

Wage Gap in Erie County

According to the most current available U.S. Census Bureau's data; locally in Erie County, women comprise 52 percent of the County's total population, and 49.5 percent of its labor force.

The median annual earnings for women working full-time are 41,317 compared to 53,266 for men.

Over 4000 women age 18-24, have not graduated from high school, over 10,000 have a high school or equivalency diploma, over 22,000 have some college or associates degree and over 8600 have a bachelor's degree or higher.

One in six girls and women live at below the poverty level in Erie County.

Statewide, according to the IWPR, New York ranks 27th for workforce participation and 29th for the percent of women living in poverty, almost 16% of women are living in families with incomes below the federal poverty line.

IWPR estimates that "if working women earned the same as comparable men, the poverty rate for New York women and their families would be cut in half.