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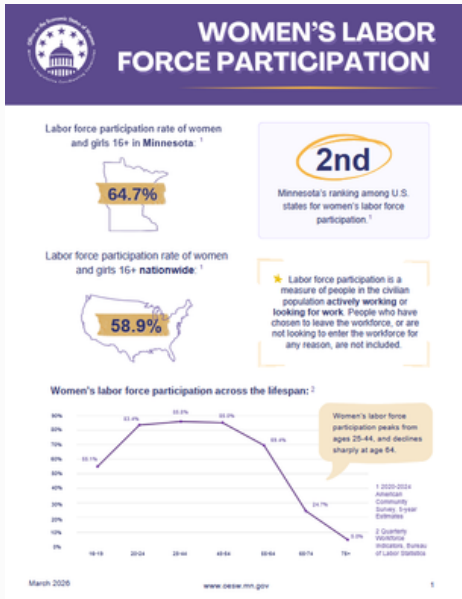
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★ Per **Minnesota Statute Sec. 3.303, Subdivision 7**, the Office on the Economic Status of Women “shall study study and report to the legislature on all matters relating to the economic status of women... The [OESW] shall communicate its findings and make recommendations to the legislature on an ongoing basis.”

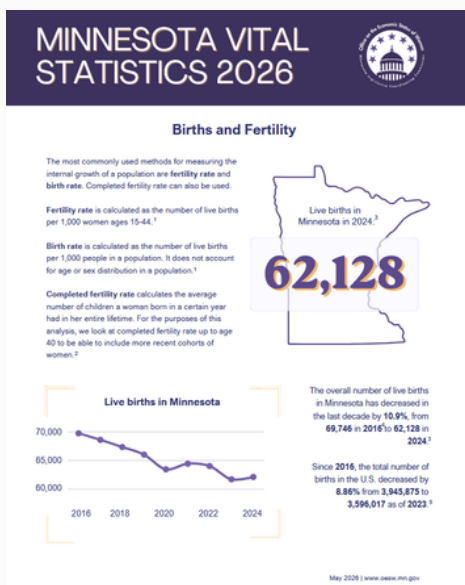
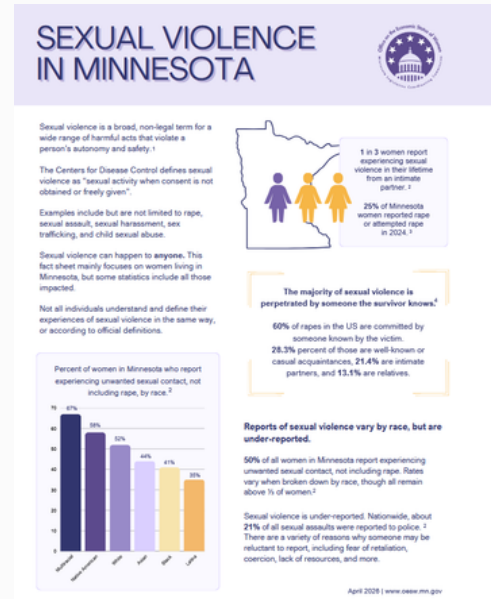
RESEARCH RECAP



Since our last newsletter in February, we've published **three new fact sheets**.

In March, we focused on women's labor force participation. Our fact-sheet analyzes **labor force participation** for Minnesota women across age groups, according to regional location, motherhood status, marital status, and more.

In April, in support of Sexual Violence Awareness Month, our **fact sheet** explores the prevalence of sexual violence in Minnesota according to a variety of factors, like age and disability status, and includes a directory of local and nationwide sexual violence support resources.

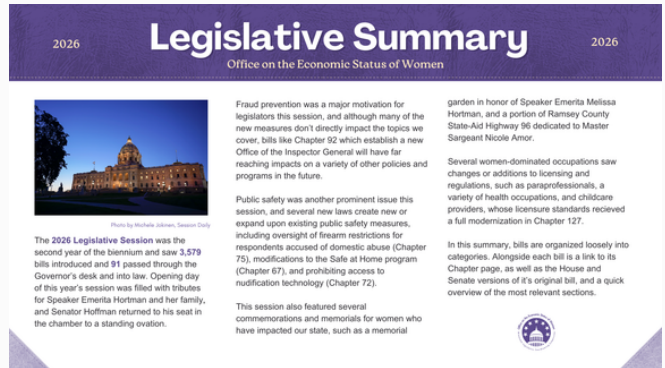


In May, we looked at Minnesota's **vital statistics**: birth rates, fertility rates, mortality and death rates, and how they've changed over time and according to certain populations and characteristics.

In June, we'll be looking at educational attainment among Minnesota women. Stay tuned for updates!

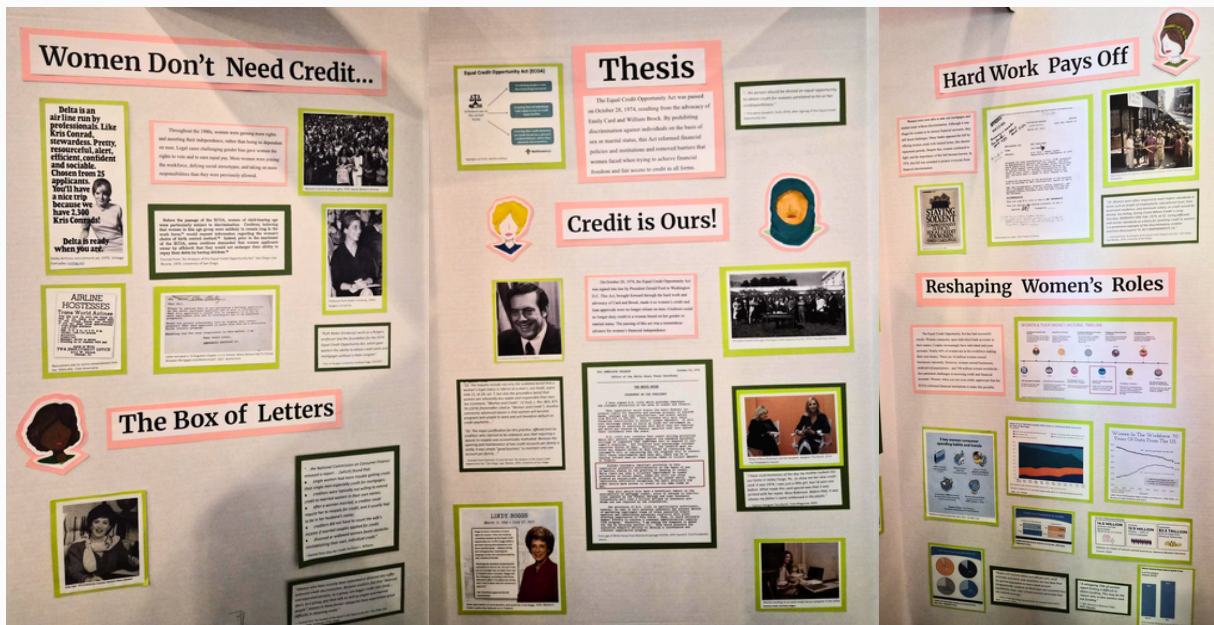
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Starting in 1977, the OESW has compiled all of the new legislation relevant to women's economic status broadly into one document. This year's session featured several consequential new pieces of legislation, like a prohibition on nudification technology, funding for a task force to improve responses to domestic violence, childcare regulation modernization, and more. Read the full summary [at our website](#).



MINNESOTA HISTORY DAY: EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT

National History day in Minnesota is a "co-curricular program for students grades 6-12 focusing on historical research and analysis about a topic of their choosing". This year's 3rd place Junior Group Exhibit winners from Capitol Hill Gifted Talented Magnet School chose to research the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act made credit discrimination based on sex, marital status, pregnancy status, and other gender related characteristics illegal, and marks a major turning point in the history of women's economic security in the United States. Check out Aurora and Carina's award-winning exhibit!



JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Pride Month

Minnesota officially recognizes June 2026 as **Pride Month**, celebrating the history and contributions of LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans to our state. For more information about the history of pride celebrations, upcoming events, and policy information, check out the the [Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans](#).

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a state and federal holiday that commemorates the day that news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation spread across the country. Though the proclamation itself was signed on January 1st, it took several months for emancipation to go into practice in all states, making June 19th the official date of emancipation.



Public Service Month

On June 1st, Minnesota officially declared June 2026 as Public Service Month to honor the legacy of Melissa and Mark Hortman, the work of Senator Hoffman, and the grief felt by their families, friends, colleagues, and the community. Public Service Month honors public servants like politicians, government worker, teachers, firefighters, nurses, social workers, park rangers, volunteers, and many more who contribute their time and efforts to the common good of Minnesota.



Minnesota's state flower, the lady's slipper

IN THE NEWS

[Minnesotans are going into debt to have babies](#), Star Tribune

[How women are shaping Minnesota's cannabis industry](#), Star Tribune

[In Minnesota town of 700, a solution to vexing child care problem came from within](#), Star Tribune

[For working parents, the boundary between work and family is often blurred](#),
Pew Research Center

[How working parents divide family responsibilities](#), Pew Research Center

[Opinion | Make room for women in the rooms where AI policy is decided](#),
Star Tribune

[Former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman won their mother's housing discrimination case 30 years ago...](#), CBS News

[New Minneapolis clinic provides safe space for sexual assault exams outside tradition ER settings](#), MPR

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