GENDER COMPOSITION OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Figure 1), women make up 11% of employees in the overall U.S. construction industry. This percentage includes women who work in engineering, legal, insurance, and administrative work. However, when focusing on the number of women who work specifically in the construction trades, this number drops to 4%. Figure 2 shows the percentage of women in the construction industry and the construction trades between 2003 and 2021.

Figure 1: Percentage of Women Working Within the Construction Industry

Figure 2: Percentage of Women Working Within the Construction Industry (2003-2021)

1 The data is based on Table 11 from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.