

# CAREER & EDUCATION

## Women Pass Men in Advanced Degrees

(AP) -- For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is helping redefine who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.

The latest census figures highlight the latest education milestone for women, who began to exceed men in college enrollment in the early 1980s. The findings come amid record shares of women in the workplace and a steady decline in stay-at-home mothers.

The educational gains for women are giving them greater access to a wider range of jobs, contributing to a shift of traditional gender roles at home and work. Based on one demographer's estimate, the number of stay-at-home dads who are the primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million last year, or one in 15 fathers. The official census tally was 154,000, based on a narrower definition that excludes



A woman talks to an employer at a jobs fair. For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees.

those working part-time or looking for jobs.

Among adults 25 and older, 10.6 million U.S. women have master's degrees or higher, compared to 10.5 million men.

Measured by shares, about 10.2 percent of women have advanced degrees compared to

10.9 percent of men — a gap steadily narrowing in recent years. Women still trail men in

professional subcategories such as business, science and engineering.

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