

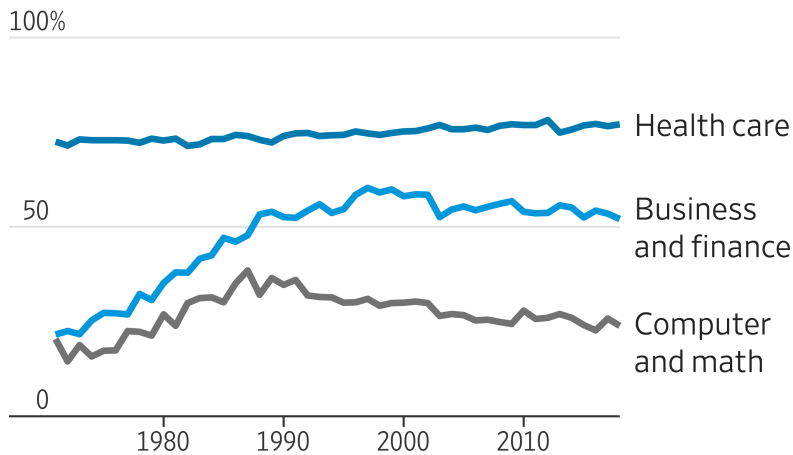
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# What ‘Women’s Work’ Looks Like Now

Women make up about half of the U.S. workforce today, but many jobs remain largely segregated along gender lines. A look at the fields where women have made the most inroads, and the least.

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## Share of women in each occupation field



Source: Labor Department

A half-century after women began streaming into the workforce in large numbers, they have made significant gains in some fields once the domain of men, such as law and science. But the blurring of gender lines has been uneven, and many jobs continue to be done overwhelmingly by one sex or the other. To see which occupations

have experienced the most change — and the least — The Wall Street Journal analyzed nearly five decades of data from IPUMS-CPS, a project by the University of Minnesota to enable analysis of Census and Labor Department data. [Explore the data.](#)

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