The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty & Opportunity

In Florida and across the country, women are making great strides. More women are earning bachelor’s degrees and women’s entrepreneurship is growing rapidly. Yet, too many women and girls live in poverty with limited access to education, health care, and other important supports that would allow them to achieve economic stability. The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty & Opportunity is the first in a series produced by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research and commissioned by Florida Women’s Funding Alliance, an affinity group of Florida Philanthropic Network. This research aims to provide critical data that can help to build economic security and overall well-being among the state’s women and girls.

Since the 2004 publication of The Status of Women in the States, Florida’s grade of D+ on the Poverty & Opportunity Composite Index has remained unchanged. Florida currently ranks 33rd out of the 50 states plus D.C.

Health Insurance
567,000 Adults in Florida Fall in Insurance Coverage Gap

Of the approximately 2.9 million adults in the United States in the insurance coverage gap – those with income between Medicaid eligibility and 100 percent of the federal poverty level – 20 percent, or 567,000, live in Florida.

Women’s Business Ownership
Florida is among the states with the largest number of women-owned businesses and the greatest growth in women-owned businesses. In 2012, women owned 38.5 percent of Florida businesses, earning the state a ranking of ninth in the nation.

Distribution of Women- and Men-Owned Businesses by Gender and Race/Ethnicity, Florida, 2012

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In 2012, Florida ranked fifth in the nation for women-owned businesses.

Public Assistance & Social Security
SNAP Participation, Florida and the United States

Nearly one in five Floridians, or 19.5 percent, participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps), compared with nearly one in seven, or 14.5 percent of the U.S. population.

TANF Participation, Florida and the United States

In Florida, over 48,000 families with children receive TANF cash assistance. There are about 83,000 individual recipients; of those about 70,000 (or 83 percent) are children and 14,000 (or 17 percent) are adults. In the United States overall, 72 percent of TANF recipients are children and 28 percent are adults.

Averaging Monthly Social Security Benefits in Florida


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