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# CHOOSING A CAREER

## IMPORTANT FACTS FOR WOMEN

### AND MEN





How much do you know about trends in our U.S. labor force? Take the following quiz and find out.

- Women make up \_\_\_\_ of the nation's paid work force.  
a. 26%                      b. 43%                      c. 54%
- For every \$1.00 men earn, women earn \_\_\_\_.  
a. 95¢                      b. 76¢                      c. 59¢
- \_\_\_\_ of American men between the ages of 18 and 64 are employed outside the home.  
a. 70%                      b. 85%                      c. 91%
- \_\_\_\_ of American women between the ages of 18 and 64 are employed outside the home.  
a. 62%                      b. 48%                      c. 34%
- The typical young woman in high school today can expect to spend \_\_\_\_ years in the paid work force.  
a. 7                      b. 17                      c. 26                      d. 34
- The typical young man in high school today can expect to work for pay outside the home for \_\_\_\_ years.  
a. 20                      b. 36                      c. 41                      d. 52
- Out of every 10 young women in high school today, \_\_\_\_ will work for pay outside their homes at some point in their lives.  
a. 9                      b. 7.4                      c. 5
- In \_\_\_\_% of all husband-wife families, both partners hold paid jobs.  
a. 37%                      b. 51%                      c. 62%

Answers to this quiz can be found on page 3 of this brochure.

Here are two ideas that can help expand a person's career options in the 1980s.

- \* Think technical
- \* Think nontraditional

\*Technical careers are expanding rapidly, and will provide many job opportunities in the future. Be sure that all students, male and female, explore these opportunities.

\*Nontraditional careers. Many occupations which have traditionally recruited women are now heavily recruiting men (and vice versa). For example, female engineers and male nurses are being sought by many employers.

Why should women pursue nontraditional careers? Here are a few reasons offered by women who have tried it.

- "I like the independence it gives me."
- "I can make more than a secretary and even some college graduates."
- "Office work would kill me; I'd hate a desk job."
- "I'm good at working with my hands."
- "I want to do something different."

In Connecticut, women are:	And they earn (median income 1983):
99.1% of the secretaries	\$7.95/hour
1.3% of the carpenters	\$9.90/hour
1.0% of the auto mechanics	\$9.51/hour

Why should men pursue nontraditional careers? Here are a few reasons.

- "I enjoy office work."
- "I don't want to just follow the crowd."
- "I feel very satisfied."

## STEPS TO A GOOD CAREER CHOICE

- List Your Interests. What do you like to do?  
- Do you prefer working with people, data or things?
- Identify Your Skills. What are you good at?  
- Are you skilled in writing? speaking? computer operating? typing?
- Know Your Values. Place these factors in priority order for yourself:  

Money	Independence	Adventure
Security	Travel	

Match your priorities to your career choice.
- Research Job Information. Match your skills, values, and interests to those of various jobs. Learn the requirements to enter a given field.
- Find Out About Career Trends. Which career areas show growth potential? Which areas have few opportunities to enter the field?
- Talk to People. Learn all you can about what people do for a living. Make as many contacts as you can.

To get assistance and more information on all of this, see your guidance counselor or visit your high school's Career Center.

### Answers to Quiz:

- b (predicted to reach 50% before the year 2000);
- c;
- c;
- a;
- d;
- c;
- a;
- c (predicted to reach 75% before the year 2000).