

Status of Georgia Women

Snap Shot of Targeted Areas for 2008 – 2009

Leadership Role in Collegiate, Corporate, and Political Environments And Health Care Access

The Georgia Women's Institute (GWI) used data compiled by such notable organizations as the Institute for Women's Policy Research, AAUW Educational Foundation, Georgia Kids Count, the Board of Directors Network, Diversity Central, Georgia Care Statistics, Georgia Watch, GWI 2008 Educational Scan, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Center for Education, DHR of Georgia, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Trend Magazine, February 2008, and others. Accordingly, Georgia women make up 51% of the population of Georgia, but research shows that they are far behind in many key indicators.

Collegiate Leadership Roles in Georgia

In Georgia, only 28% of women have a four year degree and the state ranks 21st in the nation.

Current Presidents at Georgia Colleges and Universities

2008	USG	Private	Technical
Men	30	18	19
Women	3	6	13
N	3/35	6/25	13/32
%	10%	24%	40.6%

Women Presidents by School's Top Degree

	1986	1998	2006	Georgia - 2008
Doctoral/Research	3.8%	13.2%	13.8%	0%
Masters/Regional	10.0%	18.7%	21.5%	0%
Bachelors/State Univ	16.1%	20.4%	23.2%	15.4%
State Colleges (2-4 yr)				14.3%
Associate (2 yr)	7.9%	22.4%	28.8%	0%
Technical/Specialized	6.6%	14.8%	16.6%	40% (13)

Women Presidents by Institutional Control

	1986	1998	2006	Georgia 2008
Public	6%	20.2%	23.9%	10%
Private	13.9%	18.4%	17.5%	25%

Corporate Hiring & Leadership in the Board Room

Almost 95%, or 2,141, of top earnings corporate officers are men, compared to only 188, or 5.2%, of women top earners in the Fortune 500. Women holding clout titles including, but not limited to CEO, vice chair, president, COO, senior executive vice president and executive vice president have increased only 2.2% in two years.

No Fortune 500 or top 50 companies, in GA have more than two women on their board, and less than 5% of all GA public companies, have 25% or more women on their board of directors. Women are 47% of investors in elected office for an overall grade of “D” from the Institute of Women’s Policy & Research.

Georgia Elected Officials – 2008

	Total	Women	Georgia %
Representatives	248	45	18%
Senators	56	8	14%
Mayors	508	82	16%
Constitutional Officers	2501	701	28.3%

Health Care & Access

- Georgia women rank 40th in the nation in the status of health and well being.
- 17% of Georgia’s population (about 1,260,700 people) do not have health insurance.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Georgia ranks 9th in people uninsured in the nation.
- Women and children living in South GA have more difficulty accessing health care than North GA
- 27% of Georgians are obese, costing GA an estimated \$2.1 billion/year (\$250/Georgian each year)
- GA ranks 40th in overall well being of children; 28,000 3rd grade age children are obese in GA.
- 1 in 5 children live in poverty & the % of children having babies are still among the highest in U.S.
- GA ranks 42nd among the states in per-person spending on community-based mental health care, other states spend 2.5 times more than GA on treating & managing mental illness.
- The current status of health care & access is very weak for Georgia women and families, and receives a grade of “C-“ from the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.