3	2,213.3	1,720.1	2,266.0	2,118.6
75-84 years	5,177.4	6,595.2	4,930.3	5,489.0	6,140.6	5,638.3	5,317.3	5,703.4
85+ years	15,037.8	20,946.9	15,873.0	14,530.6	16,195.2	17,460.3	16,625.9	17,250.7
Total Males	1,086.5	1,023.4	1,082.9	1,128.2	1,105.4	1,117.8	1,197.5	789.6
<1 yr	816.1	734.4	473.9	777.7	1,162.8	754.7	653.6	1,302.9
1-4 years	33.1	27.0	27.5	31.7	48.6	0.0	80.1	78.5
5-14 years	18.0	10.6	0.0	16.7	18.3	70.3	26.4	28.8
15-24 years	102.7	49.3	101.3	87.1	167.9	91.7	156.5	0.0
25-34 years	130.6	36.5	162.2	132.1	80.0	147.7	86.3	135.2
35-44 years	249.1	47.7	201.8	243.2	225.5	193.3	165.4	167.3
45-54 years	535.3	201.2	492.0	604.8	469.5	515.6	417.7	490.5
55-64 years	1,232.9	901.5	1,235.4	1,316.1	1,275.0	1,354.3	1,503.2	549.5
65-74 years	3,242.7	2,510.6	2,883.0	3,500.1	3,781.5	4,118.2	3,187.5	2,010.1
75-84 years	7,367.6	8,470.4	8,194.0	7,601.7	6,570.0	7,279.0	8,005.4	6,044.0
85+ years	17,669.1	21,875.0	17,670.7	17,756.7	18,979.6	15,923.6	23,404.3	12,878.8

Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

Table 2

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates by Race and Ethnicity per 100,000 population, 2001

	Ohio		Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate
Females																
White	50,301	750.9	395	882.9	504	755.8	3,477	772.3	670	817.8	185	890.6	228	881.4	168	833.7
Black or African American	5,777	941.4	6	780.7	8	1,224.0	731	958.0	13	1,133.0	7	1,667.6	2	1,104.1	0	0.0
Native American	18	141.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	63.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	143	371.2	1	448.4	2	558.4	31	454.9	1	896.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic	201	389.1	1	1,121.1	1	264.4	17	429.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Males																
White	45,375	1,062.3	297	1,032.1	491	1,075.0	3,093	1,091.5	611	1,108.6	170	1,148.3	226	1,218.5	109	800.5
Black or African American	5,779	1,379.3	6	971.6	11	2,231.4	750	1,427.1	12	1,060.2	4	427.9	7	604.5	0	0.0
Native American	20	189.2	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	147	454.8	1	498.2	1	415.5	35	450.3	1	124.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic	337	686.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	436.8	3	2,026.3	1	6,603.7	1	1,550.8	1	564.9

Source: Data Warehouse, Ohio Department of Health

Table 3

Age-Adjusted Three-Year Average Annual Mortality Rate from Suicide

		Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females	Count	611	2	4	59	7	1	3	2
	Rate[1]	3.4	1.2	2.1	3.6	2.9	1.9	4.3	2.9
Males	Count	2,838	19	23	234	32	12	10	5
	Rate[1]	17.7	15.9	12.1	15.6	15.7	24.2	15.5	9.8

Source: Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics

Table 4

Deaths from Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer for Women, 2001

	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Breast cancer deaths	21	28	165	23	12	8	7
Rate[1]	41.0	42.6	31.7	27.7	60.1	29.9	36.7
Cervical cancer deaths	0	1	12	1	0	2	0
Rate[1]	0	1.5	2.3	1.2	0	7.8	0

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Table 5

Age-Adjusted Three Year Average Rates[1], Leading Causes of Death, 1999-2001

	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females								
Diseases of the Heart	230.7	216.6	190.4	218.6	209.0	259.9	224.5	206.4
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	177.0	165.9	170.2	191.0	185.7	210.9	196.3	162.7
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	60.5	68.0	73.2	67.1	63.1	81.3	80.3	64.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	41.9	48.0	46.1	46.9	47.9	59.7	42.7	38.5
Diabetes Mellitus	29.3	25.7	32.3	30.2	33.8	37.1	25.4	28.7
Males								
Diseases of the Heart	349.9	281.8	344.5	337.2	348.1	326.1	362.2	286.3
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	266.9	224.5	265.8	271.8	260.1	282.8	271.4	268.4
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	63.1	62.3	67.3	70.8	61.7	98.2	56.5	43.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	62.6	72.4	56.8	70.5	85.3	69.7	77.0	61.9
Diabetes Mellitus	34.9	31.9	29.2	40.5	35.0	25.2	29.1	44.0

Source: Ohio Department of Health

[1] Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 of population group.

[4] Rate based on 100,000 for appropriate population. The reports are received from both physicians and laboratories.

Table 6

Leading Causes of Death for Women by Race and Ethnicity, Age-Adjusted Rates per 100,000 Population, Three-Year Average 1999-2001

		Ohio		Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
		Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate	Count	Age-adjusted Rate
Diseases of the Heart	White	46,720	225.6	270	216.5	383	189.4	2,897	212.2	511	207.1	159	257.1	171	224.5	120	203.3
	Black/African American	5,037	282.1	6	240.9	3	166.2	552	262.4	14	372.3	5	366.7	2	325.7	3	560.5
	Native American	21	71.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	96.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	90	106.3	0	0.0	3	448.4	7	38.5	0	0.0	1	508.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Hispanic	178	143.2	1	N/A	0	0.0	8	N/A	1	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	White	32,497	174.5	218	165.6	322	168.7	2,432	189.7	444	187.5	122	206.0	151	196.0	93	164.7
	Black/African American	3,820	211.4	6	303.0	5	283.4	457	207.2	4	96.9	5	422.2	2	440.7	0	0.0
	Native American	13	42.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	103	85.2	0	0.0	3	304.8	28	120.9	1	88.0	1	508.0	0	0.0	1	236.6
	Hispanic	134	90.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	N/A	1	N/A	0	0.0	1	N/A	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	White	12,345	59.1	82	66.1	147	73.6	900	65.3	157	63.8	51	81.8	61	79.9	37	64.2
	Black/African American	1,314	73.8	3	162.2	1	73.8	161	77.4	1	34.8	1	81.5	1	119.3	0	0.0
	Native American	4	12.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	41	39.7	1	249.1	0	0.0	8	42.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	236.6
	Hispanic	51	43.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	White	8,492	43.1	60	49.2	89	46.2	645	49.5	117	48.8	36	59.5	33	43.2	21	39.2
	Black/African American	544	30.3	0	0.0	1	73.8	71	33.4	0	0.0	1	81.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Native American	4	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	24.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	11	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	15.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Hispanic	15	11.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	White	5,272	27.0	30	24.6	62	32.3	303	23.3	79	32.7	22	36.5	20	25.7	17	29.5
	Black/African American	971	54.4	2	95.0	1	76.8	155	74.2	4	133.1	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Native American	5	16.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	23	23.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	40.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Hispanic	32	23.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Data Warehouse

Disease Prevalence

- **Women in Central Ohio have a lower incidence rate of cancer than do men.** The average age-adjusted cancer incidence rates for Central Ohio counties are 396.6 per 100,000 for women and 525.2 per 100,000 for men (Table 7).

- **Over 1,000 Central Ohio women were affected by breast cancer each year.** In Central Ohio, the average incidence rate for breast cancer is 124.2 per 100,000 females (Table 8). Although data are limited, incidence rates suggest that black or African American women in Central Ohio have a lower incidence rate of breast cancer but have a higher rate of death from this disease. According to the National Cancer Institute, in Franklin County, black or African American women have a breast cancer incidence rate of 113.4 per 100,000, but their death rate is 38.9 per 100,000—compared to white women's incidence rate of 146.9 and death rate of 31.1 (Table 8).

- **Women in Central Ohio have a higher rate of hypertension than do men.** Over 26 percent of women in Central Ohio have high blood pressure, compared to 20.5 percent of men (Table 9). This pattern differs from national figures, which show a slightly higher percentage of men having high blood pressure. According to national figures, black or African American women are especially likely to suffer from hypertension; Central Ohio data are not available to compare groups of women by race or ethnicity.

- **Women in Central Ohio are less likely than women statewide or nationally to be diagnosed with diabetes.** Only 5.7 percent of Central Ohio women have diabetes, compared to 6.9 percent of Central Ohio men (Table 9). Both Ohio and U.S. prevalence rates of diabetes in women is higher than in Central Ohio.

Table 7

New Cancer Cases and Direct Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates per 100,000 Persons, 2000

	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female	26,898	192	256	2224	283	89	86	78
Rate	410.1	393.9	396.6	435.4	356.7	454.4	335.4	403.6
Male	26,891	201	284	2087	327	94	103	64
Rate	537.1	553.8	538.5	565.8	532.7	584.2	465.8	435.9

Source: Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System, Ohio Department of Health

Table 8

Breast Cancer Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates per 100,000 Females, 1998-2000

	U.S.	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
All women*	128.9	128.1	128.3	131.5	142.2	111.6	141.7	115.9	98.1
White female	131.4	126.5	125.6	132.9	146.9	109.0	140.0	117.3	99.8
Black female	108.3	111.5	NA	NA	113.4	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: National Cancer Institute State Cancer Profiles
**Rates not available for Asian, Native American, or Hispanic females.*

Table 9
Chronic Disease Prevalence (Age-Adjusted)
Age 18 and Over, 1998-2002

	Central Ohio		Ohio		U.S.	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Hypertension	26.5%	20.5%	27.5%	25.0%	27.5%	29.8%
Diabetes	5.7%	6.9%	6.7%	6.5%	6.1%	6.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sexually Transmitted Infections

- **Females in Central Ohio have higher rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) than do males in Central Ohio.** In Central Ohio, 1,850 females versus 1,618 males were diagnosed with gonorrhea in 2002. Except for syphilis, females contract more sexually transmitted infections than do males (Table 10). Nationwide, women and girls disproportionately bear the burden of STIs, which are among the most common infections to occur in the U.S. According to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, women are more severely affected because they are physiologically more susceptible to infection and less likely to experience symptoms. Acute pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) is most often a consequence of an untreated STI. PID is a cause of ectopic pregnancy, the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths for women in the first trimester in the U.S. (CDC).

- **Central Ohio women have higher incidences of Chlamydia and gonorrhea than do men.** In Central Ohio in 2002, there were 4,478 cases of Chlamydia reported in females compared to 2,441 cases for males. Women had 1,850 reported cases of gonorrhea and 1,618 cases were reported for men (Table 10). Franklin County STI rates are much higher than rates in other Central Ohio counties, as well as higher than state rates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that at least one in five Americans are may be infected with a viral STI other than HIV—such as genital herpes, human papilloma virus (HPV), and hepatitis B. Some types of HPV infection cause cervical cancer, according to the CDC. Central Ohio data are not available, as the Ohio Department of Health's surveillance does not include HPV.

- **Nationally, teenagers account for 25 percent of those infected with STIs** (Kaiser Family Foundation). Data on the STI rates for girls in Central Ohio are not available.

Table 10
Sexually Transmitted Infections Cases Reported per 100,000 Population, 2002

	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Chlamydia								
Female	30,539	110	109	3,956	138	29	53	83
Rate[4]	520.4	173.8	168.2	709.3	181.2	156.1	219.2	369.9
Male	8,790	52	45	2,250	51	8	30	5
Rate	158.3	83.7	69.9	425.3	70.3	36.7	102.5	24.3
Gonorrhea								
Female	12,297	30	25	1,735	21	5	8	26
Rate	209.6	47.4	38.6	311.1	27.6	26.9	33.1	115.9
Male	10,213	14	20	1,552	13	4	14	1
Rate	183.9	22.5	31.1	293.4	17.9	18.4	47.8	4.9
Syphilis								
Female	107	0	0	47	1	1	0	1
Rate	1.8	0	0	8.4	1.3	5.4	0	4.5
Male	247	3	0	150	0	2	1	1
Rate	4.4	4.8	0	28.4	0	9.2	3.4	4.9

Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

AIDS and HIV

- **One hundred females in Central Ohio are living with AIDS.** There are 104 females living with AIDS in the seven-county Central Ohio area. Black or African American females are disproportionately represented in the female AIDS population (55 out of the 104 cases). According to the National Women's Law Center, the HIV/AIDS is a major health crisis for black or African American women in the United States. Hispanic or Latino women have the second highest AIDS rate in the nation, but Central Ohio data are unavailable for this group (Table 11).

- **Over two hundred females in Central Ohio are infected with HIV.** There are 236 women in Central Ohio living with HIV. Of these, 126, (53.4 percent), are black or African American women. HIV is the leading cause of death nationally for African American women between the ages of 25 and 44 (in contrast to unintentional injuries for white women in the same age group) and is the third leading cause of death for Hispanic/Latino women in the same age group. Central Ohio data are not available for Hispanic/Latino women (Table 12).

Table 11

Persons Living with AIDS by Race, December 2001

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total	5,086	721	12	14	660	19	6	5	5
Female	767	104	1	2	91	7	0	1	2
White	272	40	1	2	30	5	0	0	2
African American	427	55	0	0	55	0	0	0	0
Other	68	9	0	0	6	2	0	1	0
Male	4,319	617	11	12	569	12	6	4	3
White	2,497	460	10	10	419	9	6	3	3
African American	1,596	139	1	1	134	3	0	0	0
Other	223	16	0	0	15	0	0	1	0
Unknown race	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Source: HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Ohio Department of Health

Table 12

Persons Living with HIV by Race, December 2001

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total	6,297	1,249	16	22	1,151	37	10	8	5
Female	1,422	236	5	8	211	10	1	1	0
White	492	83	3	8	66	5	1	0	0
African American	746	126	0	0	123	3	0	0	0
Other	99	12	1	0	9	1	0	1	0
Unknown race	85	15	1	0	13	1	0	0	0
Male	4,873	1,012	10	14	940	27	9	7	5
White	2,335	624	10	12	562	23	8	5	4
African American	2,032	281	0	2	276	1	0	2	0
Other	199	30	0	0	30	0	0	0	0
Unknown race	307	77	0	0	72	3	1	0	1
Unknown	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Ohio Department of Health

Mental Health

- **Women in Ohio reported that their mental health was not good during four out of 30 previous days**. According to the CDC's and Ohio's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Ohio women responding to a wellness survey reported that their mental health was "not good" for four days out of the prior 30 (CDC). The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reports that in the U.S. nearly twice as many women (12.0 percent) as men (6.6 percent) are affected by a depressive disorder each year. Nationally, Hispanic or Latino women have the highest lifetime prevalence of depression of any other group of women, but Central Ohio data are not available to compare by race or ethnicity. In addition, mental health issues surrounding the stress of discrimination for minority women and for lesbians are not tracked either nationally or for Central Ohio (National Women's Law Center).

- **More than one third of Ohio high school girls reported in 2003 feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped some of their normal activities.** According to the Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 37 percent of teenage girls in grades 9-12 report depression during the last 12 months, compared to 24 percent of boys (Ohio Department of Health). No data on depression in females under these ages exist for Central Ohio counties.

- **Females sought service from county mental health providers at slightly lower rates than males in the Central Ohio area.** A total of 30,715 women and 35,377 men sought mental health services in 2002 from service providers in Central Ohio counties. Although females served outnumbered males served in Fairfield County, all other counties reported providing mental health services to a higher number of males than females (Table 13).

- **In the Central Ohio area, women sought treatment for organic psychoses and major affective disorders at a rate higher than did men.** According to a count of Medicaid and non-Medicaid insurance claims submitted through county mental health providers, 70.4 percent of claims made for organic psychosis and 64.9 percent for major affective disorders were made by women. Women and men had proportional claims in other mental health services except for conduct and childhood disorders (27.2 percent and 36.2 percent women respectively) and schizophrenia (46.0 percent) (Table 16). Nationally data indicate that women outnumber men in anxiety disorders, except for obsessive-compulsive disorder and social phobia, and females comprise the vast majority of people with an eating disorder (NIMH).

- **Over 25 percent of clients in the Central Ohio area treated for drug and alcohol problems through county mental health providers are women.** A total of 4,804 women in the Central Ohio area submitted claims for drug and alcohol treatment through county providers (Table 14). Data are based on regional insurance claims submitted for treatment rather than specific counts of persons served by both public and private resources in each county. Data on the extent of women's drug and alcohol addiction problems in Central Ohio are not available; although some state-level data are available through the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, they are not categorized by gender.

- **In Ohio, female youth are less likely than males to use tobacco and illegal drugs.** In responses to a survey of over 220,000 students in grades 6-12 by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, 26.8 percent of females reported using tobacco, compared to 31.1 percent of males and 19.5 reported using illicit drugs, compared to 23.1 percent of males (Table 15).

Table 13

Persons Served by County Mental Health Boards, 2002

	Female	Male	Unknown	Percent females	Total
Delaware-Morrow	1,222	1,437	38	45.3%	2,697
Fairfield	1,536	1,413		52.1%	2,949
Franklin	15,311	18,209	94	45.5%	33,614
Licking	3,625	3,912	1	48.1%	7,538
Clark, Green and Madison	4,067	5,200		43.9%	9,267
Ross, Pike, Pickaway, Fayette High	4,544	4,779	41	48.5%	9,364
Union	410	427	1	48.9%	838

Source: Ohio Department of Mental Health[5]

Table 14

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Claims, 2002

	Central Ohio Area[6]	Delaware Morrow	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Clark Greene Madison	Union County	Ross Pike Pickaway Fayette Highland
Total	16,813	608	639	8,980	1,852	2,355	222	2157
Female	4,804	149	190	2,763	518	600	64	520
Male	12,009	459	449	6,217	1,334	1,755	158	1637
Percent female	28.6%	24.5%	29.7%	30.8%	28.0%	25.5%	28.8%	24.1%

Source: Ohio Department of Mental Health[7]

[5] County reporting categories are based on the ODMH geographic reporting categories for county-level data.
[6] Includes providers in counties other than the seven Central Ohio counties in this study.
[7] County reporting categories are based on the ODMH geographic reporting categories for county-level data. In addition, these numbers do not include claims that were denied or claims that were paid wholly by other insurance and/or the client. Numbers include both direct and indirect client services.

Table 15

Differences in Drug Use by Gender and Ethnicity, Grades 6, 8, 10, 12, Ohio 2002

	Any illicit drug	Alcohol	Tobacco
Females	19.5%	47.5%	26.8%
Males	23.1%	47.3%	31.1%
White	21.3%	48.6%	30.4%
Black or African American	21.9%	41.6%	20.0%
Hispanic or Latino (may be of any race)	29.6%	52.9%	34.3%

Source: Ohio Pride Survey, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services

Table 16

Claims Made for Mental Health Services by Primary Diagnosis, 2002

		Central Ohio Area[8]	Delaware Morrow	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Clark Greene Madison	Union County	Ross Pike Pickaway Fayette Highland
Organic Psychosis	Female	69	1	0	42	17	2	1	6
	Male	29	0	0	13	12	2	0	2
	Percent female	70.4%	100.0%	0%	76.4%	58.6%	50.0%	100.0%	75.0%
Schizophrenia	Female	2,206	50	80	1,322	165	341	29	219
	Male	2,587	56	100	1,563	161	412	24	271
	Percent female	46.0%	47.2%	44.4%	45.8%	50.6%	45.3%	54.7%	44.7%
Major affective disorders	Female	8,844	404	536	4,070	1316	1095	128	1,295
	Male	4,793	268	254	2,271	697	676	64	563
	Percent female	64.9%	60.1%	67.8%	64.2%	65.4%	61.8%	66.7%	69.7%
Other psychoses	Female	882	31	52	498	80	115	4	102
	Male	1,196	50	59	651	100	190	8	138
	Percent female	42.4%	38.3%	46.8%	43.3%	44.4%	37.7%	33.3%	42.5%
Personality disorder	Female	328	13	16	219	11	37	3	29
	Male	215	10	15	137	4	35	4	10
	Percent female	60.4%	56.5%	51.6%	61.5%	73.3%	51.4%	42.9%	74.4%
Adjustment problems	Female	9,018	272	534	4,906	738	984	85	1,499
	Male	8,065	240	338	4,715	653	848	89	1,182
	Percent female	52.8%	53.1%	61.2%	51.0%	53.1%	53.7%	48.9%	55.9%
Other	Female	4,654	223	193	2,350	517	986	29	356
	Male	4,711	297	129	2181	572	1172	15	345
	Percent female	49.7%	42.9%	59.9%	51.9%	47.5%	45.7%	65.9%	50.8%
Conduct disorders	Female	678	26	40	415	58	86	2	51
	Male	1,815	50	104	1,050	184	255	21	151
	Percent female	27.2%	34.2%	27.8%	28.3%	24.0%	25.2%	8.7%	25.2%
Childhood disorder	Female	996	28	56	560	88	148	6	110
	Male	1,755	41	83	1020	121	297	25	168
	Percent female	36.2%	40.6%	40.3%	35.4%	42.1%	33.3%	19.4%	39.6%
Non-psychotic	Female	4,846	191	234	1,996	722	715	113	875
	Male	5,498	233	219	2,536	765	847	86	812
	Percent female	46.8%	45.0%	51.7%	44.0%	48.6%	45.8%	56.8%	51.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Mental Health[9]

[8] Includes providers in counties other than the seven Central Ohio counties in this study.

[9] County reporting categories are based on the ODMH geographic reporting categories for county-level data. This table does not match the unduplicated numbers in Table 13 above, as this table may count more than one service per client. In addition, these numbers do not include claims that were denied or claims that were paid wholly by other insurance and/or the client. Numbers include both direct and indirect client services.

■ Healthy Lifestyles and Wellness Activities

- **In Central Ohio, the majority of women have timely mammograms and pap smears.** Approximately 80 percent of Central Ohio women over age 40 reported having a mammogram within the prior two years, and approximately 85 percent of Central Ohio women over age 18 reported having a pap smear within the past three years (Table 17)**.** Nationally, black or African American women tend to undergo pap smears at slightly higher rates than other populations of women.

- **Women in Central Ohio are more likely to be obese than are men in Central Ohio.** In contrast to state and national figures that show a higher percentage of men to be obese, 22.5 percent of females and 17.1 percent of males in Central Ohio were identified as obese based on a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or over (Table 18).

- **Women in Central Ohio were slightly less likely than men in Central Ohio to engage in physical activities during their leisure time.** In Central Ohio, 27 percent of women reported no physical activity as compared to 24.4 percent of men (Table 18).

- **In Central Ohio, women were much less likely to engage in binge drinking than men.** Reflecting state and national figures, 31.4 percent of men reported binge drinking compared to 8.0 of women in Central Ohio (Table 18).

Table 17

Percent of Women Scheduling Mammograms and Pap Smears, 2001

Indicator	Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Women over age 40 who had a mammogram within the past 2 years	77.0%	79.2%	79.2%	82.2%	79.2%	79.2%	79.2%	79.2%
Women over age 18 who had a pap smear within past 3 years	85.4%	83.8%	83.8%	90.0%	83.8%	83.8%	83.8%	83.8%

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Data Warehouse Note: County estimates based on regional data

Table 18
Indicators of Healthy Lifestyles and Wellness
Central Ohio, Ohio, and the U.S., 2002

Activity	Central Ohio		Ohio		U.S.	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Binge drinking	8.0%	31.4%	8.0%	24.6%	8.1%	24.4%
Current smokers	24.3%	27.5%	25.0%	28.4%	20.8%	25.7%
Diabetes Awareness	5.7%	6.9%	8.1%	7.2%	6.7%	6.6%
No cholesterol check within the last 5 years	30.5%	32.2%	29.0%	31.3%	25.3%	29.5%
No leisure time physical activity	27.0%	24.4%	28.7%	21.8%	27.2%	21.0%
Obesity by body mass index (BMI)	22.5%	17.1%	22.4%	23.6%	21.4%	23.1%
Not enough fruits and vegetables (less than 5 servings per day)	74.6%	81.6%	75.8%	83.5%	72.2%	82.2%

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

■ Reproductive Health

Births and Fertility

- **Women in Central Ohio bore 24,464 children in 2001.** Hispanic/Latino women in Central Ohio have the highest fertility rates, and white non-Hispanic women have the highest total number of births. Women between the ages of 25 and 29 have the highest number of births, followed by women between the ages of 30 and 34. U.S. figures show women between the ages of 25 and 29 with the highest number of births in one year, followed by women between the ages of 20 and 24 (Table 19 and Table 20).

- **The average fertility rate for Central Ohio was 62.9 births per 1,000 women in 2001.** Delaware County had the highest fertility rate in Central Ohio (70.1), while Pickaway County had the lowest (56.1) (Table 19). The Central Ohio fertility rate of 62.9 births is also slightly higher than the U.S. rate of 61.4 births per 1,000 women in 2001 (U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey 2002).

- **The greatest number of births in Central Ohio is to women between the ages of 25-29.** In 2001 in Central Ohio, 6,764 babies were born to women ages 25-29 and 6,392 were born to women ages 30-34, which accounts for 53.7 percent of all Central Ohio births (Table 20).

- **Over 700 births in Central Ohio were to young women under age 18.** Franklin County accounts for 76 percent of Central Ohio births to females under 18. The highest fertility rates in Franklin County in the under 18 age group were to Hispanic (100.9), black or African American (44.6), and Native American (42.6) females ages 15 to 17 (Table 20 and Table 21).

Table 19

Births and Fertility Rate[10] by Race and Ethnicity, Ages 15-44, 2001

	Ohio		Central Ohio	Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
	Count	Rate	Count	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Total	147,832	61.4	24,464	2,099	70.1	1,666	60.6	17,013	66.4	2,053	64.9	496	65.3	544	56.1	593	57.0
White	121,956	59.8	18,906	1,981	71.3	1,557	60.3	11,809	62.0	1,964	64.3	481	65.7	534	56.0	580	61.2
Black or African American	22,513	71.8	4,516	53	53.8	69	52.8	4,325	83.2	51	77.9	11	64.3	5	58.1	2	2.5
Native American	317	42.1	62	5	78.1	7	102.9	42	39.7	6	54.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	111.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,046	63.9	980	60	52.5	33	107.5	837	65.1	32	100.6	4	51.9	5	138.9	9	84.9
Hispanic	4,793	88.9	1,042	36	100.8	21	67.7	942	143.8	22	77.5	6	120.0	5	69.4	10	96.2

Table 20

Births and Fertility Rate by Age, 2001

	Ohio		Central Ohio	Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
	Count	Rate[11]	Count	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Total	147,832	61.4	24,464	2,099	70.1	1,666	60.6	17,013	66.4	2,053	64.9	496	65.3	544	56.1	593	57.0
Under 15	265	0.6	31	0	0.0	1	0.2	27	0.7	1	0.2	1	0.7	1	0.6	0	0.0
15-17	4,779	19.9	687	22	8.0	30	10.4	521	25.5	65	19.3	15	17.6	24	23.0	10	10.4
18-19	10,809	68.9	1,534	45	27.1	92	63.4	1,126	75.7	151	67.8	42	86.6	44	79.6	34	67.9
20-24	39,633	101.9	5,888	210	44.2	448	105.8	4,309	102.2	507	101.7	133	130.5	158	113.3	123	89.8
25-29	39,948	115.0	6,764	562	125.8	428	112.3	4,706	103.4	564	139.7	151	147.5	165	127.0	188	122.6
30-34	34,699	87.9	6,392	842	162.3	470	102.3	4,217	90.3	505	100.4	103	83.8	94	56.4	161	80.3
35-39	14,684	35.1	2,634	351	63.3	165	32.5	1,740	40.7	216	37.6	46	31.3	51	28.1	65	32.0
40-44	2,898	6.3	508	64	11.5	31	5.7	348	7.9	43	6.9	5	3.3	7	3.6	10	5.0
45+	117	0.3	26	3	0.6	1	0.2	19	0.5	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.2

Source (both tables): Ohio Department of Vital Statistics

[10] The fertility rate is the number of live births per 1,000 women between 15 and 44 years of age.

[11] Per 1,000 women in the specified age group.

Table 21

Births to and Fertility Rates for Teenage Girls by Race and Ethnicity, 2001

		Ohio		Central Ohio	Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
		Count	Rate[12]	Count	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Girls under age 15	Total	265	0.6	31	0	0.0	1	0.2	27	0.7	1	0.2	1	0.7	1	0.6	0	0
	White	110	0.3	14	0	0.0	1	0.2	10	0.4	1	0.2	1	0.8	1	0.6	0	0.0
	Black	154	2.4	17	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Native American	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1	0.2	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Hispanic	6	0.6	8	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Girls ages 15-17	Total	4,779	19.9	684	22	8.0	30	10.4	565	25.5	65	19.3	15	17.6	24	23	10	10.4
	White	3,130	15.5	438	21	8.3	28	10.3	280	19.3	64	19.8	14	16.9	22	21.5	9	9.6
	Black	1,600	46.3	229	0	0.0	0	0.0	227	44.6	1	11.1	0	0.0	***[13]	***	1	58.8
	Native American	17	20.4	4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	42.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	32	9.6	13	1	17.2	2	90.9	10	13.8	0	0.0	***	***	***	***	0	0.0
	Hispanic	270	47.6	318	1	26.3	0	0.0	44	100.9	3	83.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Ohio Department of Vital Statistics

[12] Per 1,000 women in the specified age and race group.

[13] Cell is blinded (***) to protect confidentiality if the denominator – numerator < 10.

Maternal Health and Infant Mortality

- **While most women in Central Ohio are receiving health care services in their first trimester of pregnancy, nearly one in five is not.** In Central Ohio, 80.9 percent of pregnant women receive prenatal care in their first trimester (Table 22). No data exist to determine the age or racial/ethnic background of females seeking prenatal care in Central Ohio. Nationally, teenage mothers are less likely to seek prenatal care (only 70 percent) in their first trimester. Prenatal care is the best way to assure healthy mothers and healthy babies (CDC).

- **About eight percent of births in Central Ohio result in low birth weight babies.** Approximately 2,000 babies with low birth rates were born in Central Ohio in 2001 (8.2 percent of total births) (Table 22). A variety of biological, social, and environmental factors may contribute to preterm or low birth weight births. Researchers are examining how genes, hormonal changes, infection, maternal stress, racism, and occupational factors may contribute to preterm labor, with the goal of learning how to prevent it (March of Dimes).

- **Births to single women account for nearly a third of all births in Central Ohio.** Births to single-mothers numbered 7,955 in Central Ohio in 2001 (Table 22). The percent of single-mother births in Central Ohio (32.6 percent) is slightly lower than the 2001 U.S. rate of 34 percent.

- **One in eight Central Ohio mothers smoked during their pregnancy in 2001.** Fifteen percent of Central Ohio mothers reported smoking during pregnancy. The percentage across Central Ohio counties varies and is highest in Pickaway County, where one out of four mothers smoke. In addition, Licking, Madison, and Union counties have higher percents of smoking mothers than the Ohio average of 19.1 percent (Table 22). Smoking during pregnancy has been linked to preterm delivery and miscarriage (CDC).

- **Infant mortality in Central Ohio is highest among black or African American infants.** Although the average infant mortality rate for Central Ohio is about eight percent, the African American infant mortality rate is much higher (Table 22). In Franklin County, where the African American population is largest, the rate is 13.2 percent. This figure is similar to the national infant mortality rate for black or African American mothers of 14 per 1,000 live births (compared to the overall rate of 6.8). The incidence of infant mortality is higher for male infants than for female infants in Franklin and Licking counties, the Central Ohio counties with the highest number of infant deaths in 2001 (Table 23 and Table 24).

Table 22

Maternal Health Indicators 2001

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Low Birth Weight Babies	12,123	1,999	158	117	1,412	171	27	63	51
Percent	8.0%	8.2%	8.2%	7.2%	8.2%	8.7%	5.4%	10.2%	8.2%
First trimester care	129,646	19,744	1,764	1,330	13,407	1,744	427	522	550
Percent	87.3%	80.9%	95.8%	85.2%	87.6%	92.5%	90.3%	90.0%	90.5%
Single-mother births	53,207	7,955	251	394	6,229	582	157	210	132
Percent	35.1%	32.6%	13.0%	24.2%	36.4%	29.6%	31.2%	34.0%	21.3%
Mothers who smoke	28,774	3,651	149	261	2,431	403	120	163	124
Percent	19.1%	15.0%	7.8%	16.2%	14.3%	20.7%	23.9%	26.4%	20.1%
Births to mothers who drank during pregnancy 2002		175	23	6	130	8	3	3	2
Percent (est.)		0.7%	1.2%	0.4%	0.8%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Table 23

Infant Mortality Rate by the Race/Ethnicity of the Mother 2001

	Ohio		Delaware County		Fairfield County		Franklin County		Licking County		Madison County		Pickaway County		Union County	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Total population	1,153	7.6	12	6.2	13	8.0	133	7.8	19	9.7	2	4.0	5	8.1	5	8.1
White	770	6.1	10	5.5	12	7.8	76	6.3	17	9.0	2	4.1	5	8.1	5	8.2
Black or African American	372	16.1	1	20.8	1	17.5	56	13.2	2	43.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Native American	3	9.1	***	***	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (may be of any race)	25	5.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

Table 24

Infant Mortality Rate by Gender of Infant 2001

	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Female	6	9	62	7	0	3	1
Male	6	4	71	12	2	2	4

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics

Contraception and Abortion

- **Nationally and in Ohio, from three to four out of every ten pregnancies are unintended.** According to the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), 49 percent of all pregnancies in the United States (excluding miscarriages) and 31 percent of pregnancies resulting in a live birth are unintended. An unintended pregnancy is either mistimed (a woman wanted to be pregnant later) or unwanted (she never wanted to be pregnant).

  According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 41.3 percent of pregnancies in Ohio in 1999 were unintended. The CDC notes that recent research shows 50 percent of all unintended pregnancies were among women who did not use contraception, and that the overall rate of unintended pregnancy could be cut in half if these women were to use highly effective contraception (CDC Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System).

- **In Central Ohio, over half of women are in need of contraceptive services and supplies.** There are 217,650 females ages 13-44 in Central Ohio in need of contraceptive services and supplies. Of these, approximately five percent are young women under age 18. The majority of women needing contraceptive services and supplies (97,000) are between ages 20 and 29 (Table 25).

- **There are 88,740 Central Ohio women in need of publicly-supported contraceptive services and supplies**. There are 27,350 females under age 20 and 69,410 females below 250 percent of poverty in Central Ohio who need publicly-supported contraceptive services and supplies (Table 26). Eleven family planning clinics supported by Title V or Title X funds exist in Central Ohio to provide these services (Ohio Department of Health).

Table 25

Women in Need of Contraceptive Services and Supplies, by Age, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total population (ages 13-44)	2,603,250	392,200	26,640	27,500	275,250	33,580	8,260	10,380	10,590
Total in need	1,368,970	217,650	13,680	14,120	158,010	17,610	4,220	5,320	4,690
Under 18	86,930	11,390	800	860	7,770	1,080	270	340	270
18-19	110,860	15,950	890	990	11,580	1,500	290	370	330
20-29	576,000	97,000	4,990	5,350	74,110	6,770	1,640	2,080	2,060
30-44	595,170	93,320	7,010	6,910	64,550	8,260	2,020	2,540	2,030

Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute

Table 26
Women Ages 13-44 in Need of Publicly-Supported Contraceptive Services and Supplies, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total in need	657,860	88,740	4,120	5,570	72,790	7,760	1,870	2,600	1,790
Under age 20	197,790	27,350	1,690	1,860	19,350	2,580	570	700	600
Below 250% poverty	460,070	69,140	2,430	3,710	53,440	5,180	1,300	1,890	1,190
Publicly funded family planning clinics (2004) (Ohio Dept. of Health)		11	2	1	4	1	1	1	1

Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute; Ohio Department of Health

- **One Central Ohio county—Franklin County—has health clinics that provide abortion services**. Women in Central Ohio seeking abortion services may have to travel more than 100 miles (round trip) to clinics in Franklin County and may have to make two or more trips due to Ohio's requirement of a 24-hour waiting period for abortions (Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio). According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, over 70 percent of abortions nationally are performed in health clinic settings.

Table 27
Induced Abortions by Age, 2002

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total	32,687	5031	142	185	4290	258	49	52	55
Under 15	262	35	1	4	29	1	0	0	0
15	444	53	1	1	43	1	2	3	2
16	717	102	8	4	82	5	0	2	1
17	908	138	7	9	97	17	3	2	3
18	1,573	202	6	10	157	20	4	4	1
Total under 18	3,904	530	23	28	408	44	9	11	7
Percent under 18	11.9%	10.5%	16.2%	15.1%	9.5%	17.1%	18.4%	21.2%	12.7%
19	1,903	273	8	11	232	20	0	1	1
20-24	11,261	1843	48	56	1606	80	18	16	19
25-29	7,297	1197	22	35	1055	55	10	12	8
30-34	4,774	692	18	30	587	37	4	8	8
35-39	2,530	357	17	15	290	17	7	3	8
40-44	823	116	5	9	93	4	1	1	3
45+	57	8	1	1	5	1	0	0	0
Unknown	138	15	0	0	14	0	0	0	1

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics

■ Women with Disabilities

- **In Central Ohio, 16.8 percent of females over age 5 have a disability.** There are 124,082 women and 116,886 men with disabilities in Central Ohio. The proportion of females and males with one or more types of disability are about the same (16.7 percent and 16.8 percent)**.** Of those females, 39.3 percent have an employment disability, compared to 43.5 percent of males (Table 28). Disabilities include sensory, physical, and/or mental disabilities, and individuals may have more than one disability that limits their activities.

- **Over half of Central Ohio women with disabilities participate in the labor force.** A total of 44,776 Central Ohio females with disabilities ages 16-64 (55.4 percent) participate in the labor force in; of those women, 7.5 percent are under age 20 (Table 29). No data currently exist on the types of occupations or industries in which women with disabilities are employed, or on unemployment rates for women with disabilities.

- **Of the Central Ohio women between ages 18-34 with a disability, one in five is enrolled in school.** In Central Ohio, 21.0 percent of females ages 18-34 with a disability is enrolled in school, compared to 26.9 percent of all Central Ohio females in this age group (Table 30).

- **More than 29 percent of women in Central Ohio with a disability continue their education after high school.** In Central Ohio, 10.7 percent of women with disabilities earned a degree, compared to 9.4 percent of men with a disability (Table 30). Of the total Central Ohio female population, nearly half continued their education after high school.

- **Women in Central Ohio with disabilities are more likely to be poor than women who do not have disabilities.** In Central Ohio, 17.4 percent of women with a disability live at or below poverty, compared to 10.9 percent of all women in Central Ohio (Table 31).

Table 28

Number with a Disability and Disabilities that Limit Activity by Age for Population 5 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Total female population	5,396,573	740,466	50,898	56,956	506,693	69,122	17,076	21,903	17,818
Number with one or more types of disability	990,517	124,082	5,921	8,776	87,066	12,172	3,366	3,794	2,987
Percent with one or more types of disability	18.4%	16.8%	11.6%	15.4%	17.2%	17.6%	19.7%	17.3%	16.8%
Self-care disability	75,093	9,973	455	643	7,179	984	258	255	199
Go-outside-home disability	381,130	45,075	1,707	3,144	32,330	4,305	1,265	1,372	952
Employment disability	359,623	48,413	2,217	3,183	35,000	4,233	1,102	1,431	1,247
Total male population	5,021,329	701,481	49,180	54,592	477,167	65,129	16,315	21,302	17,796
Number with one or more types of disability	918,972	116,886	6,246	8,604	79,795	11,646	3,435	4,347	2,813
Percent with one or more types of disability	18.3%	16.7%	12.7%	15.8%	16.7%	17.9%	21.1%	20.4%	15.8%
Self-care disability	66,480	8,512	441	491	6,181	842	211	195	151
Go-outside-home disability	272,387	33,881	1,421	2,459	23,719	3,350	948	1,294	690
Employment disability	383,972	50,869	2,586	3,611	35,708	4,624	1,396	1,856	1,088

Table 29

Employment Status for Population with Disability Age 16-64, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females with disability									
Age 16-20 years	41,561	5,860	164	421	4,268	590	129	168	120
Number employed	22,114	3,333	120	245	2,389	328	76	95	80
Percent employed	53.2%	56.9%	73.2%	58.2%	56.0%	55.6%	58.9%	56.5%	66.7%
Age 21-64 years	555,846	74,869	3,561	4,823	53,733	6,817	1,934	2,208	1,793
Number employed	287,552	41,443	2,210	2,561	29,942	3,565	1,045	1,026	1,094
Percent employed	51.7%	55.4%	62.1%	53.1%	55.7%	52.3%	54.0%	46.5%	61.0%
Males with disability									
Age 16-20 years	50,909	6,955	365	378	5,026	689	182	166	149
Number employed	26,120	3,695	188	199	2,685	318	106	110	89
Percent employed	51.3%	53.1%	51.5%	52.6%	53.4%	46.2%	58.2%	66.3%	59.7%
Age 21-64 years	564,765	75,571	3,936	5,464	52,291	7,271	2,113	2,820	1,676
Number employed	339,689	48,783	2,866	3,560	33,576	4,594	1,348	1,667	1,172
Percent employed	60.1%	64.6%	72.8%	65.2%	64.2%	63.2%	63.8%	59.1%	69.9%

Source (both tables): Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 30

School Enrollment and Educational Attainment for Population with Disability Age 18-34, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females with disability	147,642	22,269	949	1,182	17,105	1,694	440	487	412
Enrolled in School	20.0%	21.0%	20.4%	18.3%	22.0%	19.7%	11.1%	13.1%	14.8%
Not high school graduate	20.4%	18.1%	6.4%	15.1%	19.6%	15.3%	7.3%	17.2%	13.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	33.6%	31.5%	30.8%	39.5%	29.1%	38.3%	43.2%	47.8%	52.2%
Some college, no degree	15.2%	15.6%	19.7%	13.2%	15.1%	16.8%	29.3%	16.0%	12.9%
Associate degree	3.9%	3.7%	7.5%	6.4%	3.2%	4.8%	4.3%	0.0%	5.1%
Bachelor's degree	5.4%	8.0%	15.2%	6.9%	8.4%	3.8%	4.8%	4.7%	1.5%
Graduate or professional degree	1.4%	2.2%	0.0%	0.6%	2.6%	1.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%
Males with disability	165,037	24,835	1,088	1,432	18,678	1,937	578	686	436
Enrolled in School	19.1%	20.5%	16.5%	13.8%	22.8%	17.3%	8.1%	10.3%	4.1%
Not high school graduate	22.8%	21.6%	12.4%	17.6%	22.8%	18.6%	25.3%	21.9%	13.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	35.9%	32.8%	40.8%	45.5%	28.7%	43.8%	41.5%	52.5%	54.4%
Some college, no degree	12.8%	13.0%	12.3%	11.5%	13.2%	11.7%	14.7%	11.2%	15.1%
Associate degree	3.0%	3.4%	2.4%	5.3%	3.1%	4.6%	4.2%	3.8%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	5.2%	7.0%	10.8%	4.3%	7.8%	2.6%	6.2%	0.0%	3.4%
Graduate or professional degree	1.2%	1.7%	4.8%	2.0%	1.6%	1.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.4%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

Table 31

Poverty Status for Population with Disability Age 5 and Over, 2000

	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females with disability									
5-15 years	39,240	5,705	400	409	3,931	510	122	149	184
Number below poverty	10,059	1,086	24	55	828	100	10	61	8
Percent below poverty	25.6%	19.0%	6.0%	13.4%	21.1%	19.6%	8.2%	40.9%	4.3%
16-20 years	39,465	5,551	128	421	3,995	590	129	168	120
Number below poverty	9,708	1,456	2	82	1,176	109	35	52	0
Percent below poverty	24.6%	26.2%	1.6%	19.5%	29.4%	18.5%	27.1%	31.0%	0.0%
21-64 years	555,131	74,769	3,548	4,823	53,665	6,804	1,934	2,202	1,793
Number below poverty	116,672	13,946	347	719	10,922	1,077	221	449	211
Percent below poverty	21.0%	18.7%	9.8%	14.9%	20.4%	15.8%	11.4%	20.4%	11.8%
65 years and over	352,465	37,417	1,780	3,073	25,017	4,223	1,181	1,269	874
Number below poverty	48,080	5,056	176	301	3,619	556	157	144	103
Percent below poverty	13.6%	13.5%	9.9%	9.8%	14.5%	13.2%	13.3%	11.3%	11.8%
Males with disability									
5-15 years	70,091	9,977	587	476	7,102	910	310	272	320
Number below poverty	16,568	2,034	57	65	1,626	136	68	66	16
Percent below poverty	23.6%	20.4%	9.7%	13.7%	22.9%	14.9%	21.9%	24.3%	5.0%
16-20 years	48,633	6,597	332	378	4,748	642	182	166	149
Number below poverty	8,929	1,224	32	31	1,017	102	23	14	5
Percent below poverty	18.4%	18.6%	9.6%	8.2%	21.4%	15.9%	12.6%	8.4%	3.4%
21-64 years	563,868	75,498	3,927	5,464	52,227	7,271	2,113	2,820	1,676
Number below poverty	84,404	10,418	249	482	8,111	824	267	360	125
Percent below poverty	15.0%	13.8%	6.3%	8.8%	15.5%	11.3%	12.6%	12.8%	7.5%
65 years and over	230,569	24,034	1,338	2,265	15,110	2,766	823	1,081	651
Number below poverty	16,188	1,844	45	107	1,325	156	66	92	53
Percent below poverty	7.0%	7.7%	3.4%	4.7%	8.8%	5.6%	8.0%	8.5%	8.1%

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 4

■ Access to Health Care and Health Insurance

- **Nearly one in ten women in Central Ohio lack health insurance.** In Central Ohio, 9.7 percent of women and 9.9 percent of men did not have health insurance in the years 1998-2002, according to the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Figures for Ohio are similar: 9.9 percent of women and 10.7 percent of men did not have health insurance (Ohio Department of Health). Low-income women, black or African American women, or women who were never married are the most likely women in Ohio to be uninsured (Ohio Women's Health Data Book).

- **Women are more likely than men in Franklin County to have a usual source of health care.** In Franklin County, 10.8 percent of women and 22.7 percent of men reported that they did not have a usual source of health care such as a particular clinic, health center, or doctor's office (Columbus Health Department).

- **More females than males in Central Ohio are eligible for Medicaid.** In 2001, 15.6 percent of females in Central Ohio were Medicaid-eligible (Table 32). According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, women are more likely to qualify for Medicaid than men because women tend to be poorer and thus meet Medicaid's criteria. Women with Medicaid are more likely than the total female population to be poor, minorities, of reproductive age, and have less education (Kaiser Family Foundation).

- **In Central Ohio, 26.5 percent of all births are covered by Medicaid**. Over 6,400 births in Central Ohio were covered by Medicaid in 2001 (Table 32). Coverage varies in Central Ohio counties, from a low of 12.5 percent in Delaware County to a high of 32.0 percent in Pickaway County. Nationally, Medicaid funds the cost of over one-third of all births (Kaiser Family Foundation).

Table 32
Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Births, 2001

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Eligible females	125,438	4,055	6,765	95,401	10,624	2,409	4,096	2,088
Percent of female population	15.6%	7.3%	11.0%	17.4%	14.2%	13.0%	17.3%	9.8%
Medicaid births	6,491	198	369	4,869	582	138	192	143
Percent of all births	26.5%	12.5%	22.2%	29.1%	29.7%	26.6%	32.0%	22.7%
Eligible males	86,133	2,915	4,661	65,014	7,416	1,678	2,962	1,487
Percent of male population	11.1%	5.4%	7.6%	12.5%	10.5%	7.7%	10.2%	7.6%

Source: Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

■ Violence and Crime

Girls' Safety

- **In Ohio, girls comprised 51.8 percent of the victims of child abuse and neglect substantiated in 2001** (Child Welfare League National Data Analysis System). Central Ohio data on child abuse and neglect cases are not available by the gender of the victim, but in 2002 there were 27,495 new abuse and neglect reports in Central Ohio, a figure which provides a relative barometer of the safety of girls.

Table 33
Unduplicated New Child Abuse and Neglect Reports, 2001

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Physical abuse	8,194	94	227	2,480	297	93	36	28
Neglect	6,764	110	615	3,558	459	157	26	14
Sexual abuse	1,986	85	163	1,167	263	68	47	32
Emotional maltreatment	5,356	33	30	38	40	11	9	0
Dependency, other	5,195	389	716	3,687	0	6	24	373

Source: 2003-2004 PCSAO Factbook

- **More girls than boys in Ohio report feeling unsafe in their schools.** In 2003, 5.2 percent of girls (compared to 4.3 percent of boys) reported that they did not attend school one or more days during a 30-day period because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school. Thirty-five percent of girls in grades 9-12 in Ohio report being harassed or bullied by other students during the last year. (Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey).

Domestic Violence

Counties in Central Ohio report domestic disputes by the relationship of the disputees rather than gender. In cases where the wife is the victim, it is clear that she is female. But in other cases—former spouse and live-in partner—the gender of the victim is not reported.

- **In most domestic violence incidents reported to the police in Central Ohio, women were the victims.** In reported domestic disputes between married couples in Central Ohio, 71.6 percent of the victims were wives compared to 28.4 percent who were husbands. Of the 1,903 cases where a wife was the victim of the domestic dispute, over half—57.6 percent—had reported injuries (Table 34 and State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services).

- **Black or African American women in Central Ohio are disproportionately victims of domestic violence.** According to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, 23.3 percent of victims of domestic violence are black or African American and 71.7 percent are white. Black or African American women comprise 13.3 percent of the total Central Ohio female population. Victims were also most likely (68.2 percent) to be between 18 and 40 years old (Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services).

Table 34
Victims of Domestic Dispute (with or without Injury), 2003

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Wife	1903	143	120	1400	143	62	NA	35
Husband	754	86	54	467	114	21	NA	12
Former spouse	222	21	15	154	19	2	NA	11
Live-in partner	1752	126	128	1325	96	49	NA	28

Source: State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Rape

Obtaining reliable and contemporary rape statistics for Central Ohio counties is extremely difficult. Although the gender of victim and perpetrator are reported, age and relationship is not. In addition, the U.S. Justice Department estimates that 61 percent of rapes and sexual assaults are not reported to the police at all. The FBI Uniform Crime Report limits reporting of rape to only forcible (not statutory) rapes, and only to attacks on women. The FBI also does not report on sexual assaults.

- **In the Central Ohio area, three women a day are raped, according to police reports, a rate nearly double the national rate.** In the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which does not include Union County, 962 women were raped in 2002. The Columbus MSA has a higher rate of reported rapes per 100,000 females than the rate for Ohio and the U.S. If, as the Justice Department's National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) estimates, 61 percent of rapes/sexual assaults are not reported to the police, over 1,500 women in Central Ohio may have been raped in 2002.

Table 35
Rape Reporting and Estimated Incidence, Columbus MSA, 2002

	Columbus MSA	Ohio	United States
Forcible rape reports	962	4,809	95,136
Rate per 100,000	62.1	42.1	33.0
Estimated incidence*	1,577	7,884	155,961

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Report 2002 and NCVS
**Calculated: reports=61% of incidence*

- **Nationally, girls 16-19 are four times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault** (NCVS 2000). In the U.S., seven percent of girls in grades five to eight and 12 percent of girls in grades nine through twelve said that they had been sexually abused, according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN). Data for Central Ohio girls are not available. Although the state of Ohio collects and reports information on sexual abuse of children to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, data for Central Ohio are not easily available.

- **National statistics suggest that although most rape victims are white, minorities are somewhat more likely to be attacked.** The lifetime rate of rape or attempted rape for white women in the U.S. is 17.7 percent; for black or African American women, 18.8 percent; and for American Indian/Native Alaskan women, 34.1 percent (NCVS). Central Ohio data are unavailable.

- **Rape may be more prevalent in rural areas of Central Ohio than previously supposed.** According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, a project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, non-reporting in rural areas may be a result of the high rate of non-stranger assault, leaving victims with little anonymity. A study of four states (Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Alaska, Oklahoma) by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center revealed that rural sexual assault rates are often higher than urban rates. Data for urban and rural rates of rape and sexual assault in Central Ohio are not available.

- **In 2003, 11.0 percent of Central Ohio inmates were incarcerated for sexual offenses.** In Central Ohio, 704 inmates were incarcerated for sexual offenses in 2003; of those, 635 had been convicted of rape (Table 36).

Table 36
Inmate Population by Offense and County for Sexual Offenses, 2003

Offense	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Rape	635	30	28	464	86	11	16	14
Corrupting a minor	30	4	2	10	13	1		2
Felonious sexual assault	39		1	27	10		1	6
Total	704	34	31	501	109	12	17	22

Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

Incarceration

- **Women are less likely than men to be incarcerated.** Females comprise 12.8 percent of incarcerated persons in Central Ohio. The majority of incarcerated Central Ohio females is from Franklin County, and is between the ages of 25 and 34 (Table 37). Ohio operates one women's prison, the Ohio Reformatory for Women, in Union County.

- **Women arrested in the Columbus area are more likely to be arrested for property crimes or drug abuse than for violent crime.** According to the Columbus Division of Police, in 2002, 353 women were arrested for property crimes and 238 women were arrested for drug abuse, while 61 women were arrested for violent crime. In comparison, 575 men were arrested for violent crime, 1,186 men were arrested for property crime, and 897 men were arrested for drug abuse by the Columbus Division of Police in 2002 (Columbus Division of Police Adult Arrests Report 2002).

Table 37

Inmate Population by Sex and Age, 2003

	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
Females								
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
17	10	0	1	3	0	0	0	NA
18	16	0	1	4	0	1	0	NA
19	17	1	1	6	2	0	0	NA
20	60	0	1	4	1	0	1	NA
21-24	119	2	2	40	5	0	4	NA
25-29	145	2	2	55	3	2	2	NA
30-34	141	3	4	62	6	0	4	NA
35-39	107	2	1	50	5	2	2	NA
40-44	83	1	2	37	2	2	1	NA
45-49	54	4	0	29	3	1	1	NA
50-54	22	2	4	10	0	0	0	NA
55-59	10	0	0	5	0	1	0	NA
60-64	6	0	0	2	1	1	0	NA
65-69	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	NA
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Males								
15	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	NA
16	36	0	5	29	2	0	0	NA
17	79	2	4	67	4	1	1	NA
18	194	8	9	160	11	1	5	NA
19	351	15	21	277	25	4	9	NA
20	318	7	10	262	27	6	6	NA
21-24	1081	34	48	856	89	16	38	NA
25-29	992	43	44	782	71	20	32	NA
30-34	802	28	37	657	50	10	20	NA
35-39	671	21	23	531	57	15	24	NA
40-44	478	27	21	366	40	9	15	NA
45-49	252	9	8	205	20	4	6	NA
50-54	115	7	5	83	9	3	8	NA
55-59	58	0	2	43	7	0	6	NA
60-64	23	2	3	13	2	0	3	NA
65-69	11	1	0	9	1	0	0	NA
70-74	7	0	1	5	1	0	0	NA

Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

■ More to Learn about Health and Well-Being

Because this report relies on existing data rather than original research, its scope highlights some of the information about women's lives in Central Ohio that is not currently being collected or analyzed by federal, state, or local institutions or groups. Some of the resulting questions regarding the health and well-being of women in Central Ohio are the following:

1. **How many Central Ohio women and girls suffer from depression or mental health conditions that affect their well-being?**
2. **How many Central Ohio women become mothers through adoption? How many grandmothers are primary caretakers for their grandchildren?**
3. **How many women and girls in Central Ohio participate in organized sports?**
4. **How do diseases affect the diverse populations of women in Central Ohio?**
5. **What is the incidence of human papilloma virus (HPV) among Central Ohio females?**
6. **What is the rate and incidence of sexually transmitted infections among Central Ohio teenagers?**
7. **How many Hispanic/Latino women in Central Ohio are living with HIV/AIDS?**
8. **How many women and girls in Central Ohio have eating disorders?**
9. **How many women in Central Ohio are victims of battering by former spouses? How many are victims of battering by live-in partners of either gender?**
10. **How many girls in Central Ohio are raped?**
11. **How many girls in Central Ohio are raped by family members?**
12. **How many women and girls in Central Ohio experience sexual harassment?**
13. **How many women and girls in Central Ohio are victims of stalking?**
14. **How many same-sex partners in Central Ohio have children?**

Appendix A Methodology

■ How CRP Selected Data for the Report

CRP used a five-step process to select the data included in the report:

1. CRP analyzed a number of research reports from the Institute for Women's Policy Research to determine the categories and indicators commonly used for research on women's status.

2. CRP designed a matrix of indicators for the seven-county Central Ohio area and identified sources of base indicator data for each area as well as basic population and demographic data.

3. Indicators on the matrix were categorized according to the availability of data: Group 1 data were easily obtainable for all seven counties; Group 2 data were less easily obtainable or their level was higher than county-level; and Group 3 data were not available at all for the Central Ohio region. These data are included in each chapter's "More to Learn" section. Group 2 indicators are also captured in the matrix of indicators in Appendix B.

4. CRP researched additional data sources, especially at the county level, and added available information from secondary sources that specifically relate to the level 1 and level 2 indicators where appropriate.

5. CRP analyzed and summarized the findings in the indicator data, created Assets and Opportunities matrices for each section, associated possible parity targets where applicable, and identified areas where no data existed as likely subjects of further research.

In some cases the data selected from the process outlined above did not show what, in CRP's judgment, were disparities based on gender but rather disparities between women based on race or ethnicity. We included these points as they were warranted.

■ A Note about Race

Racial classifications change over time as society's perspectives on race change. Changes include the terms used to identify racial groups and how people are assigned to these groups. The U.S. Census has significantly changed its race classifications since 1990. As a result, the data on race in Census 2000 are not directly comparable to previous censuses. Census 2000 forms enabled respondents, for the first time, to select more than one major category for race, resulting in 57 possible combinations of two or more races. There were also changes in the terms and categories used for the major race response categories. With the recent release of Census 2000 Summary File 4 (SF4) for Ohio, social, economic and housing data are available for 336

population groups: the total population, 132 race groups, 78 American Indian Native tribe categories, 39 Hispanic or Latino groups and 86 ancestry groups. In order to focus analysis and discussion, CRP generally presents data from Census 2000 by the following five categories: white; black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and Hispanic or Latino (of any race). Many sections of this report do not include all five categories, since in some Central Ohio counties the numbers of residents meeting particular racial criteria are low.

Data sources vary in how they account for persons of Hispanic or Latino origin. The U.S. Census does not classify the Hispanic population as a race, and persons of Hispanic origin can be "of any race" (i.e. Hispanic white, Hispanic black). Other data sources categorize Hispanic as a race, and this group is a part of the racial "pie" that composes 100% of the population.

The terms for racial and ethnic groups also vary with the data source. For example, some data sources use the term "black," while others use "African-American." The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are also used interchangeably. CRP chose to retain the terminology used by the original source when presenting data in this report.

■ The Concept of Parity

In addition to providing extensive data to document racial disparities, most sections of the report identify "parity" targets for consideration. These targets first provide a general sense of the number of women or girls that would need to change condition or status in order to achieve equality with men or boys. They may also identify areas in which the status of women in Central Ohio differs greatly based on race or income.

In some cases these targets reflect improvement of the group's status (i.e., increased homeownership rate or median income). Other targets reflect the reduction of a negative situation (i.e., fewer cases of child abuse and neglect; reduced poverty rates). Achieving parity may not represent success in cases where the status of the majority population or the total population is not desirable (i.e. all racial groups achieving the same poverty rate).

It should be noted that, although the parity targets are stated as specific numbers (i.e., 40,000 women need to become employed), it does not mean that exactly that number of women currently need jobs. This is because the data used to derive the parity targets are from points in time in the past, and for a variety of reasons, the specific need is constantly changing.

Appendix B Data Matrix

The matrix presented here provides information on Level 2 indicator availability. Level 1 indicators were easily obtained by CRP; Level 3 indicators were determined not to exist. Level 2 indicators were mixed: in some instances, state-level data were available or only national figures were obtainable. Many Level 2 indicators were included in the body of the report, even if Central Ohio data were not available, in order to provide context for future research.

	United States	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
II. Employment and Earnings										
11. Total earnings by occupation	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●
12. Wage ratio 1999	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Percent of eligible children receiving Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) subsidies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Women who have pensions and other retirement income/retirement plans	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
15. Average annual social security benefits for women *(for 65+)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. Public Assistance demographics (OWF, Food stamps)	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
III. Social and Economic Autonomy										
10. Women serving on corporate board seats.	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Percent of population with different sources of health insurance	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12. Health care access insured vs.uninsured women	✓	✓	*	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
13. Maximum annual TANF benefits and minimum family	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	CRP obtained the data
*	Data availability confirmed but not received by Aug. 2004
●	Confirmed that data is not available

	United States	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
budget levels										
14. Percent of unemployed with unemployment insurance	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
15. Length of unemployment	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
16. Occupations not covered by workers compensation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
17. Number and percent of persons in families with incomes less than 200 percent of poverty level	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18. Self sufficiency standards and basic family budgets for a single mother of two children	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
IV. Health and Well-being										
13. Average number of days per month of limited activities among Women and Men	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
14. Average number of days per month of poor mental health	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
15. Percent of women aged 18 and older who have been screened for cholesterol in the past five years	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
16. Disease prevalence for top ~~five~~ three leading causes of death	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
17. Regular use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana by students grade 9-12 in schools	*	*	✓	●	●	*	●	●	●	●
18. Percent of women who smoke	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
19. Percent of women who report binge drinking	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●

✓	CRP obtained the data
*	Data availability confirmed but not received by Aug. 2004
●	Confirmed that data is not available

	United States	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
20. Percent of women who reported no leisure time physical activity during the past month	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
21. Percent of women who do not eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day	✓	✓	✓	*	●	✓	●	●	●	●
22. Medicaid enrollees by gender	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23. Medicaid spending per enrollee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
V. Reproductive Rights										
10. Infant mortality rate by gender of infant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Births to women who drink	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Access to abortion (living in counties without abortion providers, public funding for medically necessary abortions)	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13. Percent of low income women and teenagers in need of publicly supported contraceptive coverage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Sex education (policy question)	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
15. Infertility experience (used infertility services)	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
VI. Political Participation										
1. Women in elected office (mayors, commissioners, council members)	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Number of women in statewide executive elected office	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Number of women in US Congress	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Number of women running for US congress	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	CRP obtained the data
*	Data availability confirmed but not received by Aug. 2004
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	United States	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
5. Percent of state legislators who are women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Women in appointed offices	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7. Voter registration for women and men/ party affiliation	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●
8. Women' s and men's voter turnout by age	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●
9. Women in judiciary(court of common pleas)	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VII. Resources and Rights										
3. Domestic dispute victims by gender	✓	●	●	●	●	✓	●	●	●	●
3. Domestic dispute victims by relationship	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓
4. Victims of a violent crime	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5. Forcible rape	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Sexual harassment in the work place	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7. Hate crime	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Sexual discrimination	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9. Percent of men and women who filed a claim and received workers compensation.	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIII. Others										
5. Disposition of applications for Government loans, 1 to 4 family homes by income and gender of applicant	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6. Disposition of applications for Conventional loans, 1 to 4 family homes by income and gender of applicant	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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	United States	Ohio	Central Ohio	Delaware County	Fairfield County	Franklin County	Licking County	Madison County	Pickaway County	Union County
7. Public and assisted housing demographics	✓	✓	●	*	*	✓	*	✓	*	●
8. Adult arrests for all crime categories	✓	●	●	●	●	✓	●	●	●	●
9. Juvenile arrests for all crime categories	✓	●	●	●	●	✓	●	●	●	●
10. Homelessness (number and profile of homeless women)	✓	*	●	●	●	*	✓	●	●	●

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Appendix D Glossary

■ Definitions by Section

Population and Diversity Terms

Columbus MSA. The Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area, defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, included Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, and Pickaway counties. It did not include Union County. Wherever Columbus MSA statistics are used in this report, they are included in order to provide a general sense of Central Ohio.

A Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is a geographic entity defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget for use by federal statistical agencies, based on the concept of a core area with a large population nucleus, plus adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that core. Qualification of an MSA requires the presence of a city with 50,000 or more inhabitants, or the presence of an Urbanized Area (UA) and a total population of at least 100,000 (75,000 in New England). The county or counties containing the largest city and surrounding densely settled territory are central counties of the MSA. Additional outlying counties qualify to be included in the MSA by meeting certain other criteria of metropolitan character, such as a specified minimum population density or percentage of the population that is urban. MSAs in New England are defined in terms of minor civil divisions, following rules concerning commuting and population density (U.S. Census Bureau).

Household. A "household" includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A family householder is a person in whose name a home is owned, being bought, or rented, or is the primary resident over age 15. A family householder lives with one or more people related to her by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Employment and Income Terms

Related versus own children

Own children. A child under 18 years old who is a son or daughter by birth, marriage (a stepchild), or adoption.

Related children

Includes all people in a household under the age of 18, regardless of marital status, who are related to the householder. Does not include householder's spouse or foster children, regardless of age.

"Workers" here includes persons age 16 and over who did any work for pay or profit (including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service) or worked without pay on a family farm or in a family business at any time from January to December of the designated calendar year. This number does not correspond to labor force participation numbers.

Unpaid family workers are those persons in a household who worked without pay on a family farm or in a family business.

Achievement and Autonomy Terms

Women-owned businesses. Included are all nonfarm businesses filing 1997 tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, and any type of corporation, and with receipts of $1,000 or more. Women ownership of a business was based on the gender of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business. Firms equally male-/female-owned were counted and tabulated as a separate category.

Health and Well-Being Terms

Age-adjusted mortality. All mortality rates in this section are age-adjusted, per 100,000 of the female or male population. Age-adjusted rates are computed by the direct method by applying age-specific rates in a population of interest to a standardized age distribution, in order to eliminate differences in observed rates that result from age differences in population composition.

In need of contraceptive services

Women are defined as "**in need of contraceptive services and supplies**" during a given year if they are aged 13–44 and meet three criteria: (1) they are sexually active, that is, they have ever had intercourse; (2) they are fecund, meaning that neither they nor their partner have been contraceptively sterilized, and they do not believe that they are infecund for any other reason; and (3) during at least part of the year, they are neither intentionally pregnant nor trying to become pregnant. Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute

Women are defined as "**in need of publicly funded contraceptive services and supplies**" if they meet the above criteria and have a family income under 250% of the federal poverty level (estimated to be less than $42,625 for a family of four). All women younger than 20 who need contraceptive services and supplies are assumed to need publicly supported care, either because their personal incomes are below 250% of poverty or because of their heightened need—to preserve confidentiality—for obtaining care that is not dependent on use of their family's resources or private insurance.