



Women in the U.S.

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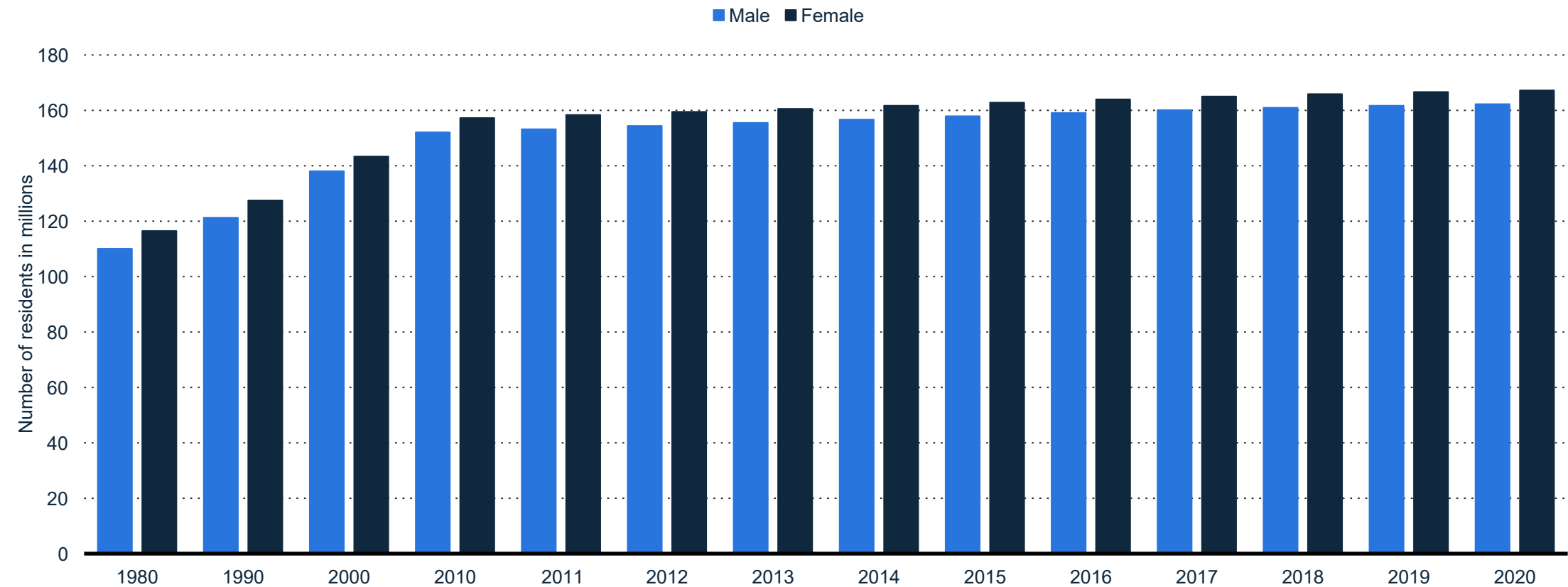
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Overview

Gender distribution of the resident population of the United States from 1980 to 2019 (in millions)

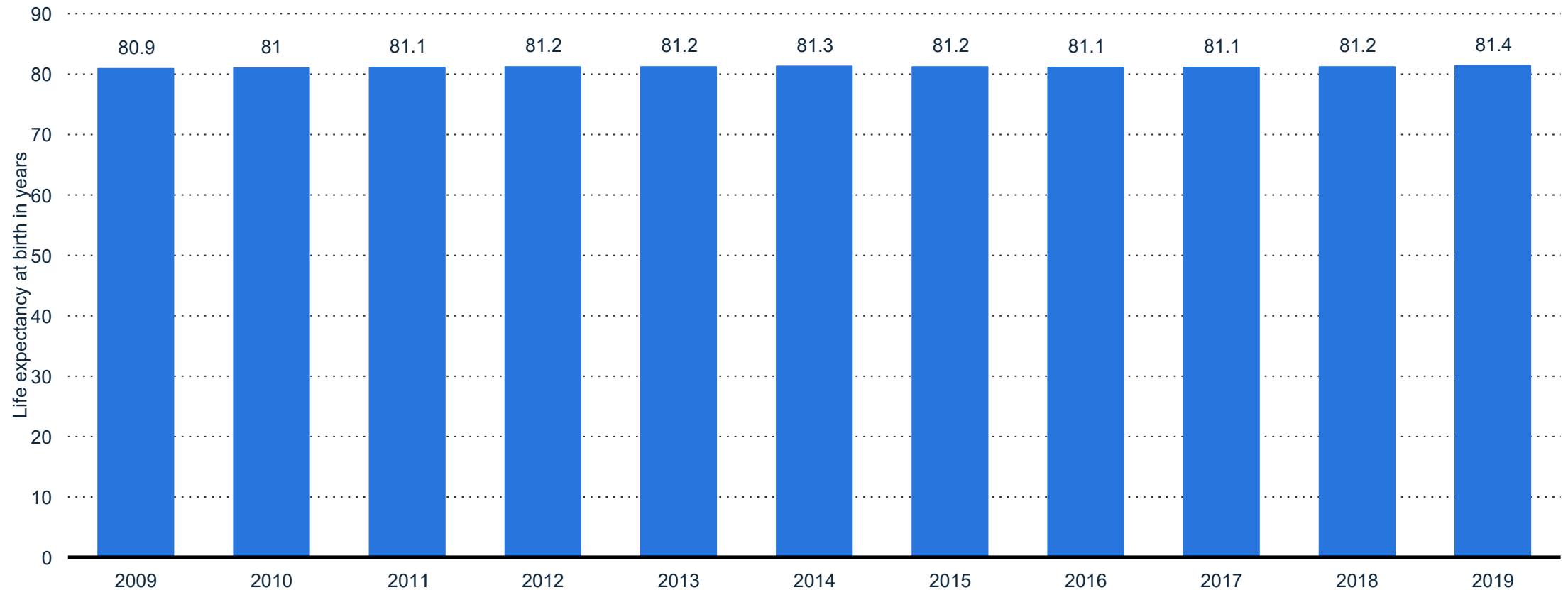
U.S. population by sex 1980-2019



Note(s): United States; 1980 to 2020
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Source(s): US Census Bureau; [ID 241495](#)

Life expectancy of women at birth in the United States from 2009 to 2019 (in years)

Life expectancy of women in the United States 2009-2019



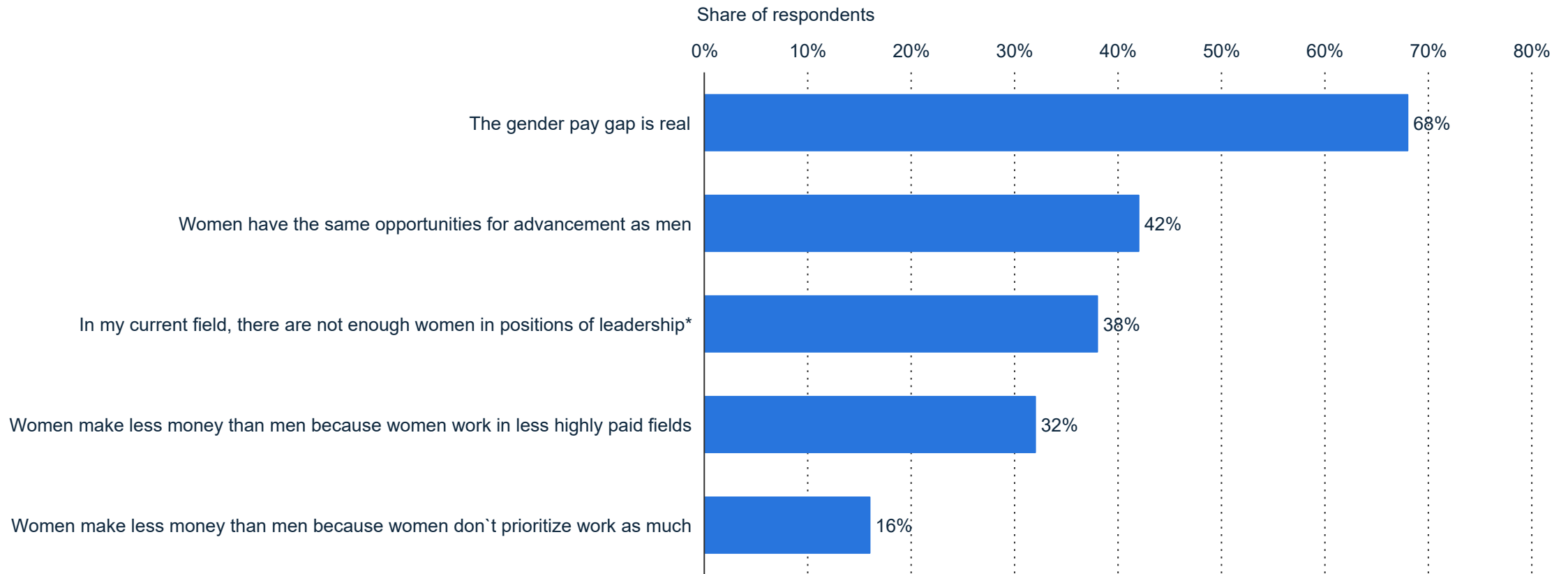
Note(s): United States; 2009 to 2019

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Source(s): World Bank; [ID 263736](#)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Opinions on various aspects of being a woman in United States 2021



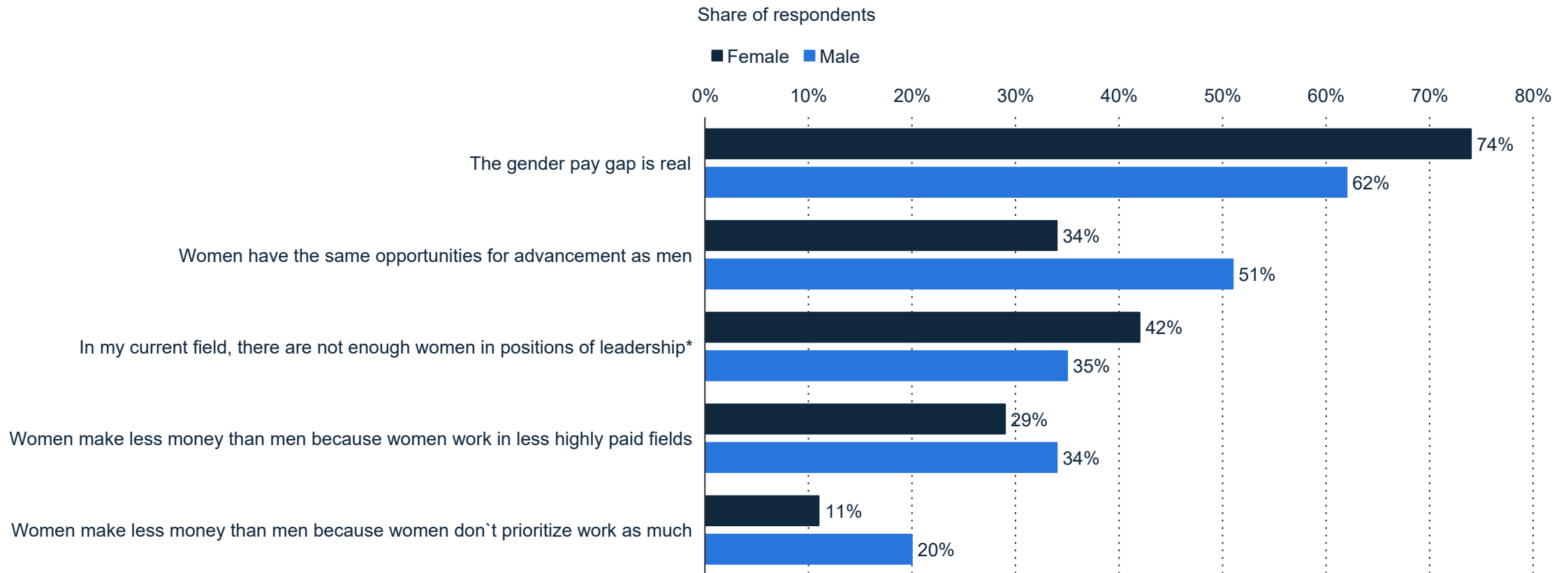
Note(s): United States; August 20-22, 2021; 18 years and older; 1,027**

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Source(s): Ipsos; [ID 1260693](#)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Opinions on various aspects of being a woman in United States 2021, by gender



Note(s): United States; August 20-22, 2021; 18 years and older; 1,027**

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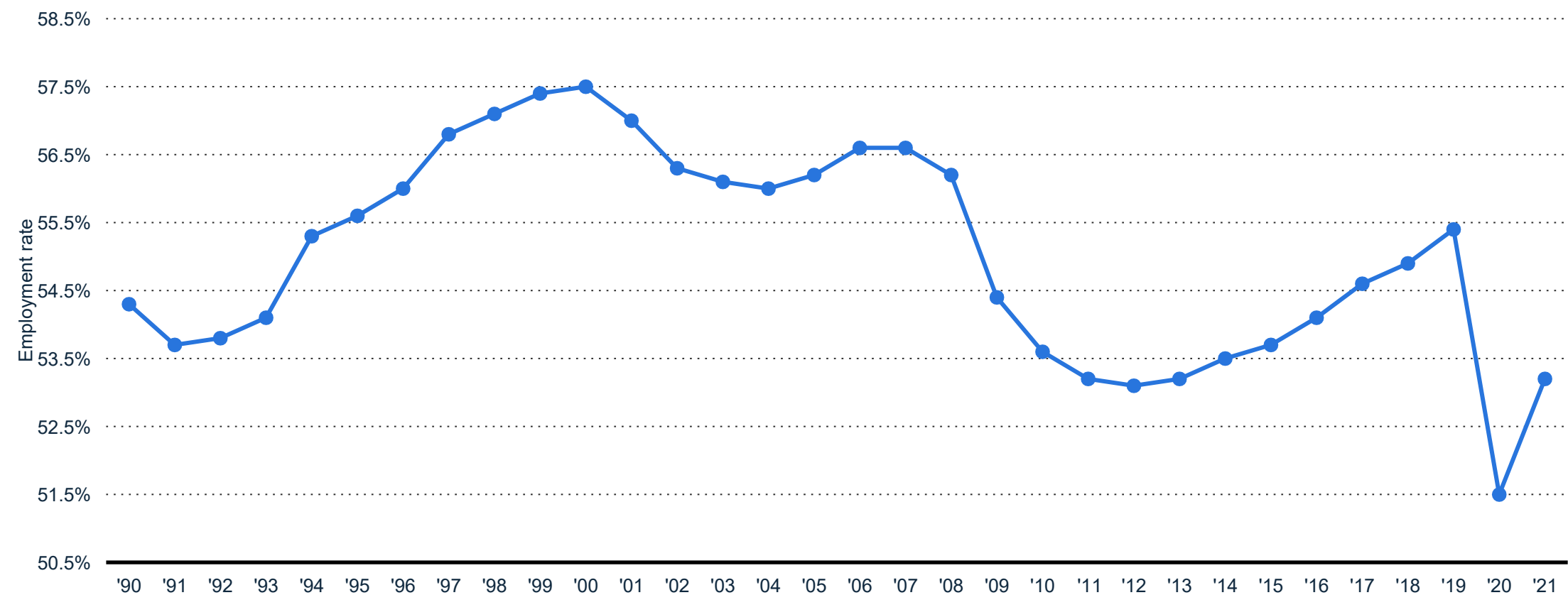
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Employment

Employment rate of women in the United States from 1990 to 2021

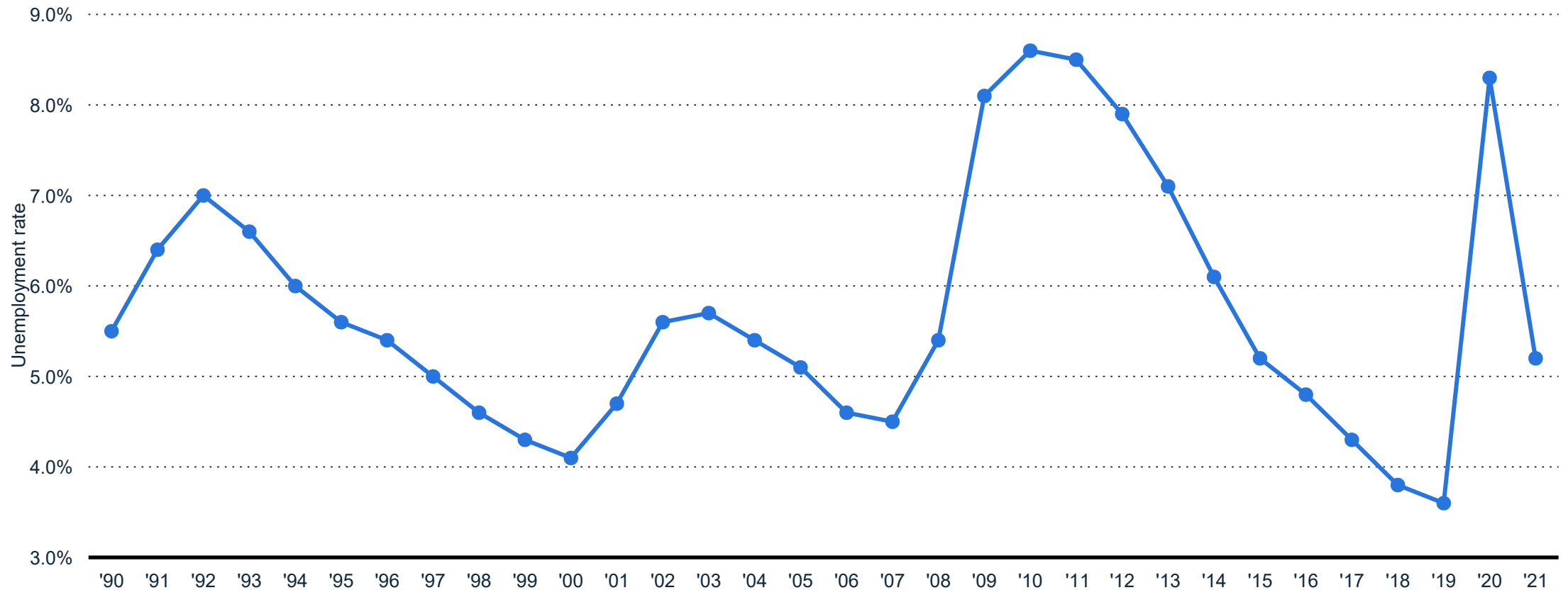
Employment rate - women in the U.S. 1990-2021



Note(s): United States; 1990 to 2021; 16 years and older
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Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 192396](#)

Unemployment rate of women in the United States from 1990 to 2021

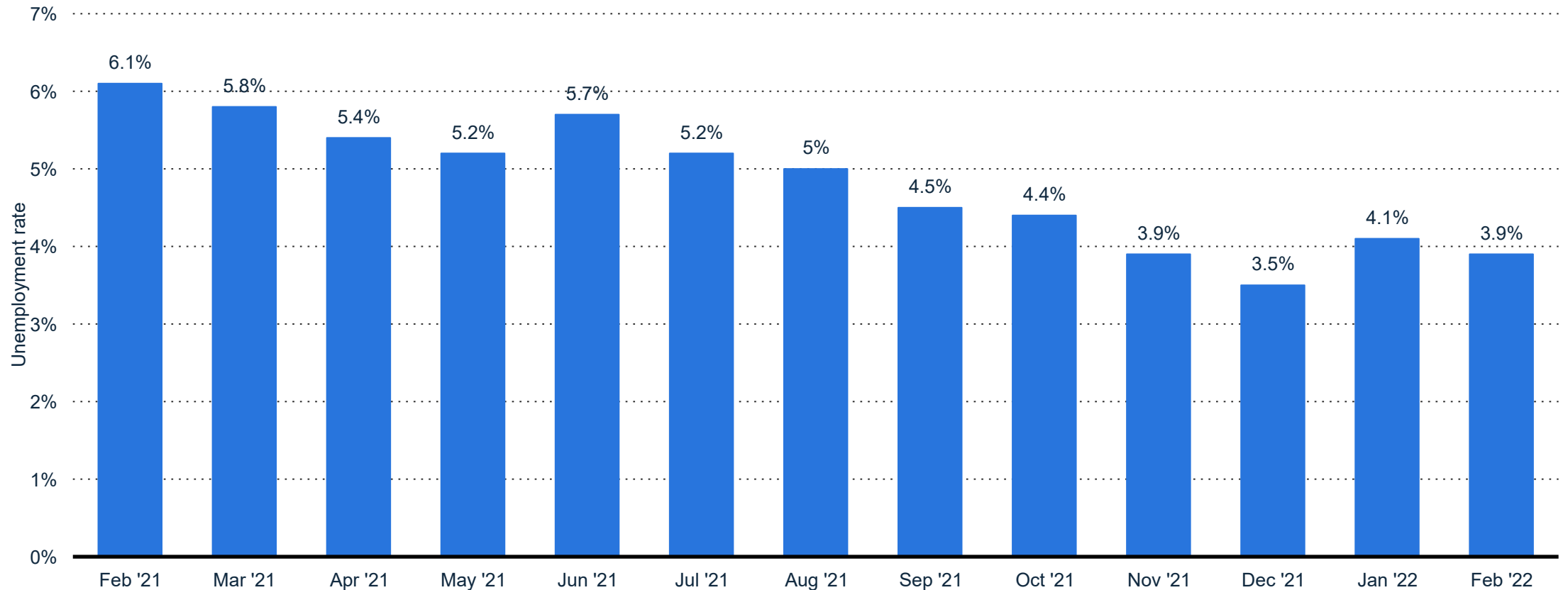
U.S. female workforce: unemployment rate 1990-2021



Note(s): United States; 1990 to 2021; 16 years and older
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Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 193944](#)

Monthly unemployment rate of women in the United States from February 2021 to February 2022 (not seasonally adjusted)

Unemployment rate of women - unadjusted monthly number in the U.S. February 2022



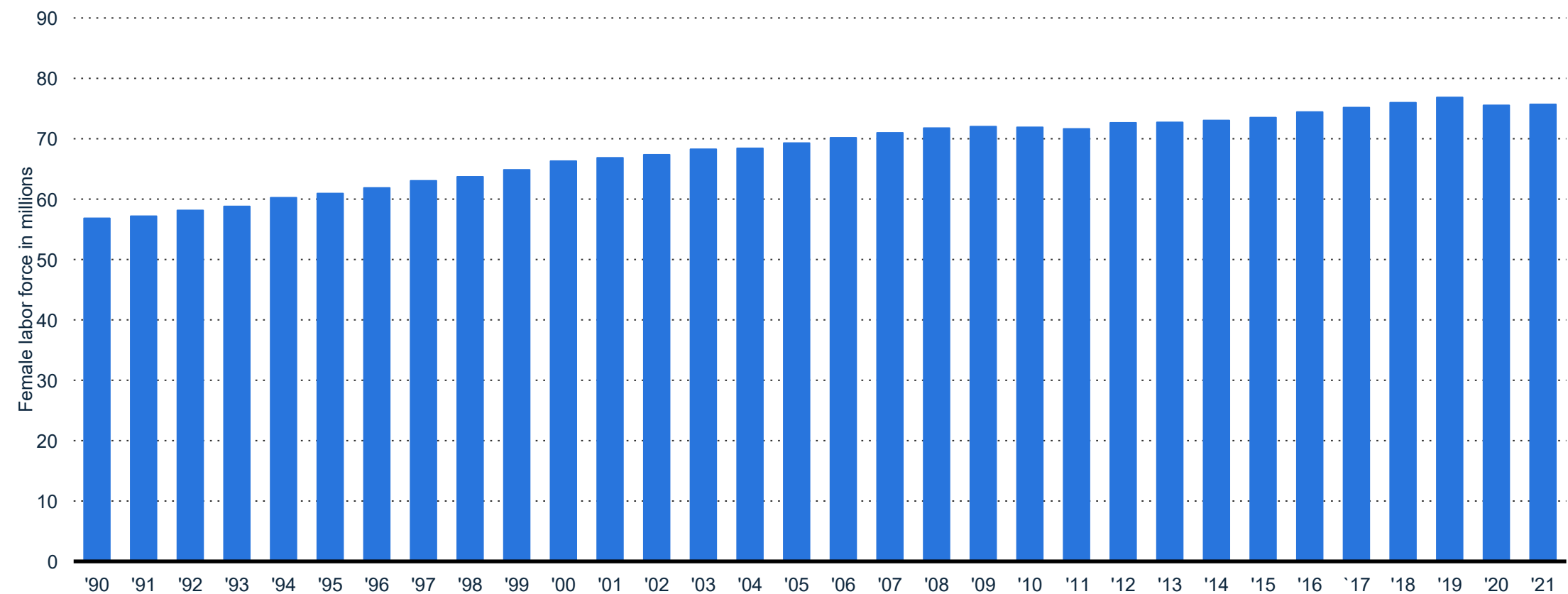
Note(s): United States; February 2021 to February 2022; 16 years and older

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Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 193298](#)

Civilian female labor force in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

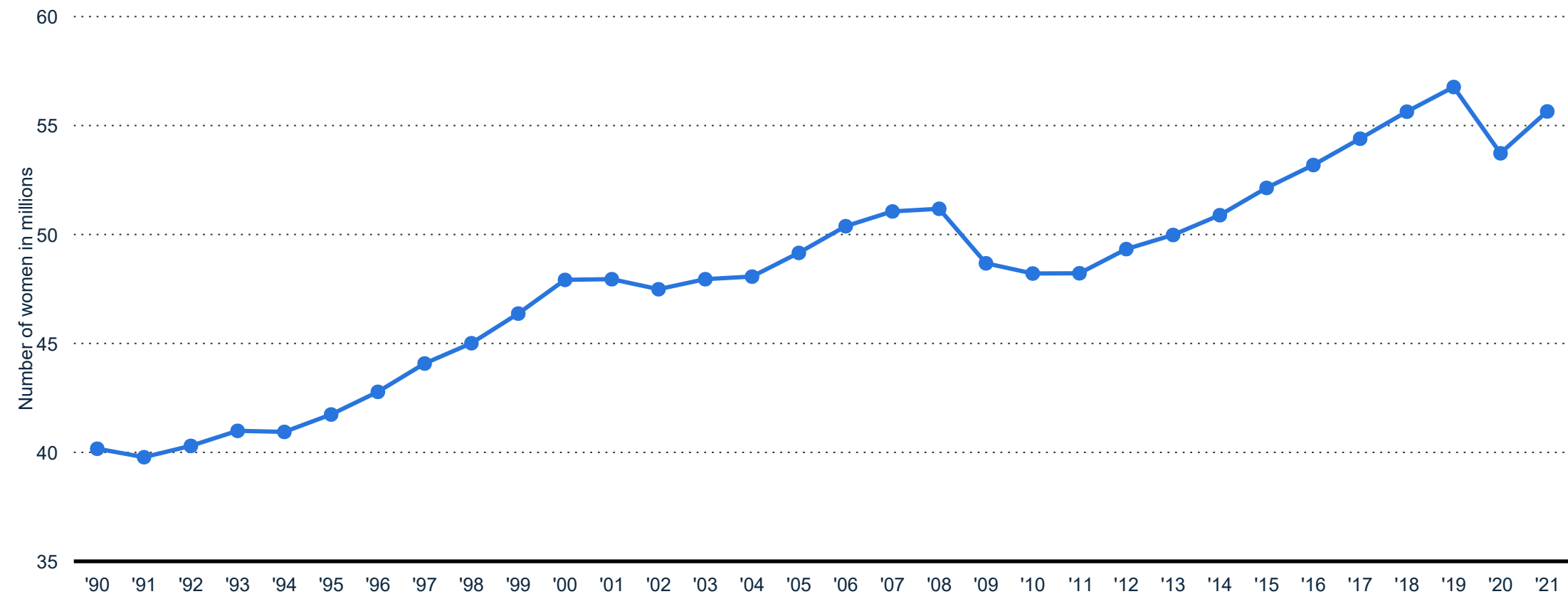
U.S. female labor force 1990-2021



Note(s):1990 to 2021; 16 years and older
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Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 191746](#)

Number of full-time employed women in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

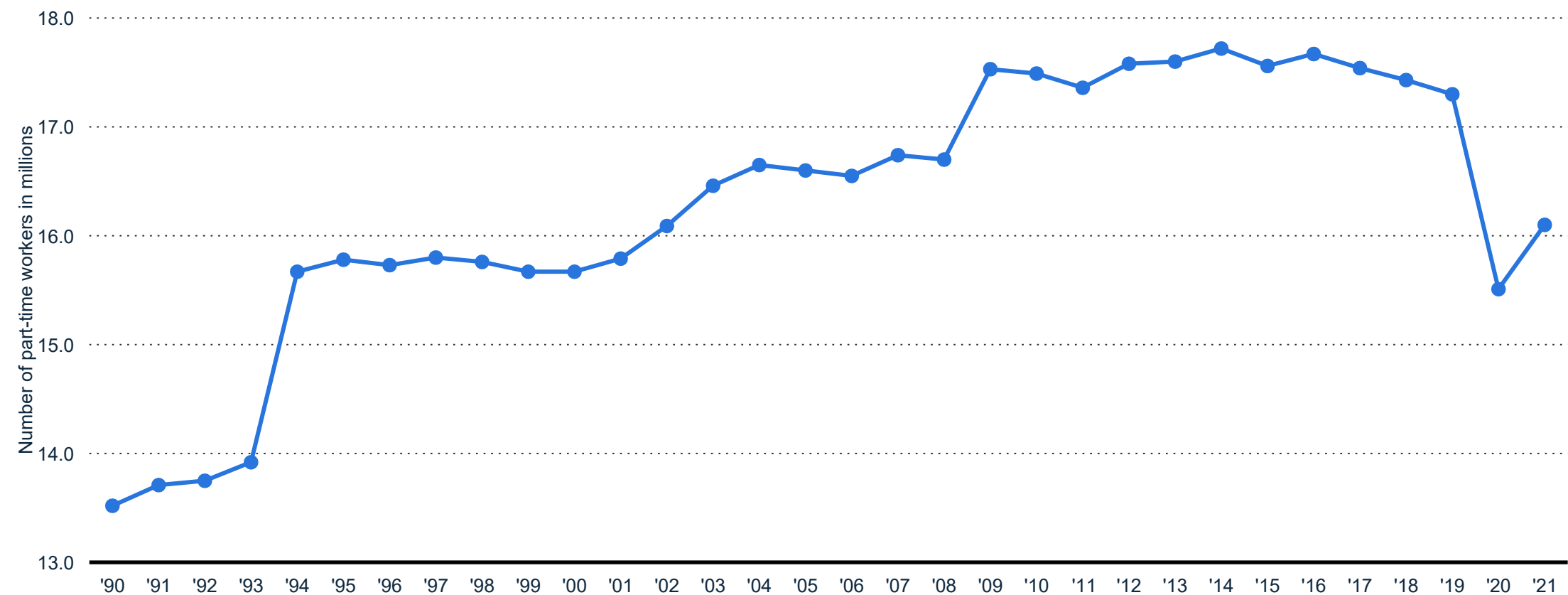
Full-time employed women - number in the U.S. 1990-2021



Note(s): 1990 to 2021
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 42](#).
Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 192354](#)

Number of part-time employed women in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

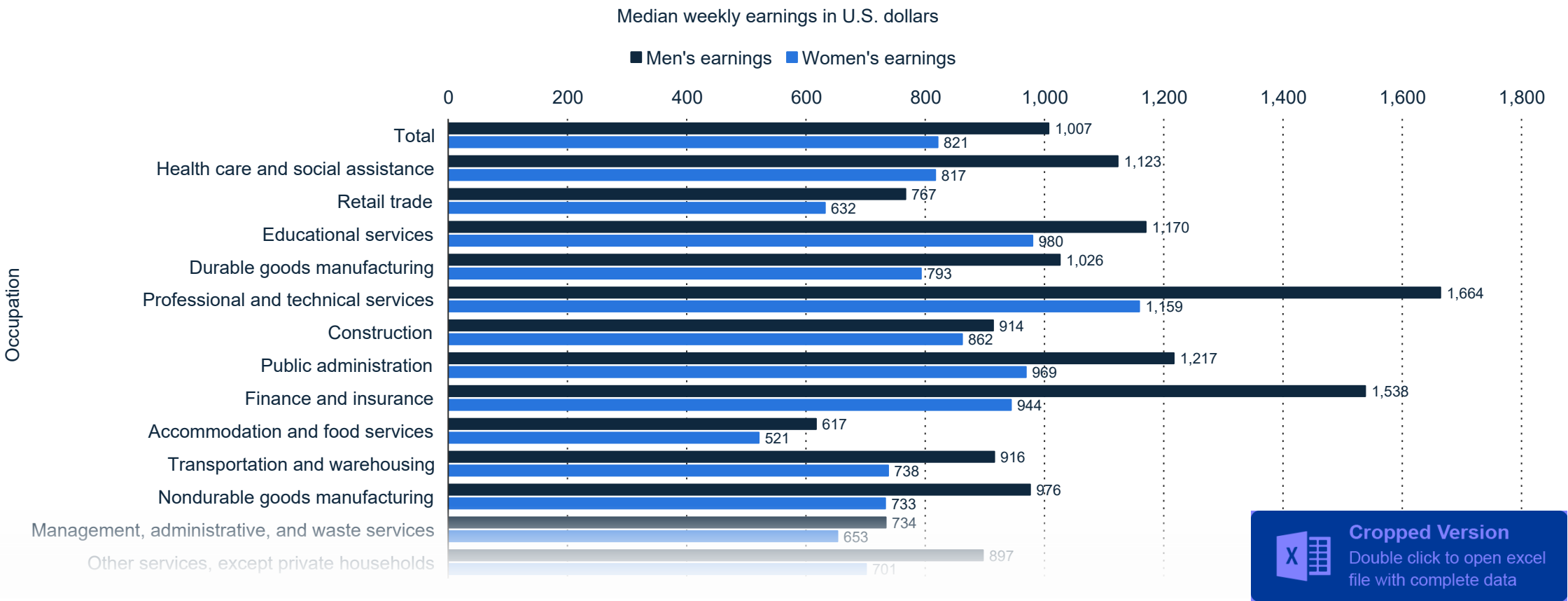
Part-time employed women - number in the U.S. 1990-2021



Note(s): United States; 1990 to 2021; 16 years and older
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 43](#).
Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 192337](#)

Gender wage gap by industry in the United States in 2019, by median weekly earnings (in U.S. dollars)

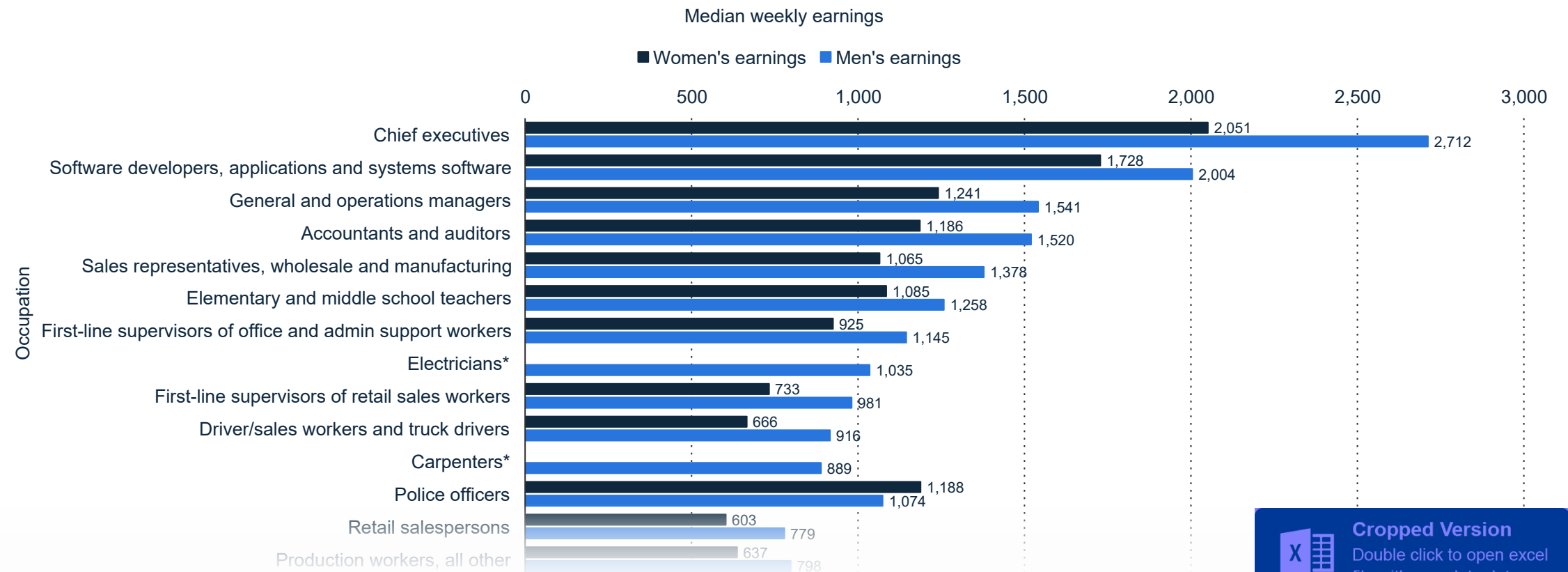
U.S. gender wage gap, by industry 2019



Note(s): United States; 2019; 16 years and older
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 44](#).
Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 244202](#)

Gender wage gap for the 20 most common occupations for men in the U.S. in 2020, by median weekly earnings (in U.S. dollars)

U.S. gender wage gap for the 20 most common occupations for men 2020



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Note(s): United States; 2020

Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 45](#).

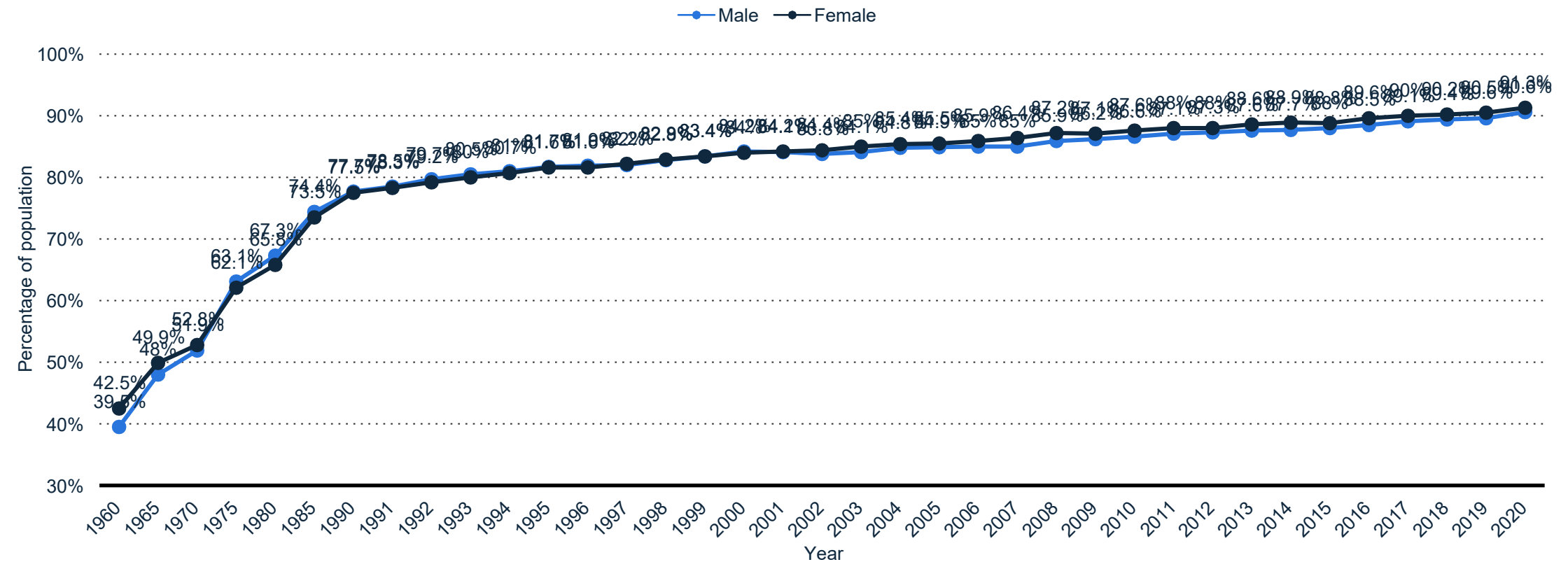
Source(s): Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 244192](#)

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Education

Percentage of the population in the United States who have completed high school or more from 1960 to 2020, by gender

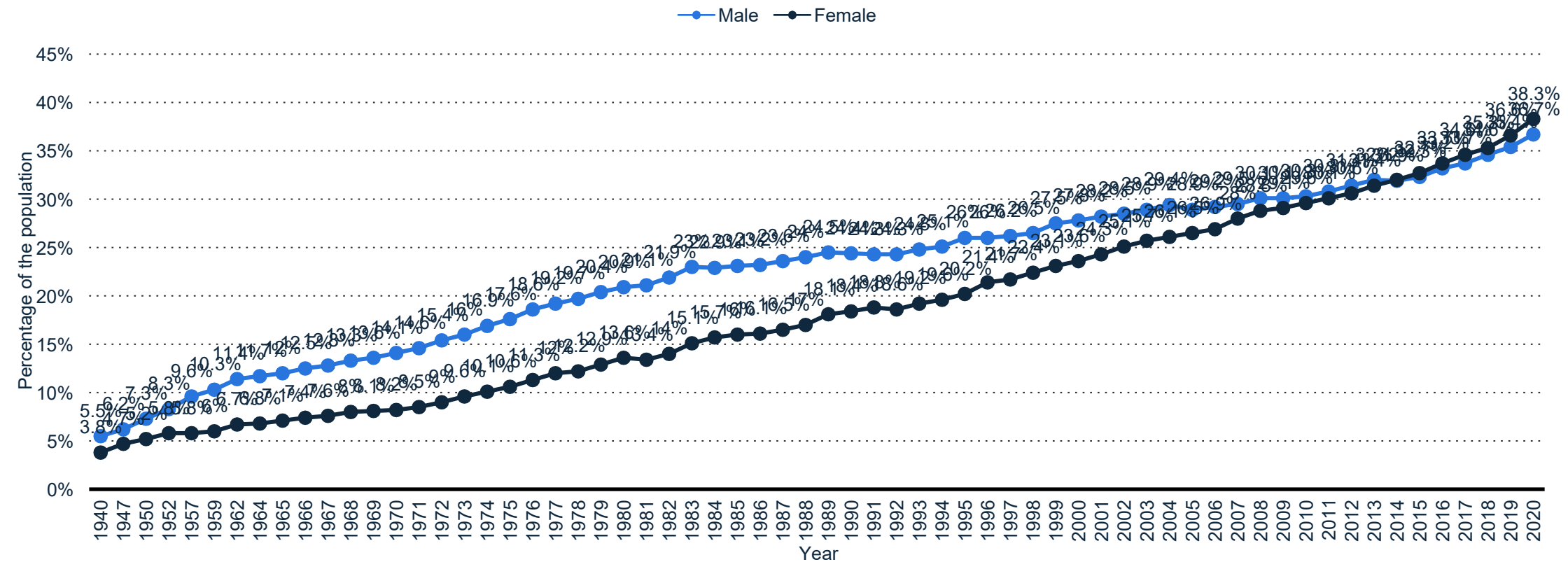
Percentage of U.S. population who have completed high school or more 1960-2020



Note(s): United States; 1960 to 2020; 25 years and older
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 46](#).
Source(s): US Census Bureau; US Department of Commerce; [ID 184266](#)

Percentage of the U.S. population who have completed four years of college or more from 1940 to 2020, by gender

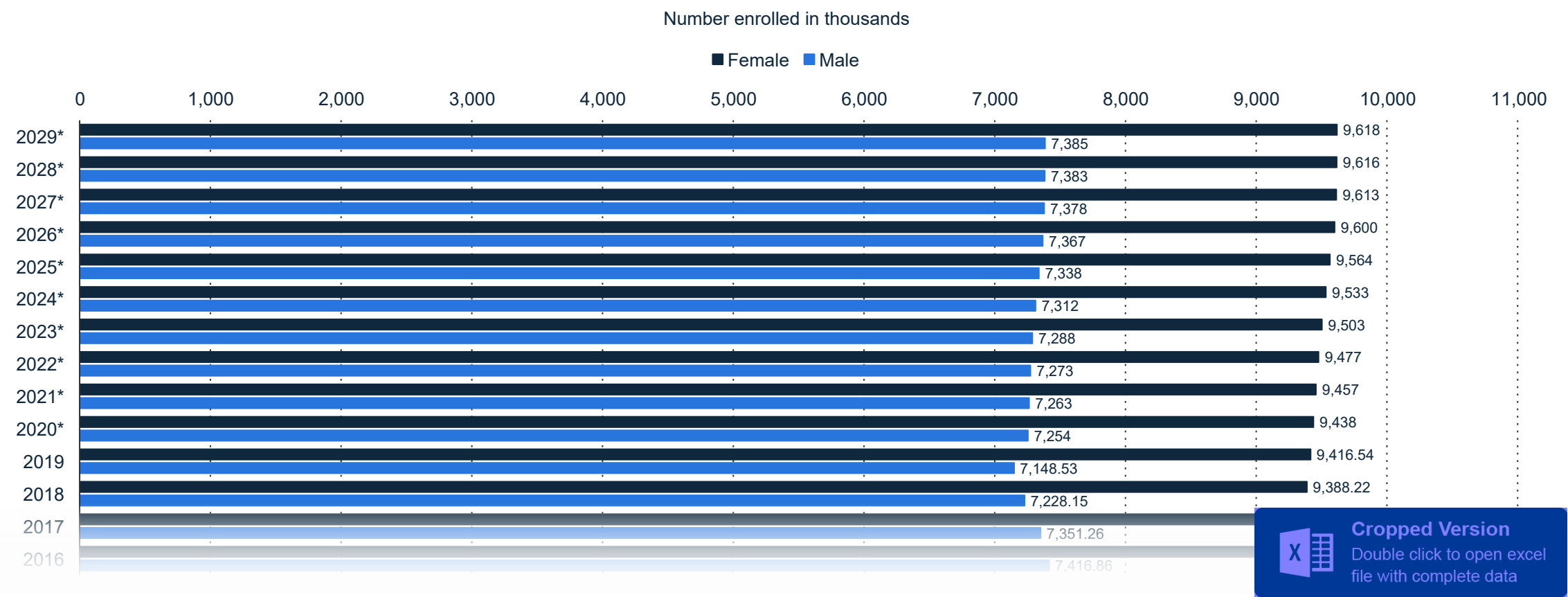
Percentage of the U.S. population with a college degree, by gender 1940-2020



Note(s): United States; 1940 to 2020; 25 years and older
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Source(s): US Census Bureau; [ID 184272](#)

Undergraduate enrollment numbers in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

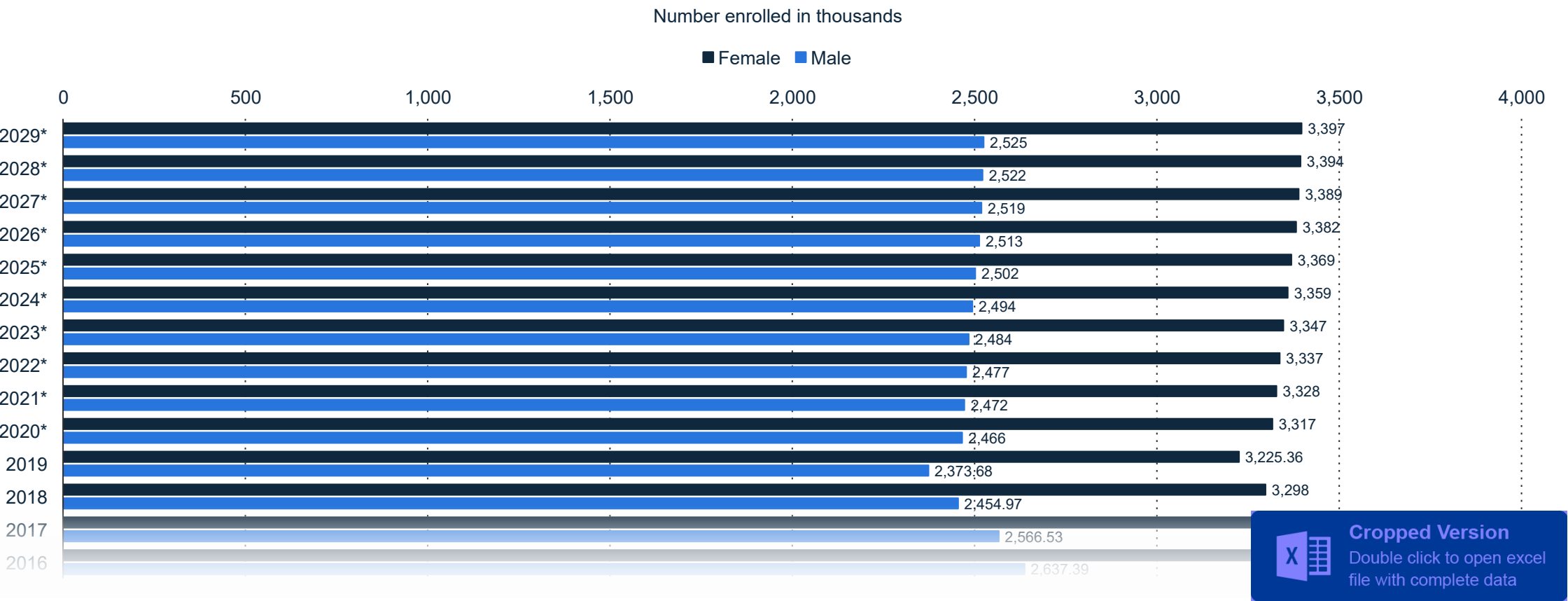
Undergraduate enrollment in the U.S., by gender 1970-2029



Note(s): United States; 1970 to 2019
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 48](#).
Source(s): NCES; [ID 236360](#)

Undergraduate enrollment in 2-year postsecondary degree-granting institutions in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

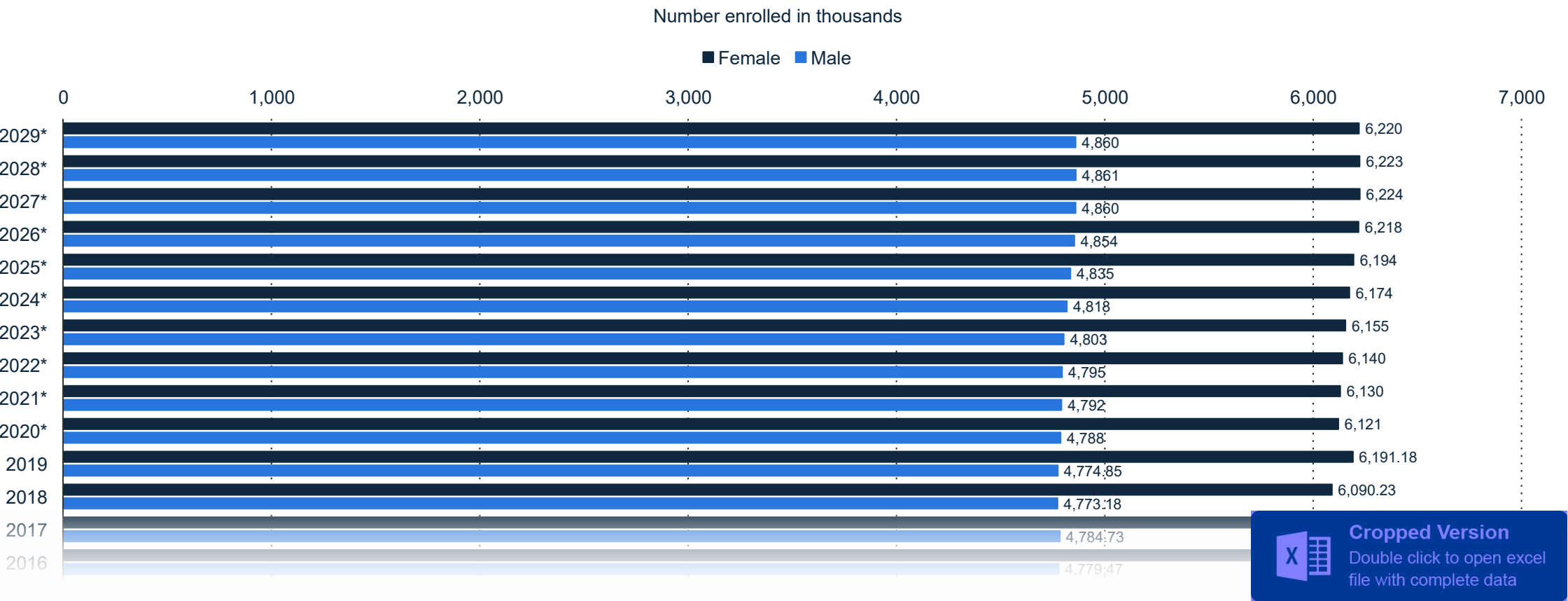
Enrollment/projections in U.S. 2-year postsecondary institutions, by gender 1970-2029



Note(s): United States; 1970 to 2019
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 49](#).
Source(s): NCES; [ID 236440](#)

Undergraduate enrollment in 4-year postsecondary degree-granting institutions in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

Enrollment/projections in U.S. 4-year postsecondary institutions, by gender 1970-2029



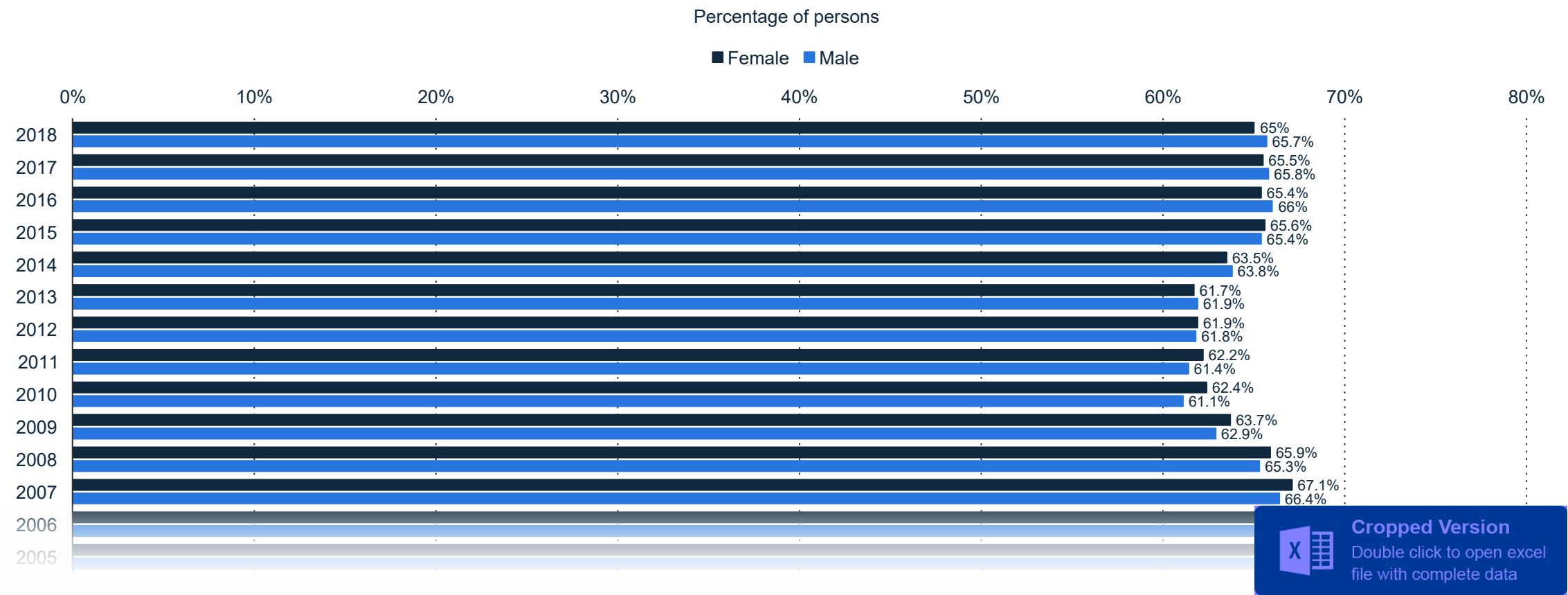
Note(s): United States; 1970 to 2019
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 50](#).
Source(s): NCES; [ID 236448](#)

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Percentage of U.S. population with private health insurance coverage from 1984 to 2019, by gender*

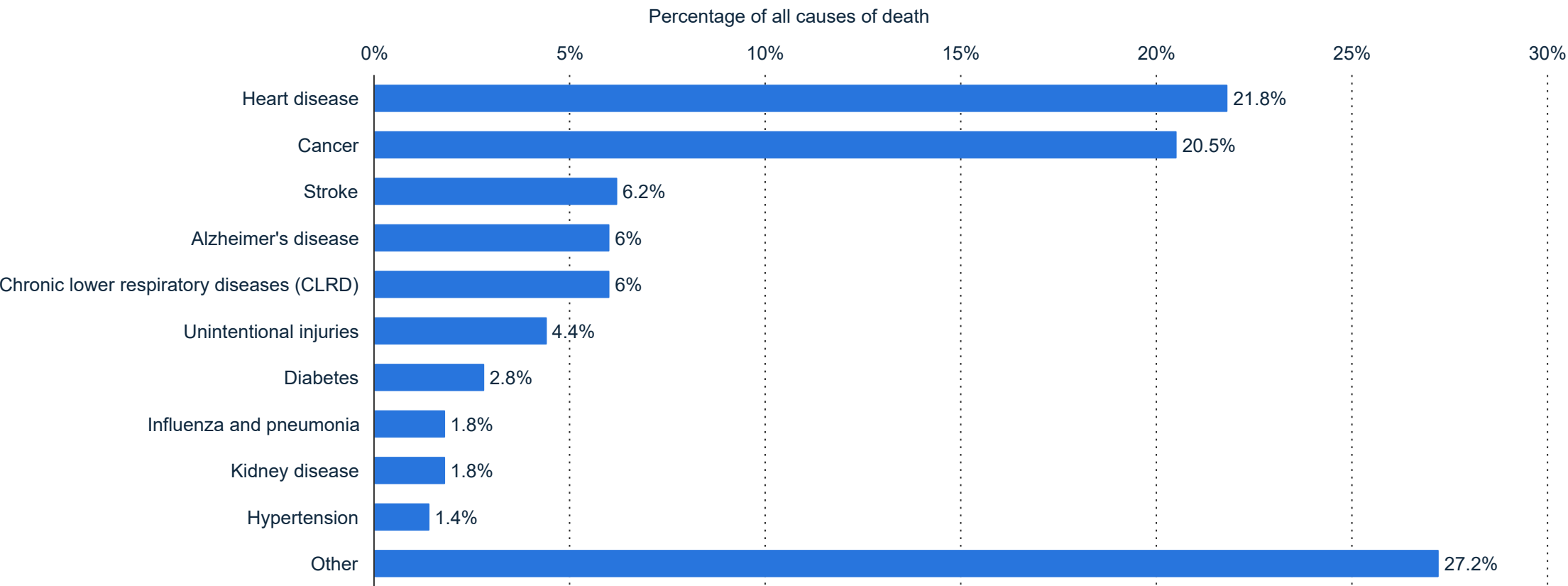
Persons in the U.S. with private health insurance coverage 1984-2019, by gender



Note(s): United States; 1984 to 2019; under 65 years
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 51](#).
Source(s): US Department of Health and Human Services; CDC; [ID 188323](#)

Distribution of the 10 leading causes of death among women in the United States in 2019

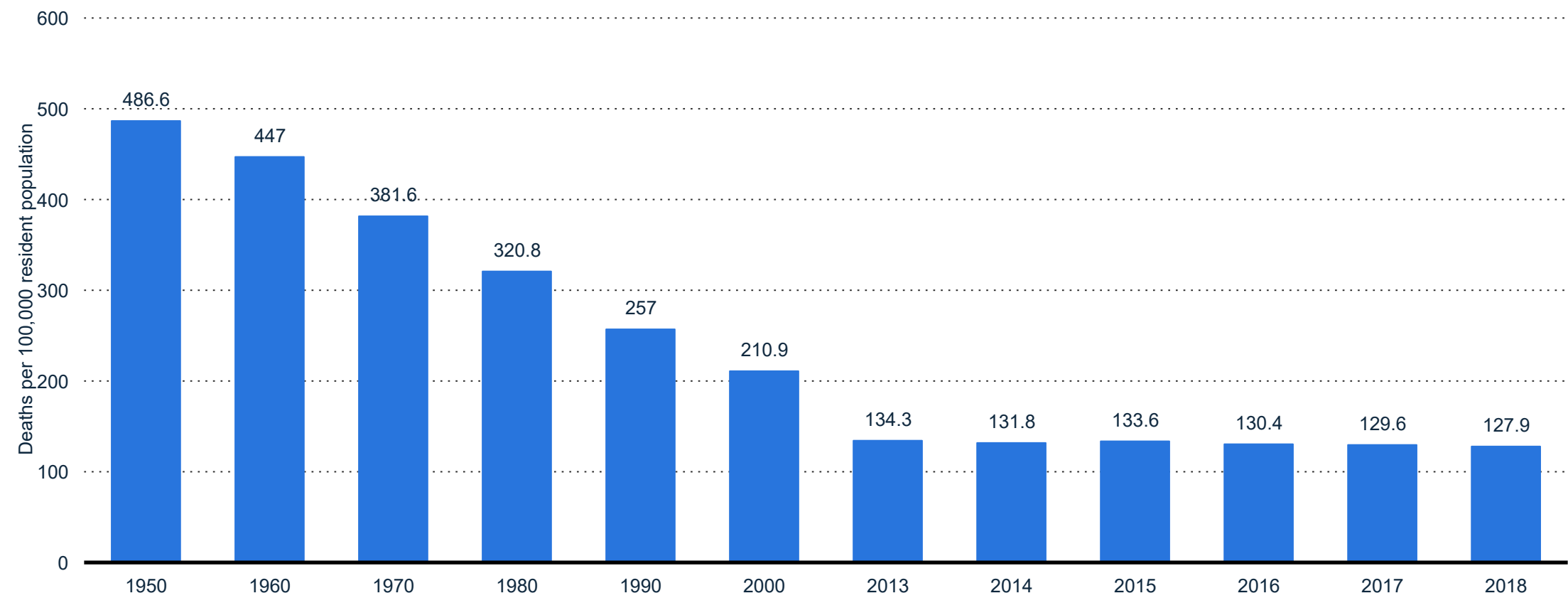
Leading causes of death among women in the United States 2019



Note(s): United States
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 52](#).
Source(s): CDC; [ID 233289](#)

Death rate for diseases of the heart among women in the U.S. from 1950 to 2018 (per 100,000 population)

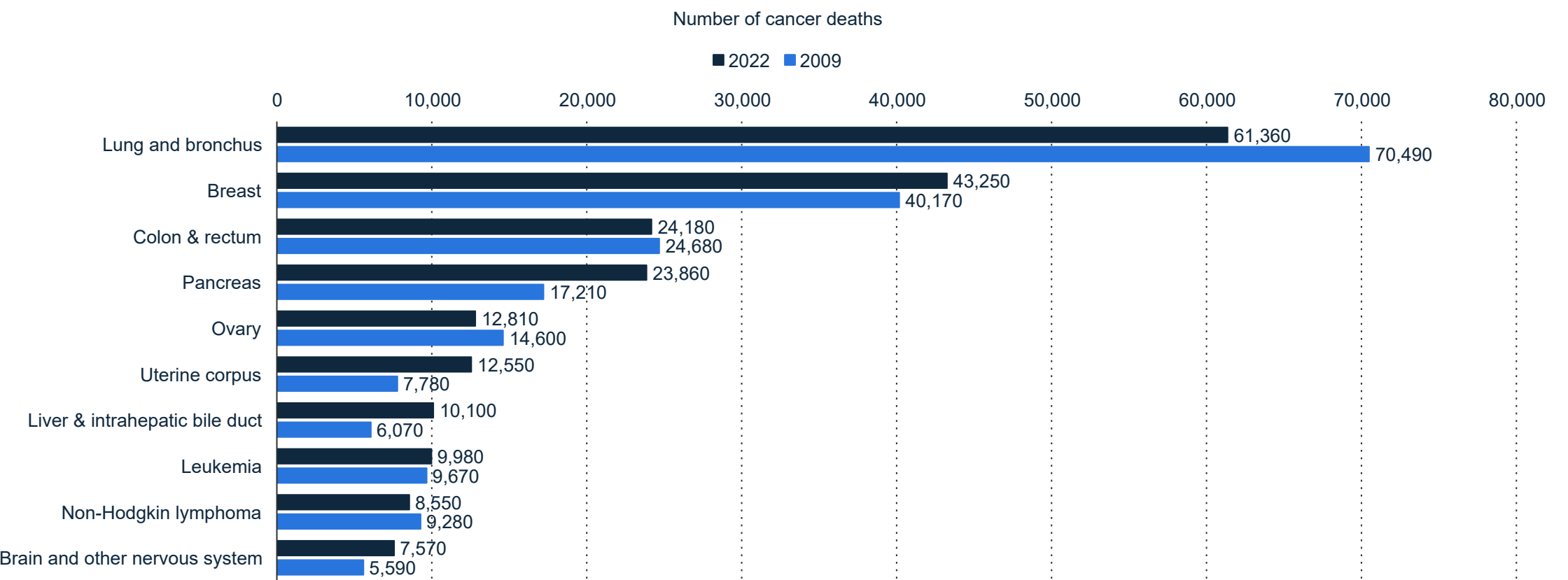
Heart disease female death rates in the U.S. 1950-2018



Note(s): United States
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 53](#).
Source(s): CDC; NCHS; [ID 666150](#)

Estimated number of cancer deaths among women in the U.S. in 2009 and 2022, by cancer type

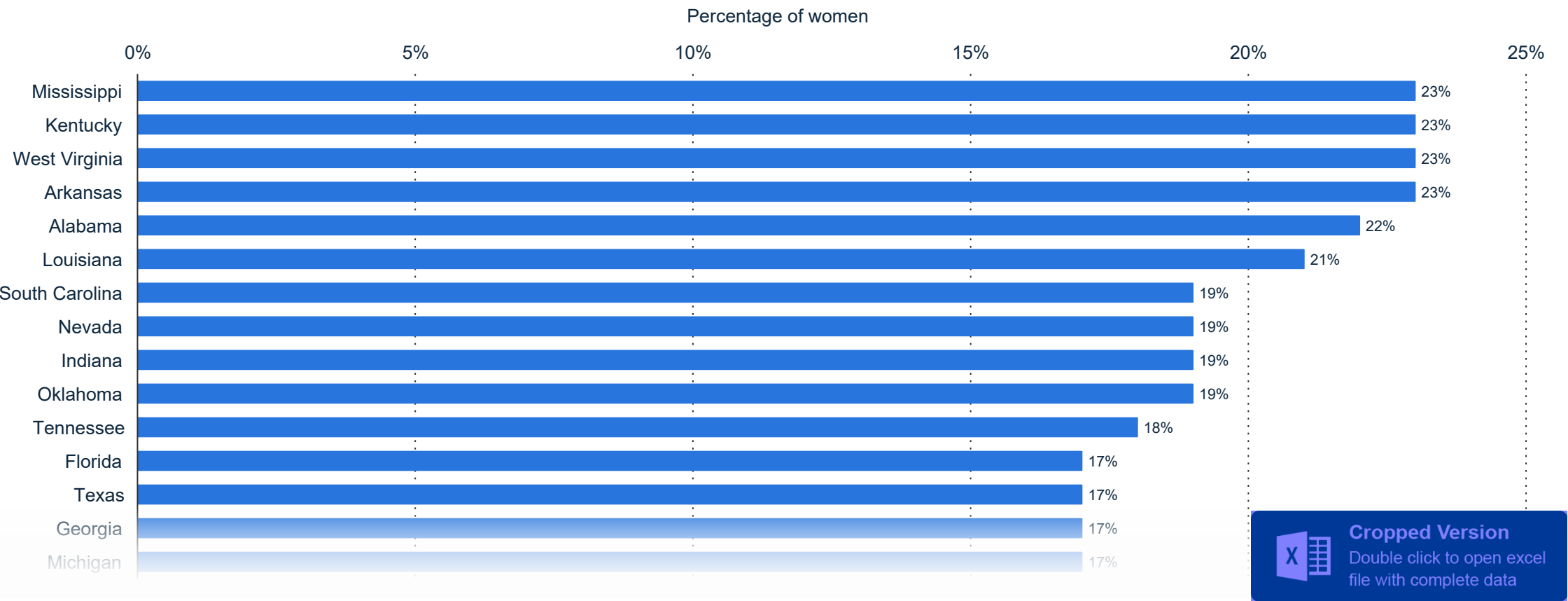
U.S. number of cancer deaths among women 2009 and 2022



Note(s): United States; 2009 and 2022
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 54](#).
Source(s): American Cancer Society; CDC; [ID 268508](#)

Percentage of women in the U.S. who reported fair or poor health status in 2020, by state

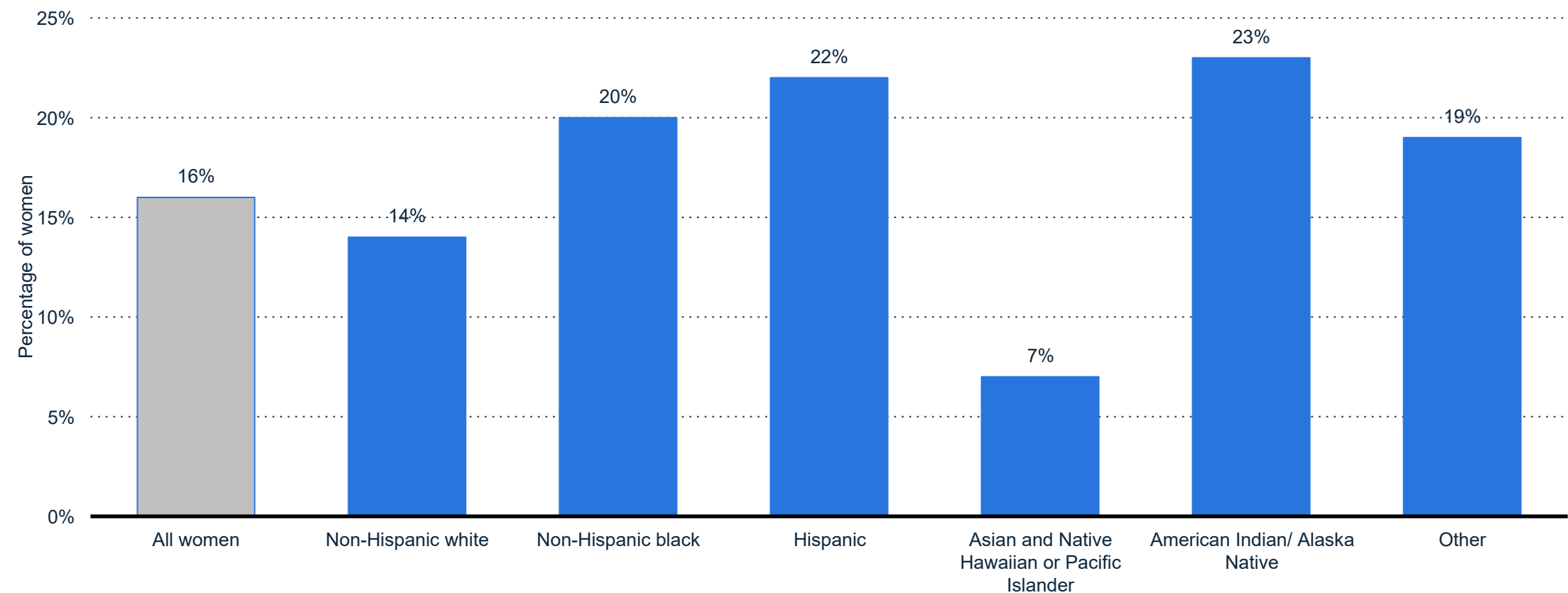
U.S. females who reported their health as fair or poor 2020, by state



Note(s): United States
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 55](#).
Source(s): Kaiser Family Foundation; CDC; [ID 798438](#)

Percentage of women in the U.S. who reported fair or poor health status in 2020, by ethnicity

U.S. females who reported their health as fair or poor 2020, by ethnicity



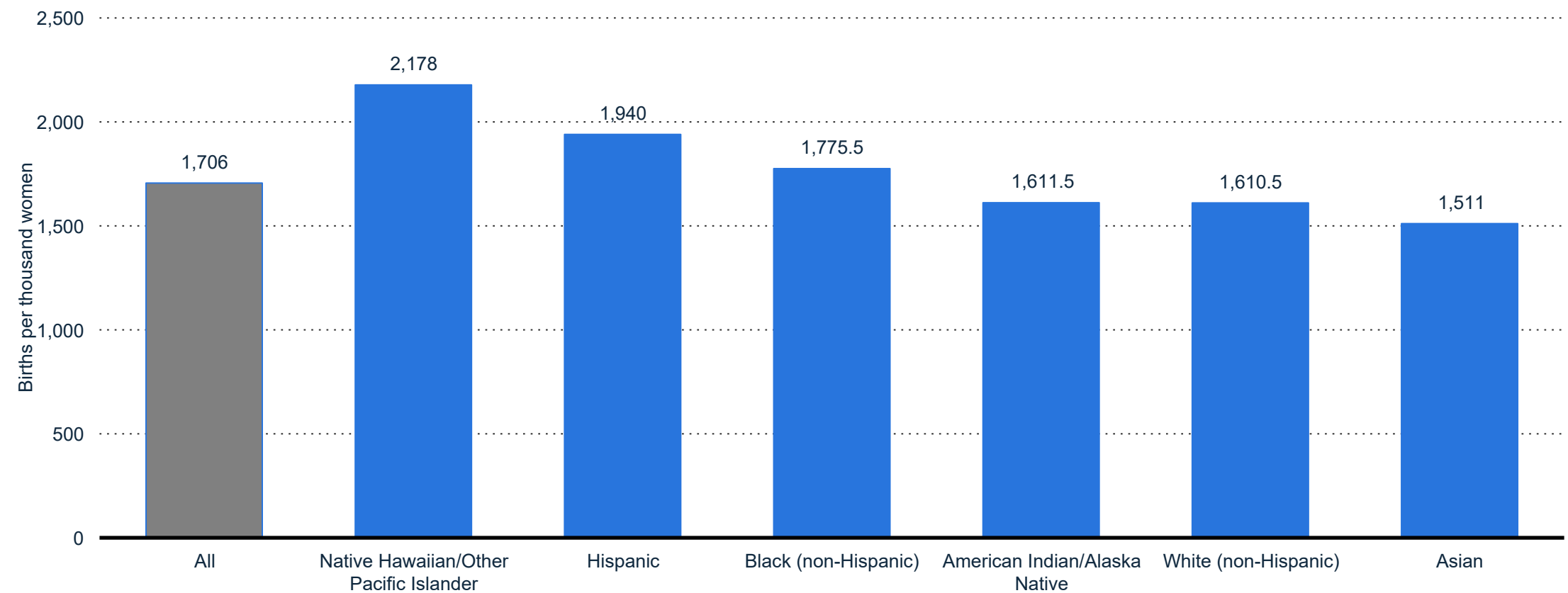
Note(s): United States
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 56](#).
Source(s): Kaiser Family Foundation; CDC; [ID 798459](#)

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Total fertility rate in the United States in 2019, by ethnicity of mother (births per 1,000 women)

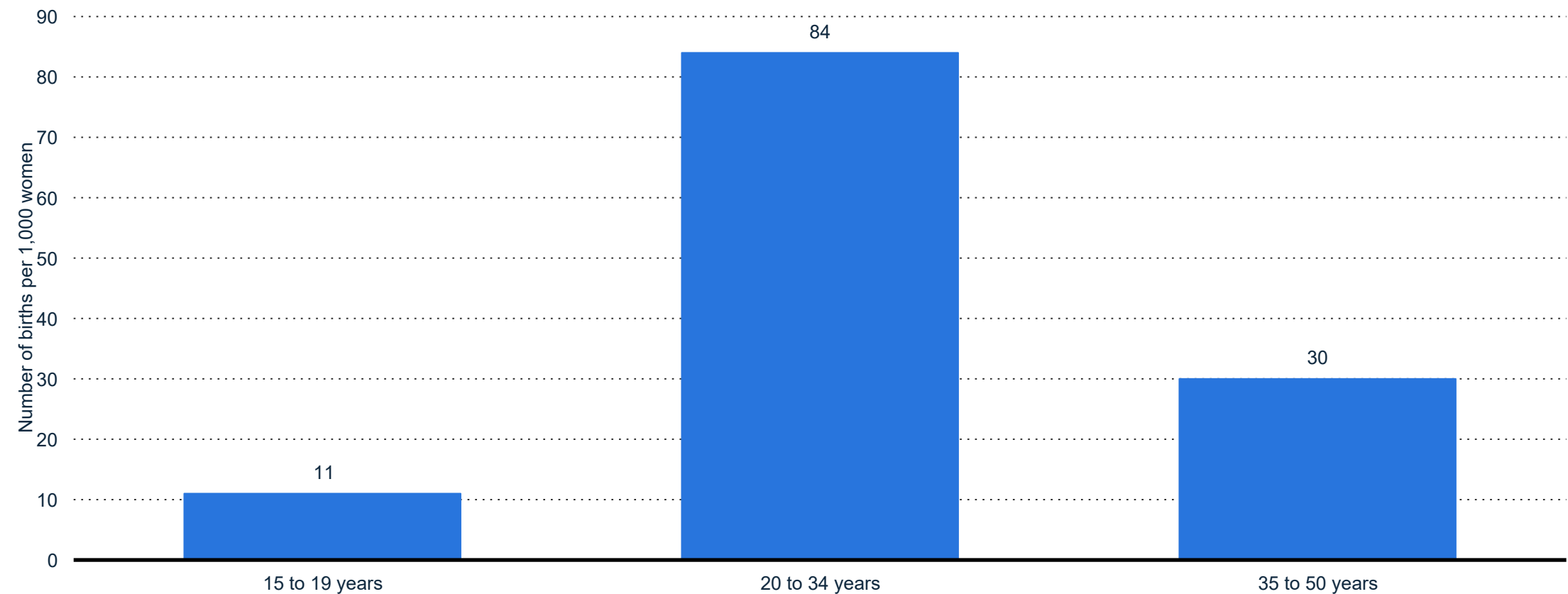
Total fertility rate by ethnicity U.S. 2019



Note(s): United States; 2019
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 57](#).
Source(s): CDC; [ID 226292](#)

Birth rate in the United States in 2019, by age of mother

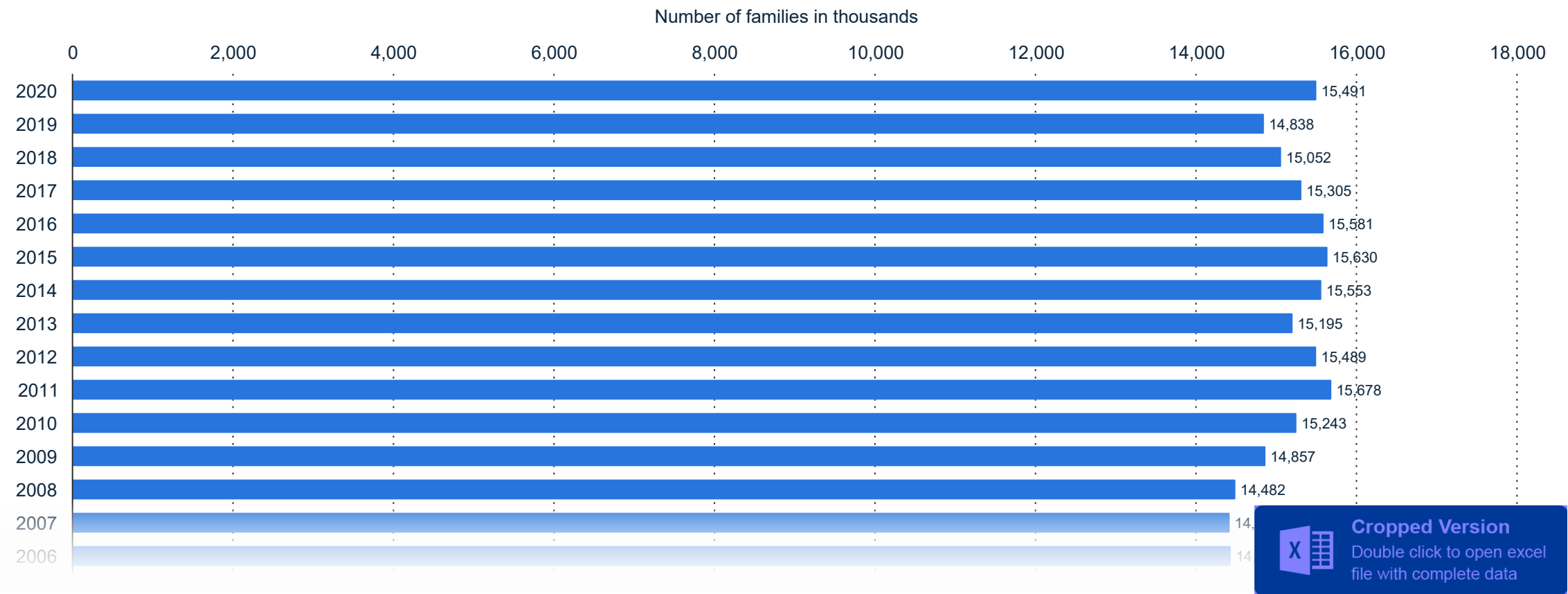
Birth rate by age of mother in the U.S. 2019



Note(s): United States; 2019; 15 to 50 years; Women
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 58](#).
Source(s): US Census Bureau; [ID 241533](#)

Number of families with a single mother in the United States from 1990 to 2020 (in 1,000s)

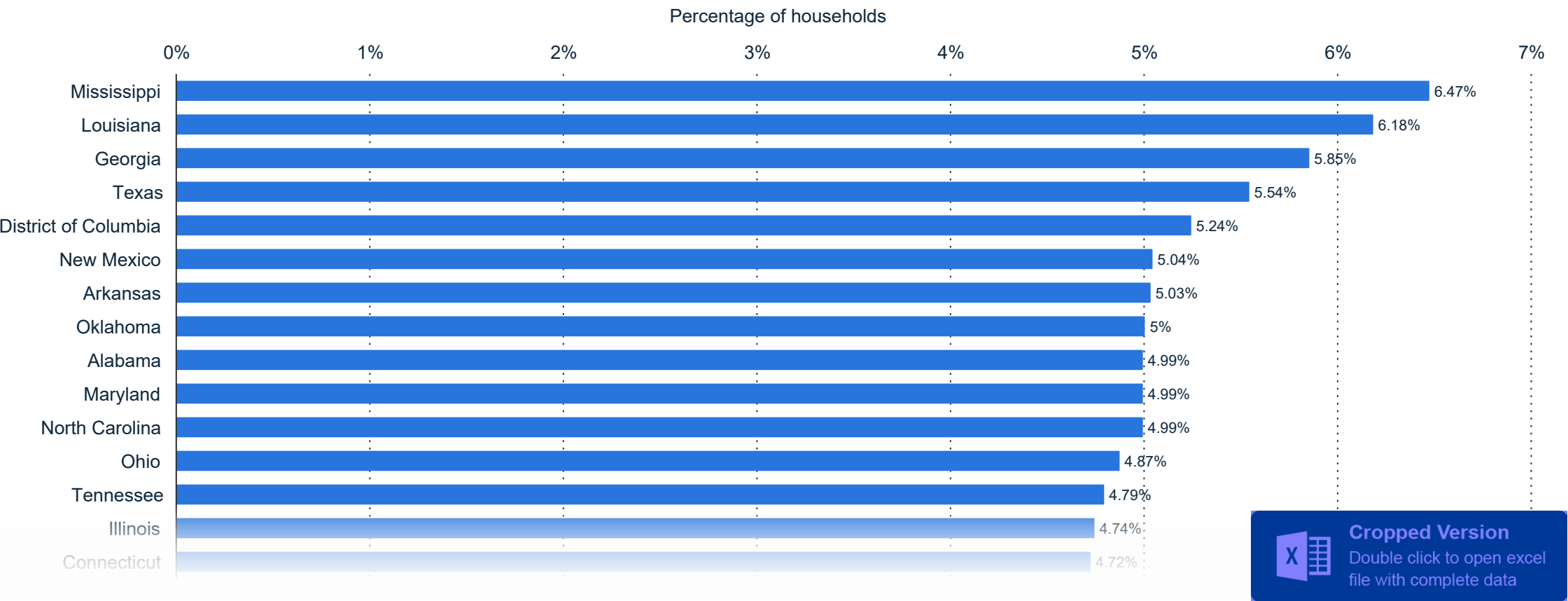
Number of families with a single mother U.S. 1990-2020



Note(s): United States; 1990 to 2020
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 59](#).
Source(s): US Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; [ID 205000](#)

Percentage of households led by a single mother with children under age 18 living in the household in the U.S. in 2019, by state*

Percentage of single mother households in the U.S. 2019, by state



Note(s): United States; 2019
Further information regarding this statistic can be found on [page 60](#).
Source(s): US Census Bureau; [ID 242302](#)

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References

Gender distribution of the resident population of the United States from 1980 to 2019 (in millions)

U.S. population by sex 1980-2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau
Conducted by	US Census Bureau
Survey period	1980 to 2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	July 2021
Original source	census.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Data prior to 2010 can be found here .</i>

Description

This graph shows the resident population of the United States from 1980 to 2020, by gender. As of July 1, 2020, there were 162.26 million males and 167.23 million females living in the United States.

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Life expectancy of women at birth in the United States from 2009 to 2019 (in years)

Life expectancy of women in the United States 2009-2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	World Bank
Conducted by	World Bank
Survey period	2009 to 2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	World Bank
Publication date	December 2021
Original source	worldbank.org
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>n.a.</i>

Description

The statistic shows the life expectancy of women at birth in the United States from 2009 to 2019. In 2019, the average life expectancy of women at birth in the United States was 81.4 years.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Opinions on various aspects of being a woman in United States 2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Ipsos
Conducted by	Ipsos
Survey period	August 20-22, 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	1,027**
Age group	18 years and older
Special characteristics	n.a.
Published by	Ipsos
Publication date	August 2021
Original source	ipsos.com
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>*Ask if Q3 = Employed full-time or part-time **534 males and 493 females</i>

Description

According to a recent survey, 68 percent of American respondents were aware of gender pay gaps. On the other hand, 32 percent of interviewees in the United States believed that women made less money than men because women worked in less highly paid fields.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Opinions on various aspects of being a woman in United States 2021, by gender

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Ipsos
Conducted by	Ipsos
Survey period	August 20-22, 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	1,027**
Age group	18 years and older
Special characteristics	n.a.
Published by	Ipsos
Publication date	August 2021
Original source	ipsos.com
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>*Ask if Q3 = Employed full-time or part-time **534 males and 493 females</i>

Description

According to a recent survey, 68 percent of American respondents were aware of gender pay gaps. This awareness was higher among female respondents (74 percent) than among male respondents (62 percent). Similarly, male interviewees tended to believe more than women had the same opportunities as men, and that women earned less than men due to own professional choices.

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Employment rate of women in the United States from 1990 to 2021

Employment rate - women in the U.S. 1990-2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	February 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>The numbers are based on the employment-population ratio. The source did not indicate a release date. The date of access was taken as the release date.</i>

Description

Since 1990, the employment rate of women in the United States has stayed more or less steady. In 1990, the female employment rate was 54.3 percent, and in 2021, the employment rate was at 53.2 percent. However, it reached a peak in 2000 at 57.5 percent.

Women in the workforce

Women in the workforce have historically not been treated the same way as men. There are many inequalities in all aspects of work, from salaries to promotion, although worldwide, the number of women joining the workforce has been increasing. Women were originally relegated to being stay-at-home wives and mothers who were supposed to take care of the household while men worked. For a long time, women were not able to attend university, which barred them from gaining an education and a professional job. However, as society developed, women have been granted equal access to university. Despite this, the unemployment rate of women in the United States has fluctuated significantly since 1990. In 2019, Minnesota was the state with the highest percentage of women participating in the civilian labor force .

The wage gap

Today, the wage gap is still a problem for women, but has improved from years past. The wage gap is where women are paid less for doing the same job as men, despite having the same level of education and experience. One of the industries that saw the most disparity in pay between men and women in the United States was the finance and insurance industry.

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Unemployment rate of women in the United States from 1990 to 2021

U.S. female workforce: unemployment rate 1990-2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	February 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>The source did not indicate a release date. The date of access was taken as the release date.</i>

Description

The unemployment rate among the female labor force in the United States decreased from the previous year to 5.2 percent in 2021. The unemployment rate of women in the U.S. reached a high of 8.6 percent in 2010.

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Monthly unemployment rate of women in the United States from February 2021 to February 2022 (not seasonally adjusted)

Unemployment rate of women - unadjusted monthly number in the U.S. February 2022

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	February 2021 to February 2022
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	March 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>n.a.</i>

Description

In February 2022, the unadjusted unemployment rate of women in the United States stood at 3.9 percent. This was a slight decrease from the previous month, when it stood at 4.1 percent.

What is seasonal adjustment?

Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that attempts to remove seasonal patterns from figures to show how employment and unemployment changes from month to month. For example, seasonal adjustment is used to account for the extra people that are hired in retail around Christmas. Seasonal adjustment makes it so that monthly data can be compared more accurately over the long term. When looking at the seasonally adjusted female unemployment rate, for example, one can see that it is slightly higher than the unadjusted rate in order to account for the seasonal component.

Unemployment in the United States

Unemployment in the United States is seen as a critical indicator of how the economy is doing. In 2010, for example, unemployment in the U.S. was at 9.6 percent due to the Great Recession – the highest figure since 1990. Since 2010, unemployment has been steadily falling as the economy has recovered, and even hit its lowest point since 1990 in 2019, at 3.7 percent. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, unemployment in 2021 soared to 8.1 percent. As of 2021 the unemployment rate fell back to 5.3 percent.

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Civilian female labor force in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

U.S. female labor force 1990-2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	n.a.
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	n.a.
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	January 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>The term Civilian male labor force is used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to describe the subset of Americans who have jobs or are seeking a job, are at least 16 years old, are not serving in the military and are not institutionalized. In other words, all Americans who are eligible to [...] For more information visit our Website</i>

Description

This graph shows the civilian female labor force in the United States from 1990 to 2021. In 2021, the number of women who had jobs or were seeking employment amounted to almost 75.7 million.

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Number of full-time employed women in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

Full-time employed women - number in the U.S. 1990-2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	January 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>In line with the definition of the BLS, full-time is 35 hours or more per week</i>

Description

In 2021, about 55.65 million women were employed on a full-time basis in the United States. This is a large increase from the previous year when only 53.73 million full-time employed women in the U.S.

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Number of part-time employed women in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)

Part-time employed women - number in the U.S. 1990-2021

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2021
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	January 2022
Original source	Bls.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>In line with the definition of the BLS, part time is 1 to 34 hours per week.</i>

Description

This statistic shows the number of part-time employed women in the United States from 1990 to 2021. In 2021, about 16.1 million women were employed on a part-time basis.

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Gender wage gap by industry in the United States in 2019, by median weekly earnings (in U.S. dollars)

U.S. gender wage gap, by industry 2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	16 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	April 2021
Original source	Women in the labor force: a databook, table 19
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>The data is based on full-time workers only. Earnings data are published only for occupations with an estimated minimum of 500,000 workers.</i>

Description

The statistic shows the gender wage gap in the United States in 2019, by industry. In 2019, female employees working in retail trade earned 632 U.S. dollars per week on average, while their male counterparts earned 747 U.S. dollars.

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Gender wage gap for the 20 most common occupations for men in the U.S. in 2020, by median weekly earnings (in U.S. dollars)

U.S. gender wage gap for the 20 most common occupations for men 2020

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Publication date	March 2021
Original source	The Gender Wage Gap by Occupation, Race, and Ethnicity 2020, page 5
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>The data is based on full-time workers only. Earnings data are published only for occupations with an estimated minimum of 50,000 workers. *Women's median weekly earning data not available</i>

Description

The statistic shows the gender wage gap for the 20 most common occupations for men in the United States in 2020, by median weekly earnings. In 2020, U.S. female software developers (applications and system software) earned on average 1,728 U.S. dollars per week, while their male counterparts earned 2,004 U.S. dollars.

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Percentage of the population in the United States who have completed high school or more from 1960 to 2020, by gender

Percentage of U.S. population who have completed high school or more 1960-2020

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau; US Department of Commerce
Conducted by	US Census Bureau
Survey period	1960 to 2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	25 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	April 2021
Original source	Historical Time Series Tables - Educational Attainment, table A-2
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>n.a.</i>

Description

In 2020, around 91.3 percent of women had graduated high school or had obtained a higher educational degree in the United States. This is an increase from 1960, when 42.5 percent of women in the U.S. had graduated from high school or above.

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Percentage of the U.S. population who have completed four years of college or more from 1940 to 2020, by gender

Percentage of the U.S. population with a college degree, by gender 1940-2020

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau
Conducted by	US Census Bureau
Survey period	1940 to 2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	25 years and older
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	April 2021
Original source	Historical Time Series Tables - Educational Attainment, table A-2
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>n.a.</i>

Description

In an impressive increase from years past, 38.3 percent of women in the United States had completed four years or more of college in 2020. This figure is up from 3.8 percent of women in 1940. A significant increase can also be seen in males, with 36.7 percent of the U.S. male population having completed four years or more of college in 2020, up from 5.5 percent in 1940.

4- and 2-year colleges

In the United States, college students are able to choose between attending a 2-year postsecondary program and a 4-year postsecondary program. Generally, attending a 2-year program results in an Associate's Degree, and 4-year programs result in a Bachelor's Degree.

Many 2-year programs are designed so that attendees can transfer to a college or university offering a 4-year program upon completing their Associate's. Completion of a 4-year program is the generally accepted standard for entry-level positions when looking for a job.

Earnings after college

Factors such as gender, degree achieved, and the level of postsecondary education can have an impact on employment and earnings later in life. Some Bachelor's degrees continue to attract more male students than female , particularly in STEM fields, while liberal arts degrees such as education, languages and literatures, and communication tend to see higher female attendance.

All of these factors have an impact on earnings after college, and despite nearly the same rate of attendance within the American population between males and females, men with a Bachelor's Degree continue to have higher weekly earnings on average than their female counterparts .

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Undergraduate enrollment numbers in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

Undergraduate enrollment in the U.S., by gender 1970-2029

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	NCES
Conducted by	NCES
Survey period	1970 to 2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	NCES
Publication date	January 2021
Original source	Digest of Education Statistics 2020, table 303.70
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>*Projections</i>

Description

In 2019, about 7.15 million male students were enrolled in degree-granting postsecondary institutions as undergraduate students. This is compared to 9.42 million female undergraduate students who were enrolled in that same year. By 2029, these figures are projected to increase to 7.4 million and 9.62 million respectively.

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Undergraduate enrollment in 2-year postsecondary degree-granting institutions in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

Enrollment/projections in U.S. 2-year postsecondary institutions, by gender 1970-2029

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	NCES
Conducted by	NCES
Survey period	1970 to 2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	NCES
Publication date	January 2021
Original source	Digest of Education Statistics 2020, table 303.70
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>*Projections</i>

Description

In 2019, there were approximately 3.23 million female and 2.37 million male students enrolled in 2-year postsecondary institutions across the United States. By 2029, these figures are expected to increase to about 3.4 million and 2.53 million enrollments, respectively.

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Undergraduate enrollment in 4-year postsecondary degree-granting institutions in the United States from 1970 to 2029, by gender (in 1,000s)

Enrollment/projections in U.S. 4-year postsecondary institutions, by gender 1970-2029

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	NCES
Conducted by	NCES
Survey period	1970 to 2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	NCES
Publication date	January 2021
Original source	Digest of Education Statistics 2020, table 303.70
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>*Projections</i>

Description

In 2019, there were approximately 4.77 million male and 6.19 million female students enrolled in 4-year postsecondary institutions across the United States. By 2029, these figures are projected to increase to 4.86 million and 6.22 million enrollments, respectively.

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Percentage of U.S. population with private health insurance coverage from 1984 to 2019, by gender*

Persons in the U.S. with private health insurance coverage 1984-2019, by gender

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Department of Health and Human Services; CDC
Conducted by	CDC; NCHS
Survey period	1984 to 2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	under 65 years
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Department of Health and Human Services
Publication date	March 2021
Original source	Health, United States, 2019, page xi table 47
Website URL	visit the website

Notes: *Any private health insurance coverage (both individual and insurance obtained through the workplace) at the time of interview; includes those who also had another type of coverage. Data prior to 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for later years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. Estima [...] For more information visit our Website*

Description

This statistic shows the percentage of persons under 65 years in the U.S. with private health insurance coverage from 1984 to 2018, by gender. In 2018, approximately 66 percent of the male U.S. population under 65 years of age had private health insurance coverage.

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Distribution of the 10 leading causes of death among women in the United States in 2019

Leading causes of death among women in the United States 2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	CDC
Conducted by	CDC; NCHS
Survey period	2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	CDC
Publication date	July 2021
Original source	Deaths: Leading Causes for 2019, page 10
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>n.a.</i>

Description

In the United States, the leading causes of death among women include heart disease, cancer, and stroke. Heart disease and cancer are similarly the leading causes of death among U.S. men , however, the third leading cause of death among men is unintentional injury. In 2019, heart disease accounted for almost 22 percent of all deaths among women in the United States, while cancer accounted for 20.5 percent of deaths.

Cancer among women in the U.S.
The most common types of cancer among U.S. women are breast, lung and bronchus, and colon and rectum. In 2022, there was predicted to be around 287,850 new breast cancer cases among women, compared to 118,830 new cases of lung and bronchus cancer. Although breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in the United States, lung and bronchus cancer causes the highest number of cancer deaths . In 2022, around 61,360 women were expected to die from lung and bronchus cancer, compared to 43,250 from breast cancer.

Breast cancer
Although breast cancer is the second most deadly form of cancer among women, rates of death have decreased over the past few decades. This decrease is possibly due to early detection, progress in therapy, and increasing awareness of risk factors. In 2018, the death rate due to breast cancer was 197 per 100,000 population, compared to a rate of 33.3 per 100,000 in the year 1990. The state with the highest rate of deaths due to breast cancer is Mississippi, while Hawaii has the lowest rate. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Hawaii is one of the states with the highest share of women receiving a breast cancer screening in the last two years, while Mississippi had one of the lowest rates of screening.

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Death rate for diseases of the heart among women in the U.S. from 1950 to 2018 (per 100,000 population)

Heart disease female death rates in the U.S. 1950-2018

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	CDC; NCHS
Conducted by	NCHS
Survey period	1950 to 2018
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Department of Health and Human Services
Publication date	March 2021
Original source	Health, United States, 2019, page x table 5
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Rates are age-adjusted. Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the year 2000 standard population. Prior to 2001, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2001 data, unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age- [...] For more information visit our Website</i>

Description

This statistic shows the death rate for heart diseases among women in the U.S. from 1950 to 2018, per 100,000 population. In 2018, 127.9 women died from heart diseases per 100,000 population, a significant decrease from the rate of 486.6 recorded for the year 1950.

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Estimated number of cancer deaths among women in the U.S. in 2009 and 2022, by cancer type

U.S. number of cancer deaths among women 2009 and 2022

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	American Cancer Society; CDC
Conducted by	American Cancer Society; CDC; NCHS
Survey period	2009 and 2022
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	American Cancer Society
Publication date	January 2022
Original source	American Cancer Society - Cancer Facts & Figures 2022, page 4
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>2009 estimates were added from the 2009 report.</i>

Description

This statistic shows the estimated number of cancer deaths among women in the U.S. in 2009 and 2022, by cancer type. It was estimated that in 2022 around 61,360 women would die of lung and bronchial cancer.

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Percentage of women in the U.S. who reported fair or poor health status in 2020, by state

U.S. females who reported their health as fair or poor 2020, by state

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Kaiser Family Foundation; CDC
Conducted by	CDC (BRFSS)
Survey period	2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Kaiser Family Foundation
Publication date	March 2022
Original source	kff.org
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Release date represents the date figures were accessed.</i>

Description

This statistic shows the percentage of women in the U.S. who reported their health as fair or poor in 2020, by state. During this time, around 23 percent of women in West Virginia reported their health as only fair or poor.

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Percentage of women in the U.S. who reported fair or poor health status in 2020, by ethnicity

U.S. females who reported their health as fair or poor 2020, by ethnicity

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	Kaiser Family Foundation; CDC
Conducted by	CDC (BRFSS)
Survey period	2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	Kaiser Family Foundation
Publication date	March 2022
Original source	kff.org
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Release date represents the date figures were accessed.</i>

Description

This statistic shows the percentage of women in the U.S. who reported their health as fair or poor in 2020, by ethnicity. During this time, around 22 percent of Hispanic women reported their health as only fair or poor.

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Total fertility rate in the United States in 2019, by ethnicity of mother (births per 1,000 women)

Total fertility rate by ethnicity U.S. 2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	CDC
Conducted by	CDC; NCHS (NVSS)
Survey period	2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	CDC
Publication date	March 2021
Original source	Births: Final Data for 2019, page 29
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5.</i>

Description

Taiwan Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women had the highest fertility rate of any ethnicity in the United States in 2019, with about 2,178 births per 1,000 women. The fertility rate for all ethnicities in the U.S. was 1,729.5 births per 1,000 women.

What is the total fertility rate?

The total fertility rate is an estimation of the number of children who would theoretically be born per 1,000 women through their childbearing years (generally considered to be between the ages of 15 and 44) according to age-specific fertility rates. The fertility rate is different from the birth rate , in that the birth rate is the number of births in relation to the population over a specific period of time.

Fertility rates around the world

Fertility rates around the world differ on a country-by-country basis, and more industrialized countries tend to see lower fertility rates. For example, Niger topped the list of the countries with the highest fertility rates , and Taiwan had the lowest fertility rate .

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Birth rate in the United States in 2019, by age of mother

Birth rate by age of mother in the U.S. 2019

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau
Conducted by	US Census Bureau
Survey period	2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	n.a.
Age group	15 to 50 years
Special characteristics	Women
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	September 2020
Original source	census.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>Birth rate covers the number of births per 1,000 women. Covers civilian noninstitutional population. Since the number of women who had a birth during the 12-month period was tabulated and not the actual numbers of births, some small underestimation of fertility for this period may exist due to the o [...] For more information visit our Website</i>

Description

This graph displays the birth rate in the United States in 2019, distinguished by age of mother. In 2019, the number of births per 1,000 women was the highest in the age group between 20 and 34 year old (84) and was the lowest (11) in the group aged between 15 and 19 years.

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Number of families with a single mother in the United States from 1990 to 2020 (in 1,000s)

Number of families with a single mother U.S. 1990-2020

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Conducted by	US Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey period	1990 to 2020
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	<i>n.a.</i>
Age group	<i>n.a.</i>
Special characteristics	<i>n.a.</i>
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	September 2021
Original source	Income and Poverty in the United States 2020, page 54
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>* Families with a female householder, no spouse present - with and without children aged 18 and under. The Census Bureau defines a family as follows: "A family is a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such pe [...] For more information visit our Website</i>

Description

In 2020, there were around 15.49 million families with a female householder and no spouse present in the United States.
You can get an overview on the total number of households in the U.S. [here](#) .

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Percentage of households led by a single mother with children under age 18 living in the household in the U.S. in 2019, by state*

Percentage of single mother households in the U.S. 2019, by state

Source and methodology information

Source(s)	US Census Bureau
Conducted by	US Census Bureau
Survey period	2019
Region(s)	United States
Number of respondents	n.a.
Age group	n.a.
Special characteristics	n.a.
Published by	US Census Bureau
Publication date	September 2020
Original source	census.gov
Website URL	visit the website
Notes:	<i>* Female family householders with no spouse present with own children under 18 years living in the household. According to the definition by the U.S. Census Bureau a household "includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. One person in each household is designated as the "householder." In m [...] For more information visit our Website</i>

Description

This graph shows the Percentage of households led by a female householder with no spouse present with own children under 18 years living in the household in the U.S. in 2019, by state. In 2019, about 4.21 percent of Californian households were single mother households with at least one child.

Additional information on single mother households and poverty in the United States

For most single mothers a constant battle persists between finding the time and energy to raise their children and the demands of working to supply an income to house and feed their families. The pressures of a single income and the high costs of childcare mean that the risk of poverty for these families is a tragic reality. Comparison of the overall United States poverty rate since 1990 with that of the poverty rate for families with a female householder shows that poverty is much more prevalent in the later. In 2019, while the overall rate was at 10.5 percent, the rate of poverty for single mother families was 22.2 percent. Moreover, the degree of fluctuation was much lower for single female household families suggesting the rate of poverty for these groups is less affected by economic conditions.

The sharp rise in the number of children living with a single mother or single father in the United States from 1970 to 2015 suggests more must be done to ensure that families in such situations are able to avoid poverty. Moreover, attention should also be placed on overall racial income inequality given the higher rate of poverty for Hispanic single mother families than their white or Asian counterparts.

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