

## FACTS AND STATISTICS

### About Pennsylvania Women Work

- **Pennsylvania Women Work (PA Women Work) is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that provides job training services to single parents, displaced homemakers and individuals in transition** across 12 sites in Pennsylvania through our New Choices career development classes, funded by the PA Department of Labor and Industry. Since 1993, PA Women Work has **placed approximately 50,000 individuals in jobs** and education programs with **a success rate of 85 percent**.
- In 2011-2012, PA Women Work and New Choices saved the state over \$1.5 million in government assistance by helping women and their families achieve economic self-sufficiency. Over the past 15 years, **PA Women Work and New Choices have saved the state over \$33 million in aid**.
- New Choices has also played a vital role in **building up the confidence and self-esteem of its students**. Through New Choices, job seekers can become entrepreneurs, role models and leaders in their communities.
  - “New Choices is really a blessing in disguise. I needed to brush up on my computer skills, and now I want to start my own business.”—C. D., New Choices student
  - “Now, I’m learning how to love me. My dreams have been activated...I want to establish a non-profit for women’s wellness.”—Z. B., New Choices student
  - “This network, community and support is important to my career and personal goals.”—G.H., New Choices student

### About Women, Unemployment and Poverty

- The 2012 **unemployment rate for women age 20 and over was 7.5 percent**, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- In Pennsylvania, **13.6 percent of single mothers with minor children are unemployed**, compared to 6.9 percent for all women, as reported by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.
- Since the 2008 recession, **Pennsylvania women have only seen a job recovery rate of 12 percent**, as compared to a recovery rate of 63 percent for men, according to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.
- **12.1 percent of Pennsylvanians live below the poverty level**, as reported by the Women’s Law Project.
- According to the U.S. Census report, **women still only earn 78 cents to every man’s dollar earnings**.

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