

Women lag behind men in jobs, wages

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America's recovery since the Great Recession has been fueled largely by jobs that typically pay close to the minimum wage, and women are suffering disproportionately as a result.

Between 2009 and 2013, 35 percent of women's job gains have been in low-wage sectors – like retail, fast food and housekeeping – while 18 percent of men's jobs gains were in those fields, according to an analysis released Tuesday by the National Women's Law Center. The NWLC defined low-wage industries as those with a median wage of \$10.10 or less.

The trend has worsened a troubling disparity: Today, women make up 76 percent of the low-wage workforce, but only 47 percent of the workforce overall.

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