

THE BOYS INITIATIVE

“For every 100 girls....”

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1. Birth and Death (20)

For every **100 girl babies** who died in the first 27 days of life in 2018 **127.5 boy babies died**.

For every **100 girl babies** who died after the first 27 days but in the first year of life **130 boy babies die**.

For every **100 infant girls** who died under one year, **128 infant boys died**.

For every **100 girls ages 1 to 4 years** who died **141 boys died**.

For every **100 girls ages 5 to 14 years** who die **130 boys die**.

For every **100 girls and women ages 15 to 24 years** who die **270 boys and men die**.

For every **100 women ages 25 to 34 years** who die **227 men die**.

For every **100 women ages 35 to 44 years** who die **177 men die**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics](#)

For every **100 women** who died by opioid overdose in 2019, **240 men died**.

Source: [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)

For every **100 female deaths** attributable to alcohol in the US from 1999-2020, there were **288 male deaths**.

Source: [Trends in Alcohol-Related Deaths by Sex in the US, 1999-2020](#)

For every **100 women** who died on the job in 2021, **1,058 men died working**.

Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

For every **100 females ages 15 to 19 years** who commit suicide there are **293 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 females ages 20 to 24 years** who commit suicide there are **464 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 females ages 25-29 years** who commit suicide there are **418 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

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For every **100 females ages 15-19 years** who die of homicide, there are **642 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 females ages 20-24 years** who die of homicide, there are **717 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 females ages 25-29 years** who die of homicide, there are **579 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 females ages 30-34 years** who die of homicide, there are **488 males**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 female military personnel** who died during *Operation Enduring Freedom*, **4,506 men** died.

Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)

For every **100 female military personnel** who died during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, **3,915 men** died.

Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)

2. Educational Attainment of Young Adults (4)

For every **100 women ages 25 to 29 years** who had an associate’s degree in 2022, there were **79 men**.

For every **100 women ages 25 to 29 years** who had a bachelor’s degree in 2022, there were **88 men**.

For every **100 women ages 25 to 29 years** who had a master’s degree in 2022, there were **60 men**.

For every **100 women ages 25 to 29 years** who had a first professional or doctor’s degree in 2023 there were **66 men**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#) (2022)

3. K-12 Education (12)

For every **100 girls** who repeat kindergarten there are **145 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 girls** whose entry into kindergarten is delayed there are **139 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 girls** suspended from public elementary and secondary schools, there are **240 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 girls** expelled from public elementary and secondary schools, there are **267 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** in the top 10% of her class, there are **79 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** with an A or A+ grade point average, there are **65 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** who take AP/Honors courses in math, there are **82 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** who take AP/Honors courses in Natural Sciences, there are **79 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** who take AP/Honors courses in Foreign/Classical Languages, there are **64 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** who take AP/Honors courses in Art/Music, there are **54 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school senior girls** who take AP/Honors courses in English/Language Arts, there are **64 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#) (2016)

For every **100 college-bound high school girls** who took an AP course in 2021, there were **81 boys**.

Source: [College Board](#)

4. Special Education (8)

For every **100 girls ages 3-17 years** diagnosed with communication disorders (speech problems, language problems, voice problems) there are **168 boys**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

For every **100 girls ages 4-17 years** diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), there are **217 boys**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

For every **100 girls 3 to 5 years old** served by public schools under the “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA),” there are **227 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#) (2021-2022)

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For every **100 girls ages 5 to 21 years** served by public schools under the “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA),” there are **190 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2021-2022\)](#)

For every **100 girls ages 5-21 years** who receive services in public schools for autism, there are **457 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2021-2022\)](#)

For every **100 girls ages 5-21 years** who receive services in public schools for developmental delay, there are **237 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2021-2022\)](#)

For every **100 girls ages 5-21 years** in public schools classified as having an emotional disturbance, there are **240 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2021-2022\)](#)

For every **100 girls ages 5-21 years** in public schools classified as having a specific learning disability, there are **138 boys**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2021-2022\)](#)

5. Higher Education and Labor Market (11)

For every **100 women** enrolled in US colleges in 2023 (degree-granting postsecondary institutions) at all levels there are **70 men** enrolled.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2023\)](#)

For every **100 women** enrolled in US graduate schools in 2022, there were **72 men**.

Source: [Council for Graduate Schools \(2022\)](#)

For every **100 women** who earned an associate’s degree from US colleges in 2023, there were **55 men**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics \(2022-2023\)](#)

For every **100 women** who earned a bachelor’s degree from US colleges in 2023, there were **69 men**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 women** who earned a master’s degree from US universities in 2023, there were **60 men**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 women** who earned a doctor’s degree from US universities in 2023, there were **73 men**.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

For every **100 women ages 16 to 24 years** in the civilian labor force enrolled in college in 2023 there were **84 men**.

Source: [Department of Labor](#)

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For every **100 women ages 20 to 29 years** who are recent associate degree recipients, there are **51 men**.

Source: [Department of Labor](#)

For every **100 women ages 20 to 29 years** who are recent bachelor’s degree recipients, there are **71 men**.

Source: [Department of Labor](#)

For every **100 women ages 20 to 29 years** who are recent advanced degree recipients (master's, professional, or doctoral degree) there are **58 men**.

Source: [Department of Labor](#)

For every **100 women ages 20 to 29 years** who are recent college graduates with a bachelor’s degree or higher, there are **68 men**.

Source: [Department of Labor](#)

6. Crime, Incarceration, Alcohol and Drugs, Homelessness and Wounded Military (17)

For every **100 women who were victims of violent crimes in the past 10 years** through 2021, there were **107 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women murdered in the past ten years** through 2021, there were **320 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women who were victims of robbery in the past ten years** through 2021, there were **187 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women who were victims of aggravated assault in the past ten years** through 2021, there were **121 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women who were victims of property crimes in the past ten years** through 2021, there were **117 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women who were victims of motor vehicle theft in the past ten years** through 2021, there were **157 men**.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

For every **100 women who are homeless**, there are **158 men**.

Source: [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(2022\)](#)

For every **100 women who are homeless and unsheltered**, there are **248 men**.

Source: [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(2022\)](#)

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For every **100 women who abuse illicit drugs and alcohol**, there are **180 men**.

Source: [Addiction Center](#)

For every **100 women who had an alcohol use disorder in 2020**, there were **144 men**.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control](#)

For every **100 women who had an alcohol-related hospitalization**, there were **232 men**.

Source: [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#)

For every **100 females in local jails in the US**, there are **648** males.

Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

For every **100 females in state and federal prisons** in 2021, there were **1,345** males.

Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

For every **100 females in federal prison** in 2023, there are **1,371** male prisoners.

Source: [Federal Bureau of Prisons](#)

For every **100 female military personnel** who died during the Persian Gulf War, there were **2,447** men.

Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)

For every **100 female military personnel** wounded in action during *Operation Enduring Freedom*, there were **5,098** men.

Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)

For every **100 female military personnel** wounded in action during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, there were **4,982** men.

Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)