

Women's History Month

March is National Women's History Month, but its 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, and in 1981 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.

161 million

The number of females in the U.S. as of December 2013. The number of males was 156.1 million.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Postcensal Resident Population: 7/1/2013 – 12/1/2013

74.8 million

The number of females 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force in 2012. Women comprised 47.4 percent of the civilian labor force in 2012.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey, DP03

2.3 million

Number of female veterans in the United States in 2014.

Source: VA.gov (2014)

63.7%

Percentage of female citizens 18 and older who reported voting

in the 2012 presidential election, in comparison to 59.7 percent of their male counterparts.

Source: Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2012, Table 2