



NASA computing group circa 1955  
using Friden mechanical calculators.

At Los Alamos and elsewhere,  
the first computers were humans  
who did calculations by hand,  
sometimes with the help of  
a desktop calculator.

Most of these human computers  
were women. Although not always  
recognized, their work propelled  
science and engineering forward  
for decades.



## Women in Los Alamos Computing



## A History of Building the Future

The first computers at Los Alamos were mostly women from the town's civilian community. Professional computers from the Women's Army Corps (WACs) soon grew the ranks of human computers at the Lab to about twenty. Without their skilled and tireless computing work, Los Alamos' wartime mission would not have succeeded.



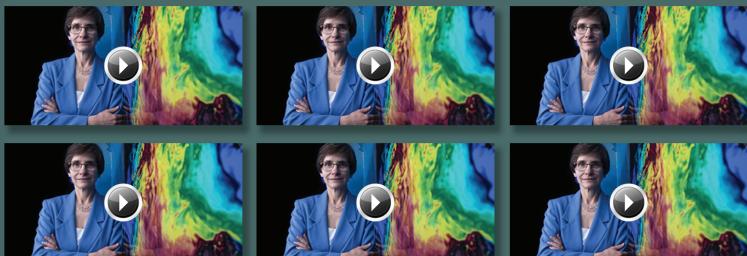
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Hear more about the groundbreaking discoveries and contributions women make at Los Alamos, in their own words.

## In their own Words

