


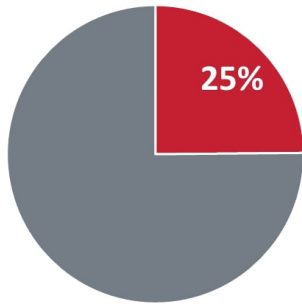
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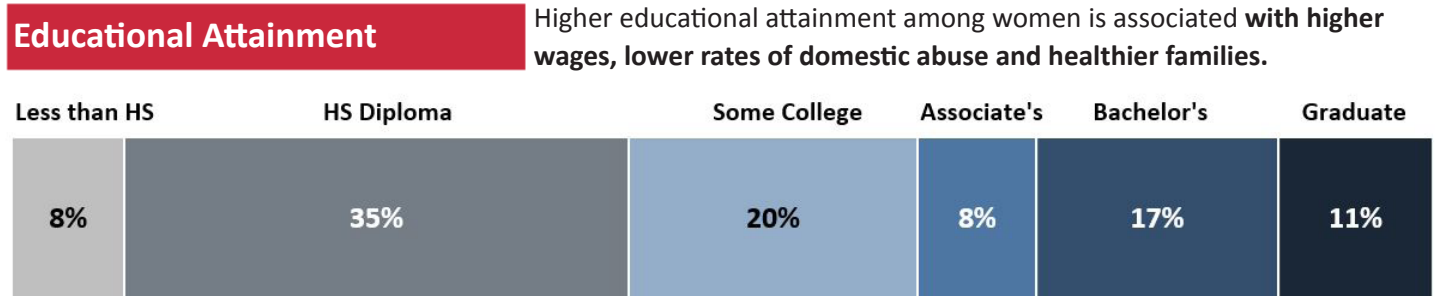
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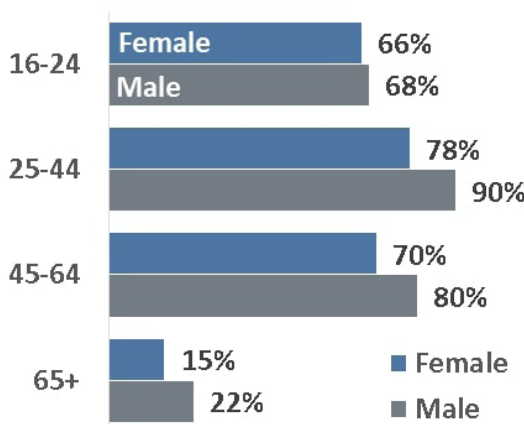


Demography Highlights	Portage		Ohio	Households with Children
Population of women [^]	82,822	%	5,923,675	Households with Children, Female Headed  
Children (under age 18)	15,446	18.6%	21.7%	
Childbearing Age (18-44)	31,700	38.3%	33.4%	
Middle Age (45-64)	22,579	27.3%	27.3%	
Senior (65+)	13,097	15.8%	17.6%	
Race & Ethnicity	Count	%	%	Female-headed households are more than twice as likely as all Ohio households to live in poverty.
White	75,072	90.6%	81.7%	
Black/African-American	3,516	4.2%	12.6%	
Other race reported	4,234	5.1%	5.8%	
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	1,424	1.7%	3.4%	



Workforce Indicators


Labor Force Participation, by Age[^]
Labor force participation describes the proportion of people who are employed or seeking employment, compared to the total population in that age range.




Age Group	Female	Male
16-24	66%	68%
25-44	78%	90%
45-64	70%	80%
65+	15%	22%

Gender Wage Ratio

The median earned income for women is **\$37,325**. On average, women earn **\$0.74** of every dollar that men earn in Portage County, and half of working women earn even less.



About 1 in 5 Portage County STEM jobs – in science, technology, engineering or math – are held by women.



Civic Representation

81% of eligible women are registered to vote

58% of registered women voted in the 2018 election

40% of elected officials in the county are women

[^] age ranges within this fact sheet reflect youth, childbearing years, middle and older age

Sources: 2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates; MatriotsOhio.com; TargetSmart

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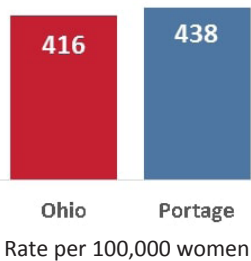
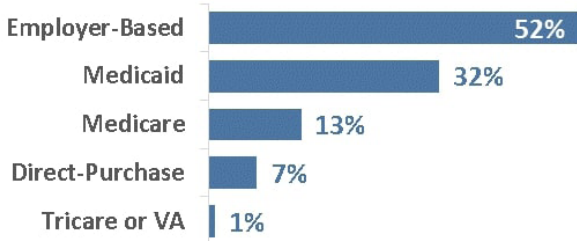


Health & Wellness Indicators



Women in the county **have** access to a safety net health center that is community-based and provides services to all residents, including those without insurance.

91.9% of working-age women in Portage County have health insurance.



The **age-adjusted chronic disease mortality rate for women in the county is higher than** for women across the state. This mortality rate includes cancers, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, lower respiratory disease and heart disease.

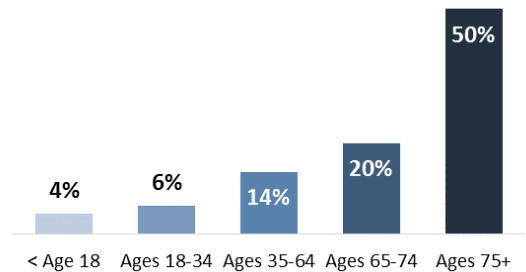
Maternal Health

Teen pregnancies are overwhelmingly unplanned and impact education completion and future earnings. **Preterm birth is associated with maternal smoking, infection, chronic disease and chronic maternal stress** and is a driver of infant mortality.

	Portage	Ohio
Preterm Birth <i>percent of live births at <37 weeks</i>	11.3%	12.2%
Teen Birth Rate <i>births per 1,000 females, ages 15-19</i>	10.1	24.8

Women Living with a Disability, by Age[^]

As women age, their **rate of disability** increases, rendering them more likely to need caregiving and less able to play this role in their families.



Cervical cancers are largely preventable and can be diagnosed early by Pap tests. Yet about **4 in 10** diagnoses of cervical cancer among women in the county are late stage, when risk of mortality is higher.

Poverty	Portage			Ohio
	Women - Count	Women %	Men %	Women %
<i>Living below poverty (total)[^]</i>	13,152	16.7%	12.3%	16.2%
<i>Children (under age 18)</i>	3,138	20.6%	16.9%	21.4%
<i>Childbearing Age (18-44)</i>	6,847	24.2%	17.2%	20.3%
<i>Middle Age (45-64)</i>	2,302	10.2%	7.0%	11.3%
<i>Senior (65+)</i>	865	6.8%	3.5%	9.5%
<i>Living in deep poverty</i>	5,915	7.5%	5.7%	7.4%

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Sources: 2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates; Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System; OhioCHC.org; Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics, ODH