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Lake County
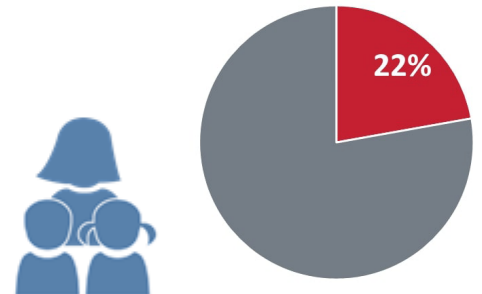
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Demography Highlights	Lake		Ohio
Population of women^	**117,487**	**%**	5,923,675
Children (under age 18)	23,245	19.8%	21.7%
Childbearing Age (18-44)	35,093	29.9%	33.4%
Middle Age (45-64)	35,006	29.8%	27.3%
Senior (65+)	24,143	20.5%	17.6%
Race & Ethnicity	**Count**	**%**	**%**
White	107,966	91.9%	81.7%
Black/African-American	4,886	4.2%	12.6%
Other race reported	4,635	3.9%	5.8%
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	4,251	3.6%	3.4%

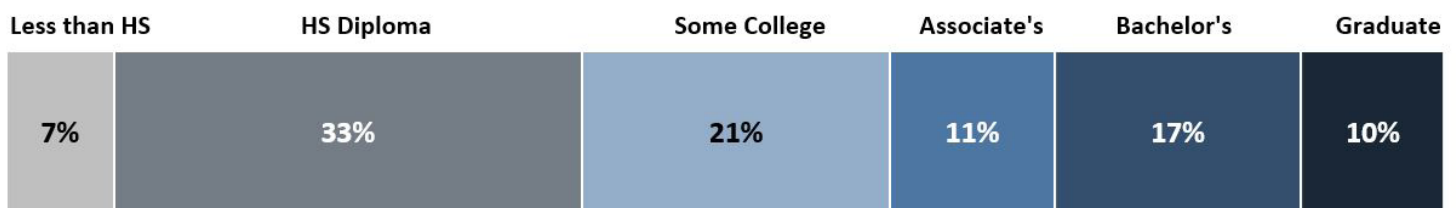## Households with Children

Households with Children, Female Headed

22%

Female-headed households are more than twice as likely as all Ohio **households** to live in poverty.
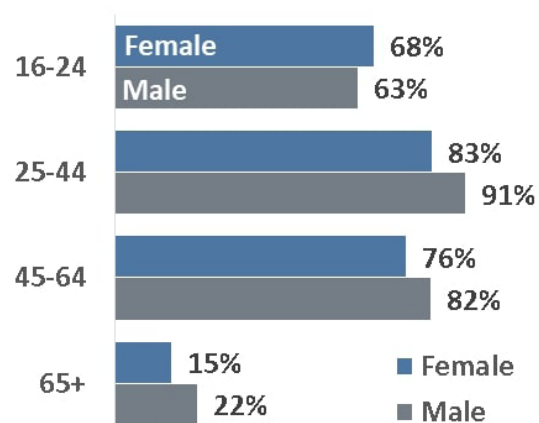
Educational Attainment

Higher educational attainment among women is associated **with higher wages, lower rates of domestic abuse and healthier families.**
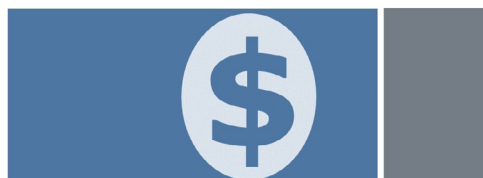
Less than HS	HS Diploma	Some College	Associate's	Bachelor's	Graduate
7%	33%	21%	11%	17%	10%

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.

Labor Force Participation:
- 16-24: Female 68%, Male 63%
- 25-44: Female 83%, Male 91%
- 45-64: Female 76%, Male 82%
- 65+: Female 15%, Male 22%

Gender Wage Ratio

The median earned income for women is **$41,204**. On average, women earn **$0.76** of every dollar that men earn in Lake County, and half of working women earn even less.

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

Civic Representation

87% of eligible women are registered to vote

62% of registered women voted in the 2018 election

29% 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
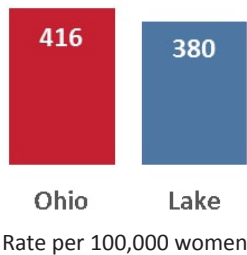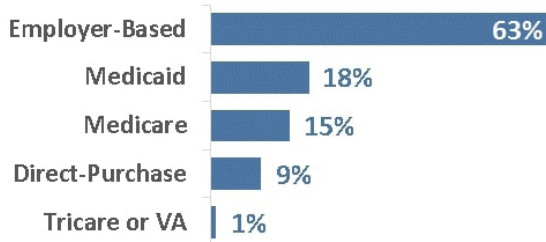
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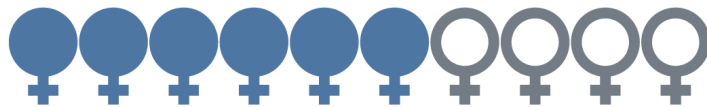## Lake County

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.

88.8% of working-age women in Lake County have health insurance.

Employer-Based	63%
Medicaid	18%
Medicare	15%
Direct-Purchase	9%
Tricare or VA	1%

416 Ohio
380 Lake
Rate per 100,000 women

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

Cervical cancers are largely preventable and can be diagnosed early by Pap tests. Yet about **6 in 10** diagnoses of cervical cancer among women in the county are late stage, when risk of mortality is higher.
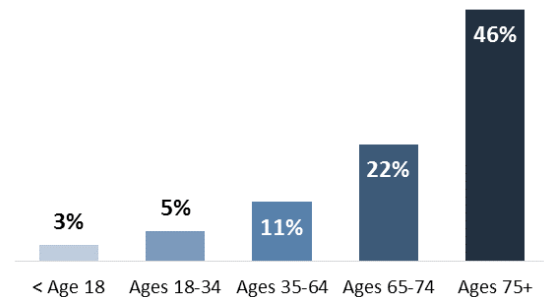
Maternal Health

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.

	Lake	Ohio
Preterm Birth *percent of live births at <37 weeks*	10.7%	12.2%
Teen Birth Rate *births per 1,000 females, ages 15-19*	13.9	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.

< Age 18	Ages 18-34	Ages 35-64	Ages 65-74	Ages 75+
3%	5%	11%	22%	46%

Poverty	Lake			Ohio
	Women - Count	**Women %**	**Men %**	**Women %**
*Living below poverty (total)^*	10,089	8.7%	7.9%	16.2%
Children (under age 18)	2,607	11.4%	11.5%	21.4%
Childbearing Age (18-44)	3,724	10.7%	8.3%	20.3%
Middle Age (45-64)	2,063	5.9%	6.7%	11.3%
Senior (65+)	1,695	7.3%	4.6%	9.5%
Living in deep poverty	4,735	4.1%	3.7%	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