



MAINE WOMEN SUCCEED

In 2010, Maine voters gave Republicans control of the Legislature and the Governor's Office. Soon after, they enacted the largest tax cuts in our state's history and removed burdensome restrictions from businesses to spur economic growth. Women across Maine took advantage of this new pro-business environment and helped bring about the most prosperous period in Maine history. Their achievements over the past several years have been remarkable.

Maine **Leads the Nation** for Women's Equality in the Workplace and Politics

An August 2019 survey by WalletHub ranked Maine *best in the nation* for women.

Maine **Leads the Nation** in Women's Business Earnings

Maine *led the nation* in the growth in earnings by women-owned businesses from 2012-2018.

Maine **Leads the Nation** in Economic Vitality for Women

A study by American Express rated Maine *the best state in the U.S.* for growth by earnings and number of employees between 2014 and 2019.

Maine **Leads the Nation** in Equality

A 2017 *U.S. News & World Report* study ranked Maine best for gender parity.

Maine **Leads the Nation** in Reducing Child Poverty

There has been a "steep decline" in child poverty with 15,000 fewer children living in poverty today. From 2016-17, *the largest drop in the country*.

Maine **Leads the Nation** in Wage Growth

Wage growth among Maine workers, including women, *led the nation* from 2012 through 2015.

Maine is **Second in the Nation** for Women's Access to Capital

According to *Forbes* magazine in 2019, only South Dakota provides better access.

Maine Women **Earn \$10,712 More Per Year Than They Did in 2011**

On average, Maine women now earn 37% more than they earned in 2011.

The Gender Pay Gap Has Narrowed

Maine's Gender Pay Gap Narrowed Six Times Faster Under Republicans Than Under Democrats

Under Democrats - 1% **2002: 24% to 2010: 23%**

Under Republicans - 6% **2010: 23% to 2018: 17%**

BEST STATES FOR WOMEN'S WAGE GAP

	State	Wage gap
1	New York	\$0.11
2	California	\$0.12
3	Florida	\$0.13
4	District of Columbia	\$0.14
5	Vermont	\$0.14
6	Colorado	\$0.16
7	Alaska	\$0.16
8	Maine	\$0.16
9	Maryland	\$0.16

SOURCE: National Partnership for Women and Families