



RESEARCH AT THE CENTER FOR WOMEN IN POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

The Research Department at the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy at UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School conducts a variety of research studies on topics of concern to women in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond.

Research Services

The Center's Research Department also offers a variety of research services to meet the diverse and changing needs of non-profit organizations and government agencies. Research at the Center supports evidence-based public policy design and implementation.

Besides being available for consultation on study development and design, the Center's researchers work with staff at organizations and agencies to produce:

- Program evaluations
- Commissioned research studies
- Policy briefs
- Fact sheets

The Center employs a wide range of methodological approaches from quantitative and qualitative analysis to mixed methods for both small- and large-scale projects. These include:

- Surveys
- Focus groups
- In-depth, semi-structured interviews
- Case studies
- Statistical analyses of existing data

Research That Makes a Difference in Women's Lives

Since its founding in 1994, the Center has conducted research on the representation of women in political, corporate and non-profit leadership; gender wage/income equity; disparities by gender and race in the healthcare workforce; problems facing women in the criminal justice system; homelessness; mental health; HIV/AIDS; and reproductive rights. Researchers disseminate their work as research reports, policy briefs, informational fact sheets, and program evaluation reports.

Studies That Have an Impact

Our research on retirement options for Massachusetts state employees led to changes in the Commonwealth's retirement benefits program that directly benefited women across the state.

Evaluations That Help Strengthen Programs

Many private, non-profit, and governmental organizations undertake initiatives that require an evaluation component. The research team at the Center works with stakeholders in defining program goals, constructing a research design, utilizing scientifically rigorous methods for qualitative and/or quantitative data collection, conducting data analysis, and producing and disseminating reports.

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