

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FACT SHEET A Project of NJ WomenCount

Women in Occupations

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, the top three occupations for women in the United States were sales and office occupations (women comprised 63 percent); service occupations (women comprised 56.6 percent); and professional and related occupations (women comprised 56.5 percent). In comparison in New Jersey the top three occupations for women were sales and office occupations (women comprised 61.5 percent); professional and related occupations (women comprised 55.4 percent); and service occupations (women comprised 53.3 percent). The three occupations in New Jersey in which women were most underrepresented in 2005 were construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations (women comprised 3.0 percent); farming, fishing, and forestry occupations (women comprised 20.4 percent); and production, transportation, and material moving occupations (women comprised 23.1 percent). In the United States women were also most underrepresented in the same three occupations as in New Jersey. Interestingly in New Jersey there was a slightly higher percentage of women (40.3) in management and professional roles than men (36.9). The same trend holds true for the United States.

Occupation	Male		Female	
	United States	New Jersey	United States	New Jersey
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Sales and office occupations	37.0	38.5	63.0	61.5
Service occupations	43.4	46.7	56.6	53.3
Professional and related occupations	43.5	44.6	56.5	55.4
Management, professional, and related occupations	49.3	51.3	50.7	48.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	76.9	75.6	23.1	24.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	79.6	82.4	20.4	17.6
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	96.4	97.0	3.6	3.0

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2005