

Status of Women in Clark County
FACT SHEET
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Demographics

- Women in Clark County are **not significantly different** from state and national averages in age, marital status and race.ⁱ

Wage and Employment

- Women in Clark County have **lower average earnings** than men in the county and are **below the state and national averages**. *Clark County men earn an average of 22.3% more than women.*ⁱ
- In the State of Ohio, 28.4% of businesses are owned by women. This is comparable to the national rate of 28.2%.ⁱⁱ

Poverty

- 50% of female head-of-household families that have children under 5 are in poverty. This is true across the nation.ⁱⁱ

Health

- Half of all Clark County pregnancies are to unwed mothers. This is the highest rate for any county in the state of Ohio.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Clark County's teen pregnancy rate (ages 15-17) is the 3rd highest in Ohio.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Clark County has one of the highest rates of STIs in Ohio.ⁱⁱⁱ

Crime

- 10.4 per 1,000 women in Clark County experience intimate partner violence, the highest rate in Ohio.^{iv}
- In Clark County, women account for 12% of prison inmates, compared to 7% for both state and national averages.^{iv}

Sources

ⁱ 2000 Census Data, available from <http://censtats.census.gov/data/OH/05039023.pdf>; Internet; accessed 13 May 2010.

ⁱⁱ *Count on Her! The Status of Women and Girls in Central Ohio*, a report commissioned by The Women's Fund of Central Ohio and the Columbus Foundation, 2004.

ⁱⁱⁱ Clark County Ohio Community Health Assessment, available from <http://www.ccchd.com/pdfs/CHA-Clark-v5-1.pdf>, a report compiled by Clark County Combined Health District, 2008.

^{iv} Project Woman Statistics, available at <http://www.projectwomanohio.org/statistics.html>; Internet; accessed 13 May 2010.

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