

District of Columbia

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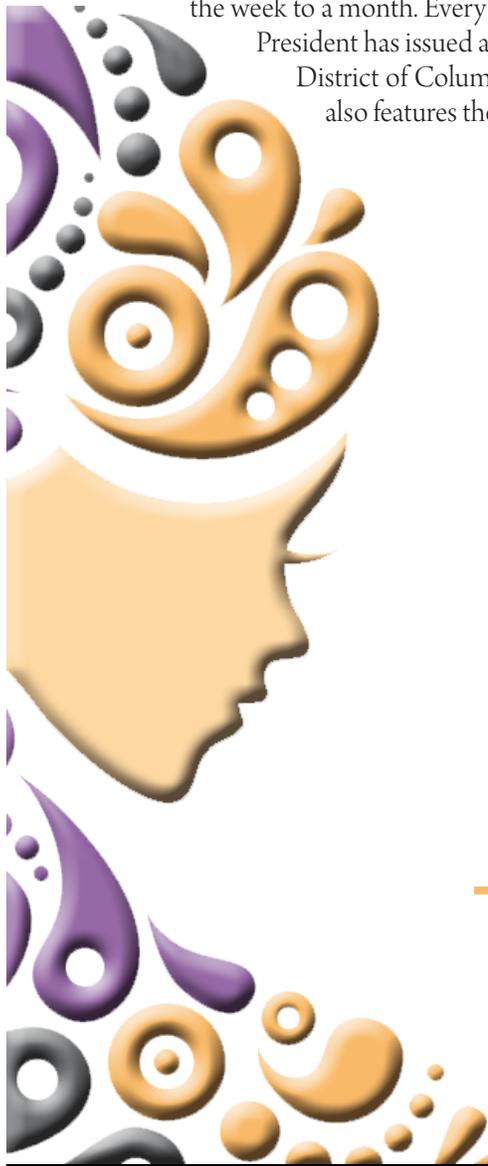


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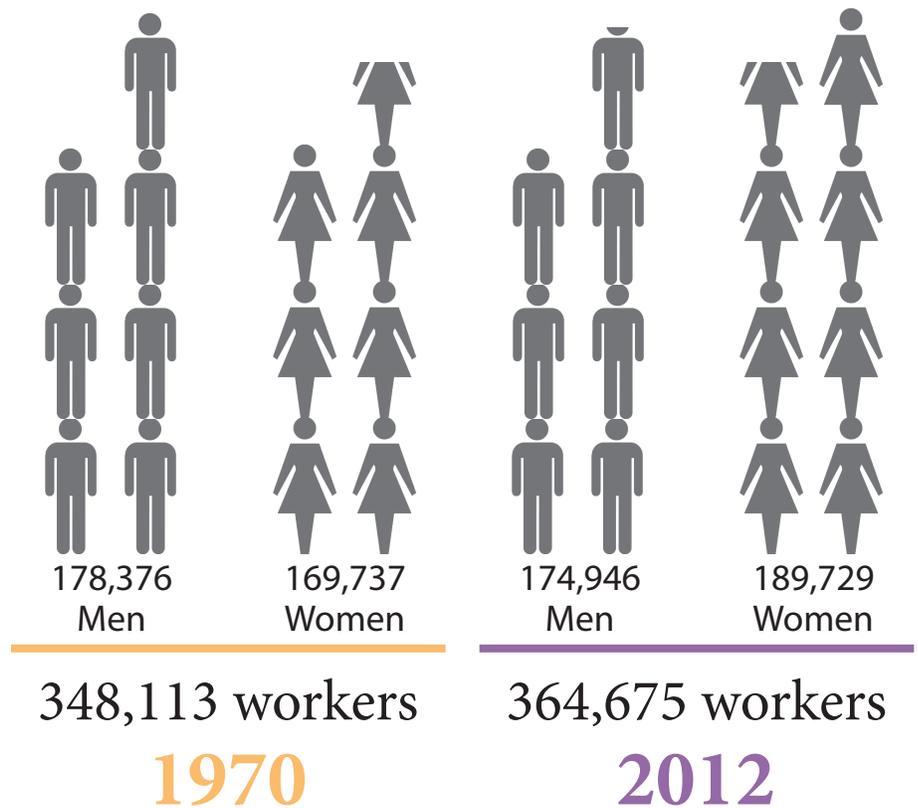
## Women's History Month: March 2014

### Introduction

National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. This infographic focuses on women in the civilian labor force in the District of Columbia and how they compare to their male counterpart over the past five decades. It also features the changing occupations of women in the District and other selected characteristics.



### DC Total Civilian Labor Force



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970 decennial census and 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates.

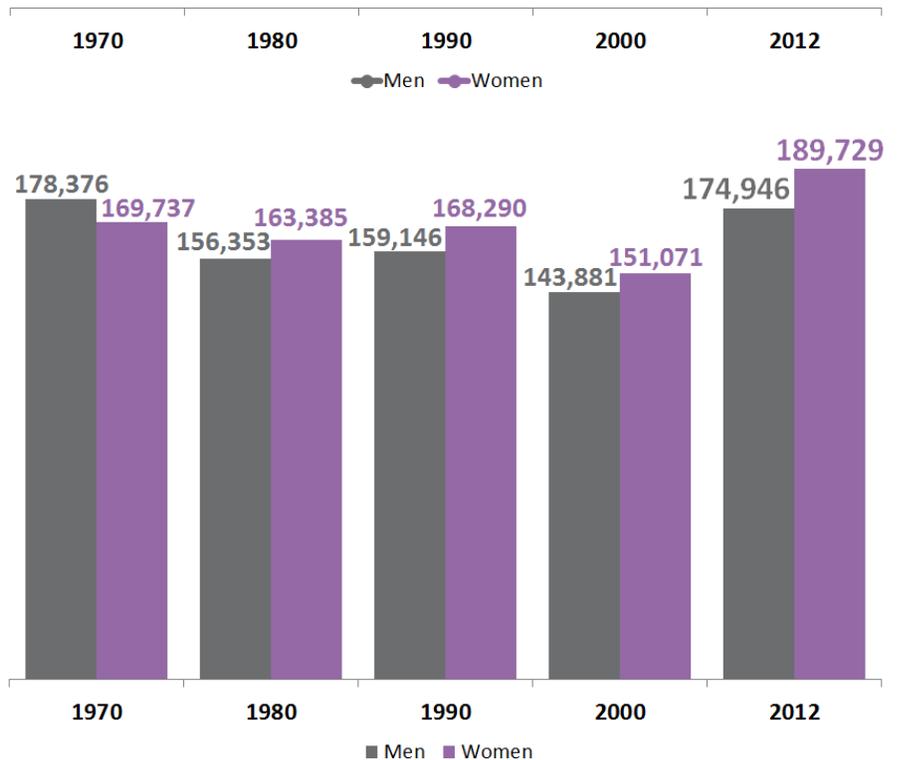
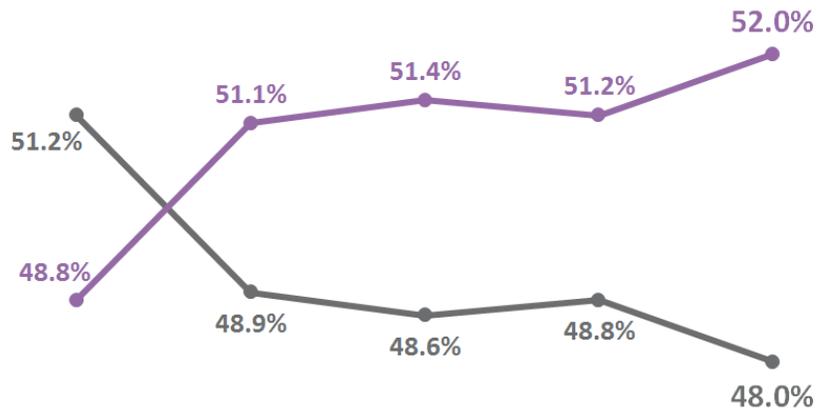
# More Working Women

Women's share of the labor force has increased since 1970. The largest increase was between 1970 and 1980, increasing by 2.3 percentage points.

Women's representation in the labor force has increased.

## DC Civilian Labor Force by Sex: 1970-2012

Percent



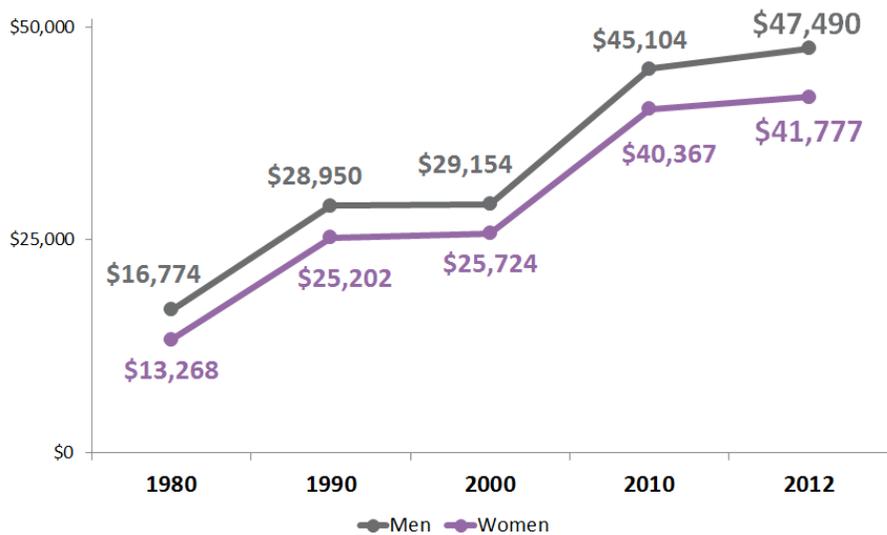
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial census and 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates.

# Closing the Salary Gap

## Earning by Sex: 1980-2012

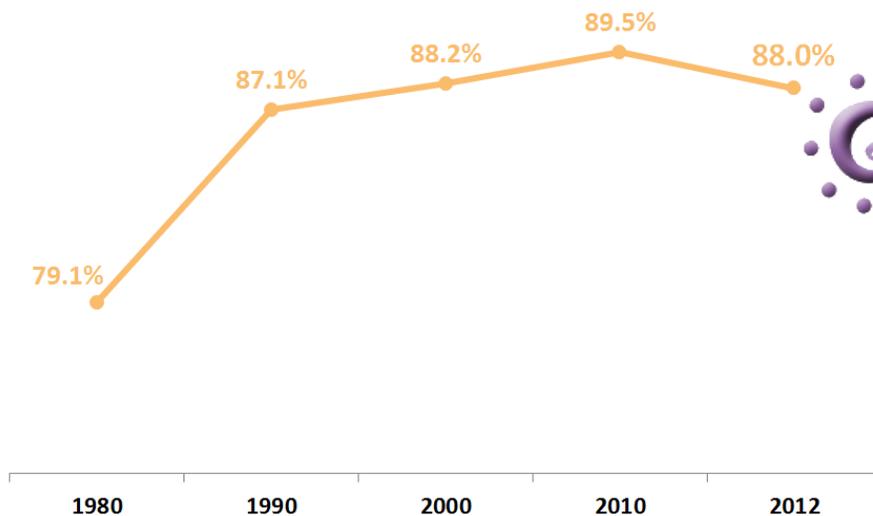
(Full-time, year-round workers)

### DC Median Earnings



DC has the highest female median earnings among state and state equivalents with \$41,777!

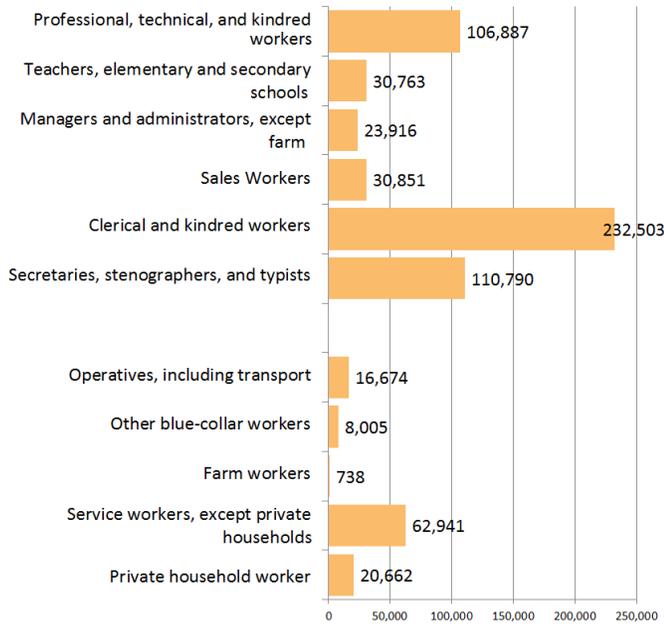
### DC Women's-to-Men's Earning Ratio



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial census and 2010 and 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates.

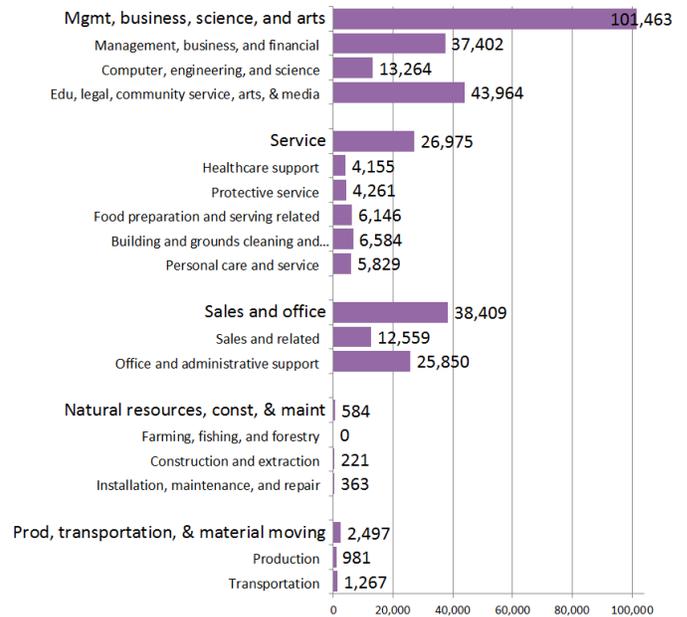
# DC Changing Women's Occupations

## 1970



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1970 Census

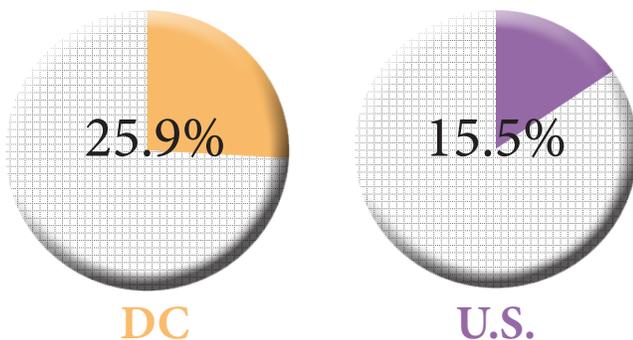
## 2012



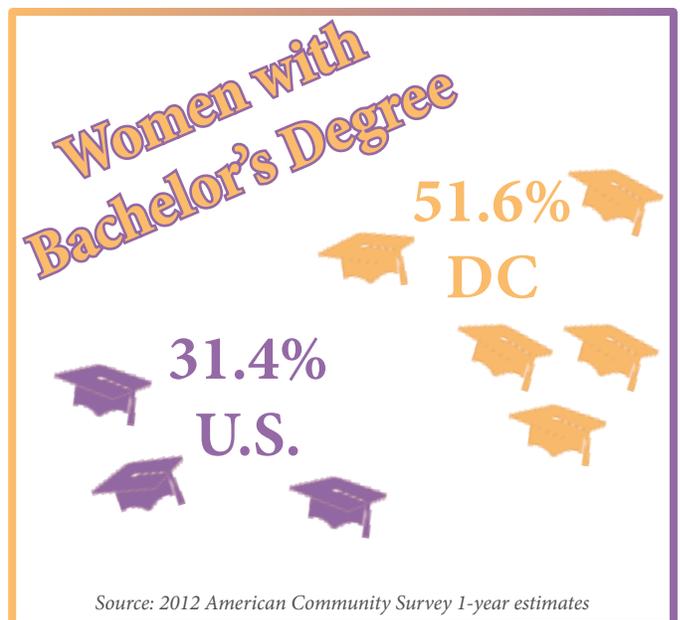
Source: 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

## DC compared to the U.S. 2012

### Female Householders Living Alone



Source: 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates



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