POVERTY AMONG UTAH WOMEN

OVERVIEW
Poverty is a serious problem for thousands of Utah women.

158,000
Utah women and girls lived in poverty in 2017.

However, there has been a 2.4% decrease in poverty in Utah since 2016.

HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?
Utah women are less likely to live in poverty than women in the US overall.

US Women in Poverty
US Women in Poverty 13.5%
Utah Women in Poverty
Utah Women in Poverty 9.6%

Overall, Utah has the 2nd lowest poverty rate in the nation.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Poverty rates among Utah women correlate with various demographics.

Age 75+

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Rural Counties

1 in 2 Children qualify for free or reduced school lunch, in rural counties.

Counties with highest female poverty rates:

- Piute: 31%
- San Juan: 28%
FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO POVERTY
Other factors likely contribute to Utah women’s poverty rates.

One of the Highest
Gender wage gap in the nation.

#1 in US
For women working part-time.

Childcare & Unpaid Work
make it difficult for women to advance professionally.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
Various stakeholders can help reduce Utah women’s poverty rates.

Promote women’s educational & professional pursuits.

Work to reduce employment and wage gaps.

Advocate for financial literacy among girls and women.

Advance policies and programs that reduce poverty.

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