

WORKING

In a State

A cross-country tour, sort of.

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Moola in Michigan

Women in 17 jobs earn more than men do in the same jobs—at least, they do in Michigan.

Sheet metal worker, crane operator, and telephone repairman (oops, repairperson) are among the jobs in which the women make more money than the men with the same jobs, according to Michigan census data. Analysts say that the difference may be due to the low number of women in those professions and that more of them tend to have college degrees, unlike their male counterparts.

For instance, of the 137 female crane operators surveyed, 13 percent have college degrees; only 2 percent of the male crane operators have college diplomas.

But in most jobs in Michigan, women make \$.69 to a man's \$1; the U.S. average ranges from \$.74 to \$.77 on the dollar.

◀» [Source/the Washington Post](#)

Maybe Low Pay Is Why Women Are Depressed

Women who are depressed say that it's their biggest obstacle to advancing in

their careers—even more so than gender discrimination, pregnancy, or child-care issues.

What's worse, three out of four depressed women don't ask for help because they worry it will jeopardize their standing at work, says the University of Michigan (yep, Michigan) Depression Center.

<📖> **Source/Prevention magazine**

Pounding in Pennsylvania

Workers who took part in weekly drum circles for six weeks felt calmer and were less likely to quit their jobs than those who did not participate.

A shared musical experience forges stronger bonds between co-workers, so says the Mind-Body Wellness Center in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

<📖> **Source/Self magazine**

Pronunciations in Pennsylvania

A local newscaster in Pennsylvania insists on pronouncing "championship" as "champchip."

That annoys one of our dear readers, Daphne Lambert, who wrote in after reading my rant about the increased use (and misuse) of the phrase, "At the end of the day."

Thank you, Daphne! Be ever-diligent.

Illinois Weighs In

Less candy is consumed by people while they're working when they keep their

sweets in a drawer rather than left out on their desks, says a University of Illinois study.

<📖> **Source/Allure magazine**

News From Nevada

Nevada needs more dentists. The U.S. average is 61 dentists for every 100,000 citizens; In Nevada, the ratio is 39 dentists for every 100,000.

Iowa Iota

An Iowa lawyer has been allowed on two trials to be both the defending attorney and the prosecutor, reports the *Washington Post*. In one case, he got the client off.

Georgia on My Mind

A Georgia high school senior who got a job as a hostess at a local Hooters restaurant asked to be given work-study credits. The principal refused; the county board agreed and turned down the appeal by the girl and her father, a regular at Hooters.

Victuals in Virginia

An office offered workers food supplies (kept as part of an emergency management plan) when the stock needed replacing. The provisions included nutrition bars that, admin informed, "had passed their expiration date but have been sealed." Yum.

It's Illegal...

- in Alaska to wake a bear to take its picture
- in Kansas to sell cherry pie à la mode on Sundays
- in Louisiana (New Orleans) to gargle in public
- in Maryland to mistreat oysters
- in New Jersey to frown at a police officer
- in Ohio (Columbus) to sit on one's porch in an indecent position
- in South Dakota to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory
- in Texas to milk another person's cow
- in Vermont to whistle underwater
- in Washington to pretend that one's parents are rich
- in Wyoming for a woman to stand within five feet of a bar while drinking.

<📖> **Source/**http://www.interl.net-overlyjd/Goofy_Laws.html