

The Economic Status of Women in the Great Lakes Bay Region



Continuing the Conversation

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Continuing the Conversation is a periodic publication of the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region, promoting meaningful dialogue on key indicators of the economic well-being for women in our region. This publication follows our 2012 landmark collaboration with Saginaw Valley State University resulting in a publication entitled *The Economic Status of Women in the Great Lakes Bay Region*. This publication is available for download at www.ywca.glbr.org. We invite contributors from our area to help us inspire further conversation and action by submitting their essays, opinions and stories about how we can make positive progress on key indicators of women's economic empowerment in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

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- Employment & Earnings
- Education
- Political Participation
- Health & Wellness
- Crime & Violence

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