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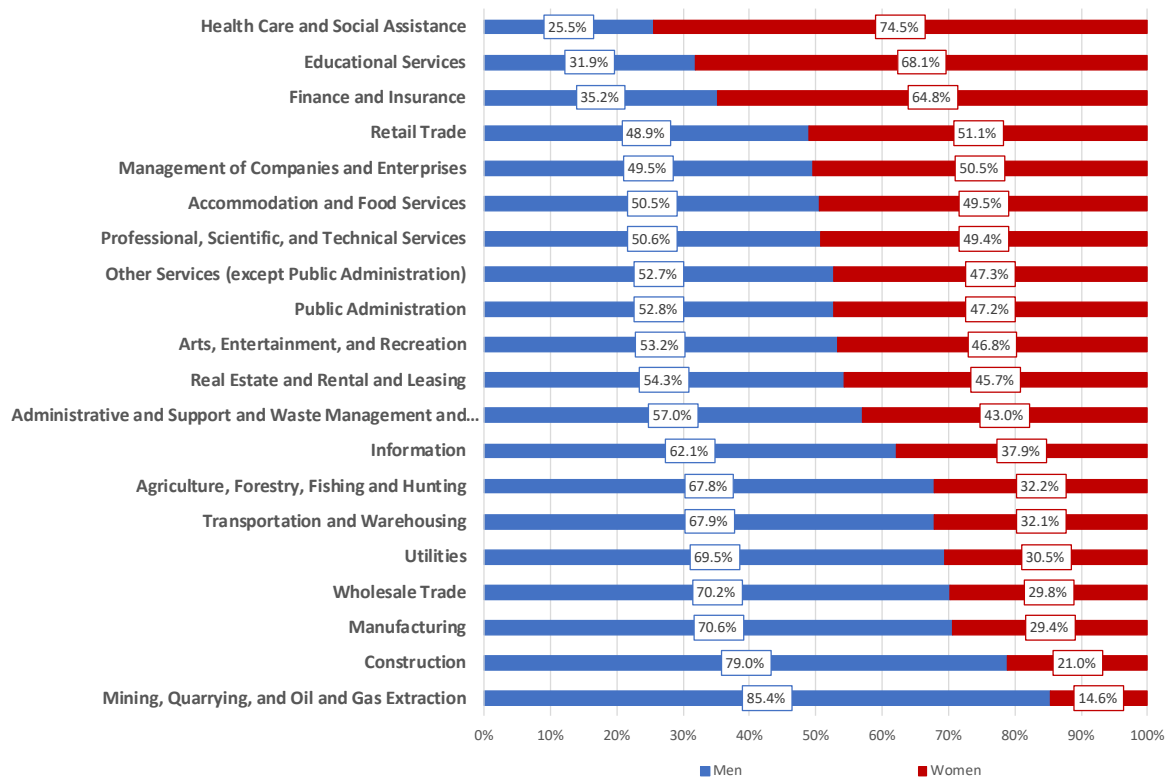


Sector and Occupational Employment by Gender  
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## Women Make Up 46.4 Percent of the Labor Force, While Men Make Up 53.6 Percent

Sector Employment by Gender LED Data



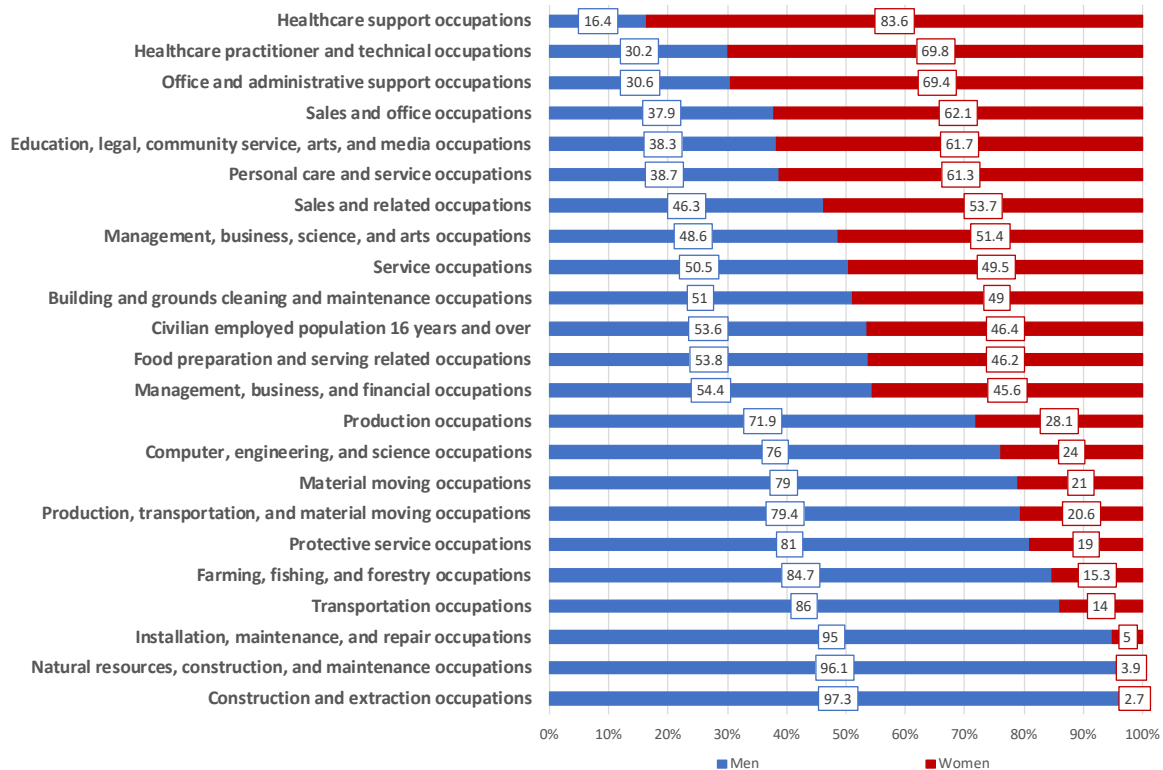
- Using data from the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LED), and the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau on occupation by sex for the civilian employed we examine several sectors and occupations on their gender composition.
- The labor force, civilian employed population 16 years and over, is comprised of 46.4 percent women and 53.6 percent men according to the ACS.
- Sector employment by gender is displayed above showing the makeup of major sectors. The sectors with the highest percentage of women is healthcare and social assistance at 74.5 percent, next is educational services at 68.1 percent, and third is finance and insurance at 64.8 percent female.
- The sector with the largest concentration of men is mining, quarrying, and oil & gas extraction at 85.4 percent; followed by construction at 79.0 percent; and manufacturing at 70.6 percent men.

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## Occupation Employment by Gender ACS Data



- Using data from the ACS we can break the sectors into several of their larger occupations. Among the most evenly distributed occupations are building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations split into 51 percent men and 49 percent women. Also, service occupations comprised of 50.5 percent men and 49.5 percent women. A third occupation is Management, business, science, and arts occupations 48.6 percent for men and 51.4 percent for women.
- The three occupations that have the highest concentration of men are construction and extraction occupations at 97.3 percent; natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations that are 96.1 percent male; and installation, maintenance, and repair occupations at 95 percent men.
- Occupations that have the highest concentration of women are healthcare support occupations at 83.6 percent women; healthcare practitioner and technical occupations at 69.8 percent; and office and administrative support occupations at 69.4 percent women.

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