Recently North Dakota Compass, Center for Social Research at North Dakota State University, conducted a statistical overview on the situation of women in North Dakota. Here are a few of the findings.

» More North Dakota women are becoming entrepreneurs, with women owning 29.8% of all firms, up from 23.3% in 2002.

» North Dakota has a significant wage gap, with women earning $0.73 for every $1 earned by men, lower than the national average.

» Gaps between women and men’s earnings exist regardless of race/ethnicity and education.

» Certain occupations have wide gender gaps, in particular Sales and Office, Natural Resources and Construction, and Production and Transportation.

» North Dakota women are more likely than men to live in poverty, in particular single mothers (nearly 40%).

» 84.3% of North Dakota’s single mothers are in the labor force or actively seeking work.

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