

**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FACT SHEET      A Project of NJ WomenCount**

## Educational Attainment

The Institute for Women's Leadership and the Division on Women are committed to increasing the numbers of women in decision-making and leadership positions across all sectors and professions. In 2005, New Jersey outpaced the United States in the percentage of women and men holding Bachelor's degrees. For example, in 2005 17.6 percent of men in the United States held Bachelor's degrees, compared to 16.8 percent of women. In New Jersey, 22.4 percent of men and 21.1 percent of women held Bachelor's degrees. New Jersey also slightly outpaced the United States in the percentage of women and men who hold Master's, Professional and Doctorate degrees. Slightly more women than men hold high school diplomas, Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degrees in New Jersey. However, almost double the number of men than women hold professional and doctorate degrees in New Jersey.

Educational Attainment by Sex for Population 25 years and over in 2005

Educational Attainment	Male		Female	
	United States Percentage	New Jersey Percentage	United States Percentage	New Jersey Percentage
Less than High School	16.2	13.5	15.4	14.0
High School Graduate	29.1	28.2	30.0	30.6
Some college, no degree	19.6	16.6	20.6	16.2
Associate's degree	6.7	5.2	8.0	7.0
Bachelor's degree	17.6	22.4	16.8	21.1
Master's degree	6.8	8.9	7.0	8.5
Professional degree	2.5	3.4	1.5	1.9
Doctorate degree	1.5	1.7	.7	.8

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2005