

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2021

Women in Canada are among the most educated in the world

In Canada, **65%** of women aged 25 to 64 had a college or university qualification in 2019, compared with an average of **41%** among countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 37-10-0130-01 Educational attainment of the population aged 25 to 64, by age group and sex, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Canada, provinces and territories.



Women make up almost half of the workforce

In 2020, **48%** of the Canadian workforce aged 25 to 54 were women.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0023-01 Labour force characteristics by industry, annual (x 1,000).

Women and girls account for just over half of the population in Canada

As of July 1, 2021, women and girls accounted for **50.3%** of Canada's total population.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0005-01 Population estimates on July 1st, by age and sex

Women and girls in Canada are diverse

In 2016, almost one in four women and girls (**23%**) belonged to groups designated as visible minorities.

In the same year, Indigenous women and girls made up **5%** of the total population of women and girls in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada. Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity Highlight Tables: Visible minority (total - population by visible minority), both sexes, age (total), Canada, provinces and territories, 2016 Census - 25% Sample data.

