

The Status of Women in Union County

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Demographics

Union County that are female:
2080 (49.8%)

Racial/Ethnic Population Distribution:

American Indian/Alaska Native— .52%
Asian or Asian American— .38%
African American— 0
White — (incl. Hispanic/non-Hispanic) 63%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander— 0
Other Race— 15%
Two or more races—2.7%

Percentage of Union women who are Hispanic or Latina? 34%

Percentage of Union women who report a disability? (age 5+) 12.6%

Marital Status:

Never Married — 16.1%
Widowed — 12%
Divorced — 11.7%
Now Married — 60%

Political Participation

Number of women in Union County that registered to vote in the last national election: 1310 (not included in county ranking)

Percentage of Union County's female population compared to percentage of female elected county officials: +.3% (county rank: 5th out of 30)

Union County ranks 5th in the state for women's political participation.

Employment and Earnings

Median annual earnings of full-time, full-year female workers in Union County: \$18,711 (county rank: 25th out of 33)

Ratio of women's to men's median annual earnings in Union County for full-time, full-year workers: 71%, wage gap=29% (county rank: 12th out of 20)

Percentage of women in Union County who participate in the labor force: 52% (county rank: 10th out of 23)

Percentage of women in Union County who are employed in management, professional or related occupations: 34.1% (county rank: 17th out of 29)

Union County ranks 19th in the state for women's employment and earnings.

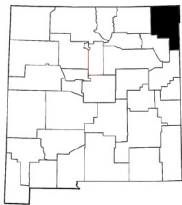
Social and Economic Autonomy

Percentage of women in Union County who have completed four or more years of college: 12.7% (county rank: 23rd out of 28)

Percentage of women in Union County who live below the official poverty line: 19.3% (county rank: 10th out of 32)

Percentage of women-owned businesses in Union County: Data was not available (not included in county ranking)

Union County ranks 14th in the state for women's social and economic autonomy.



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Reproductive Rights

Infant Mortality Rate for Union County: 14 per 1,000 births (county rank: 27th out of 27)

Percentage of babies born in Union County at a low birth rate in 2003: 3.7% (county rank: 2nd out of 29)

Percentage of pregnant women in Union County who receive prenatal care in their first trimester: 70.4% (county rank: 8th out of 31)

Union County ranks 29th in the state for teen births in New Mexico. As of 2003, Union County reported a teen birth rate of 37.8; however, this is a -21% reduction in teen births since 1998.

Union County ranks 8th in the state for women's reproductive rights.

Health and Well-Being

Mortality Rate in Union County for Heart Disease: 213.6 (county rank: 31st out of 33)

Average Annual Number of Lung Cancer Cases Diagnosed Among Women (1998-2002): 1 (county rank: 22nd out of 33)

Average Annual Number of Breast Cancer Cases Diagnosed Among Women (1998-2002): 4 (county rank: 29th out of 33)

2004 Female AIDS Cases in **Union** County: 0 (not included in county ranking)

2004 Female HIV Cases in Union County: 0 (not included in county ranking)

2004 Suicide Mortality Rate for Women in Union County: 0 (county rank: tied for 1st)

Union County ranks 24th in the state for women's health and well-being.

Overall Union County was ranked the 13th best county for women in New Mexico out of a possible 23 ranking.

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Data Collection

2000 U.S. Census
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NM Tumor Registry
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