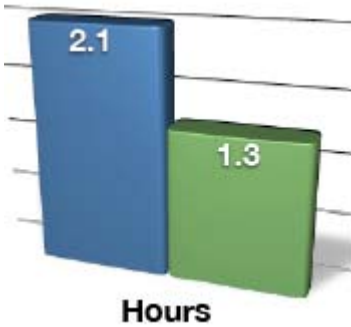
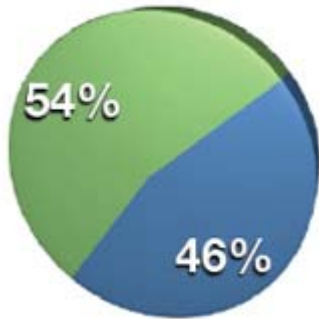


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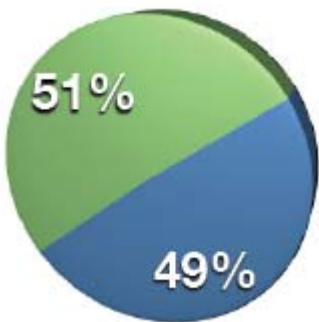
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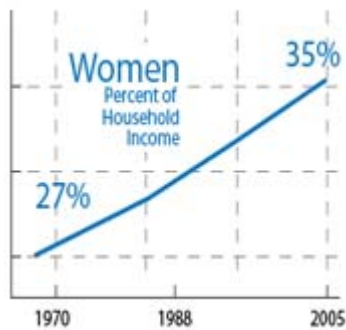
Mothers with higher levels of education tend to spend more time in care of their children versus having a nanny care for their children than do mothers with a high-school diploma or less (2.1 hours vs. 1.3 hours). (Source: Catalyst)



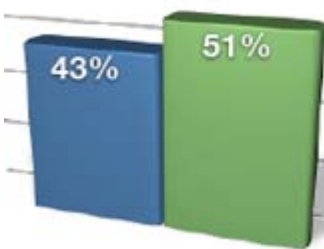
Women comprised 46 percent of the U.S. labor force. (Source: U.S. Department of Labor)



Women accounted for 51 percent of all workers in high-paying management, professional and related occupations in 2006. They outnumbered men in such occupations as financial managers; human-resource managers; medical and health services managers; and accountants and auditors. (Source: U.S. Department of Labor)



Married working women contributed 35 percent to family income in 2005, up by about 8 percent from 1970, when their earnings accounted for 27 percent of their families' total incomes. (*U.S. Census Bureau*)



Single women held 43 percent of their wealth in risky assets, while single men held 51 percent in risky assets. As their wealth increased, women devoted less money to risky assets than men did, receiving lower rates of return from their investment over time and ultimately reducing the amount of savings they have at retirement. (*Source: RoadandTravelMagazine.com*)

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## Layoffs May Lead to Women Becoming Work-Force Majority

By the DiversityInc staff

With the vast majority of layoffs affecting men in the current recession, women are on the brink of becoming a majority in the work force, *The New York Times* reports. A total of 82 percent of recent layoffs have hit men, partly because men dominate in fields that have been hurt worst by the economic downturn, such as manufacturing and construction. Fields that tend to employ more women, such as health and education, have been more resilient.

"Given how stark and concentrated the job losses are among men, and that women represented a high proportion of the labor force in the beginning of this recession, women are now bearing the burden--or the opportunity, one could say--of being breadwinners," Heather Boushey, a senior economist at the Center for American Progress, told the Times.

According to the Times, the percentage of families that are being supported by women tends to rise slightly during recessions. Though women may have more job security, they typically have a tougher time supporting a family. Many work part time in jobs that don't offer health insurance, and women working full time earn about 80 cents for each dollar their male counterparts earn, the Times reports.