# CWEN Survey Report on the Representation of Women Economists in Canada's Universities 

## Canadian Women Economists Network (CWEN)

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## 1. Introduction

Although the percentage of doctorates granted to women in economics has been consistently increasing over the last decades, the economics profession has always attracted significantly more men than women (Bansak and Starr, 2008; Ginther and Kahn, 2004; McDowell, Singell and Ziliak, 1999). In Canada, despite a steady increase in female enrolment over the past few years, the proportion of female students is much lower in economics than in other social science fields. In 20082009, only $37 \%$ of undergraduate students, $43 \%$ of Master's students and $33 \%$ of PhD students in economics were women. In comparison, the average proportion of women among students in the category "Social and Behavioural Sciences, and Law" in that year (including economics) was $65 \%$ among undergraduate and Master's students, and $61 \%$ among doctoral students (Canadian Association of University Teachers, 2011).

In addition, the field of economics in Canada has one of the lowest proportions of female faculty members (21\%) in the "Social and Behavioural Sciences, and Law" category (Canadian Association of University Teachers, 2012). In a study performed using data from the United States in the 1990s, Ginther and Khan (2004) found that compared to other academic disciplines, women in economics were less likely to get tenure and took longer to achieve it than men. Economics had a lower percentage of tenured female faculty members than life sciences, political sciences or statistics, but a higher percentage than engineering. According to their results, differences in productivity and the effect of children on promotion explained part of this pronounced gender gap, but a significant portion of the gap remained unexplained (Ginther and Khan, 2004). There is some evidence, however, that promotion opportunities for women, from associate professor to full professor in particular, have improved over time (McDowell, Singell and Ziliak, 1999).

The proportion of female economists also varies across research fields within the profession. Dolado et al. (2006) found evidence that the probability of a woman working in a certain field is positively related to the share of women already in that
field. This finding suggests that there is path dependence, although the effect seems to be getting weaker with time. In the United States, women were more likely to choose labour economics and public economics, followed by growth/ development economics and industrial organisation. Econometrics and micro/ theory were among the fields with the lowest proportion of women (Dolado et al, 2006).

This report aims at providing an overview on the status of women in the academic economics profession in Canada. First, we describe gender trends over the past decade among faculty members in departments of economics as well as university enrolment in economics in Canada. Second, we present the results of a Canadian survey sent by the Canadian Women Economists Network (CWEN) to every department of economics in Canada. This survey was designed to provide more detailed and current information about the status of women in departments of economics in Canada. Third, we compare the Canadian results to similar trends in the United States.

The main findings of the report are that overall, women are still underrepresented in departments of economics across Canada, although there seems to have been a small but steady increase in their numbers over the last decade. This increase occurred in both Canada and the United States. According to the results of the survey, as of April 2013, among university professors in economics, the proportion of women was the lowest for full professors (10\%), followed by tenured associate professors (21\%), and was the highest among untenured assistant professors (30.5\%). The proportion of women among students in the 2012-13 academic year was larger for Master's students (42\%) and final year undergraduate students (43\%) than for PhD students (33\%). There is therefore evidence of women slowly becoming more and more present in the "pipeline", that is in the progression of economists through the ranks from newly graduated PhD students to tenured full professors.

## 2. The status of women in the departments of economics in Canada over the last decade

According to data from Statistics Canada reported in the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Almanacs of Post-Secondary Education in Canada, the percentage of female faculty members in Canadian departments of economics has increased from $12.6 \%$ in the 2000-2001 academic year to $21 \%$ in the 2009-2010 academic year (see Figure 1 and Table A1 in Appendix A). This increase is constant across professor categories: assistant professors, associate professors and full professors. Over this period of time, there was, however, a marked decrease in the proportion of females among other teaching faculty members such as lecturers. When comparing categories of professors, there is a clear pattern that is constant across years: the proportion of women was highest among assistant professors, followed by associate professors and full professors. For example, in 2009-2010, the proportion of females among professors was $37 \%$ for assistant professors, 19\% for associate professors, and 10\% for full professors.

Figure 1: Percentage of women by faculty position in the departments of economics in Canada from 2000 to 2009*

*Note: No data could be obtained for 2002-2003
Source: Canadian Association of University Teachers (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

From the 2001-2002 to the 2008-2009 academic years, the proportion of female students in economics has remained relatively constant across students at the undergraduate, Master's and PhD levels (see Figure 2 and Table A2 in Appendix A). Of the three groups, the proportion of female Master's students has been consistently the highest since the 2003-2004 academic year at approximately $45 \%$. The proportion of female undergraduate students was slightly lower throughout the years, at approximately $40 \%$. Finally, the proportion of female PhD varied between $33 \%$ and $36 \%$.

Figure 2: Percentage of female students in the departments of economics in Canada from 2001 to 2008*

*Note: No data could be obtained for 2002-2003.
Sources: Canadian Association of University Teachers (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

## 3. Canadian Women Economist Network (CWEN) Survey Results

In order to obtain current and more precise estimates of female members of departments of economics across Canada, the Canadian Women Economist Network (CWEN) administered a survey to all Canadian departments of economics ${ }^{1}$. The survey was administered during February to April 2013 and could be answered online or by paper copy. A copy of the survey can be found in Appendix B.

In all, 33 of the 67 surveyed departments of economics answered the survey. Although the overall response rate was only $49 \%$ (33/67), it was $80 \%$ among the top 15 institutions according to the REPEC rankings (excluding the Bank of Canada). Using the Maclean's classification, it was 73\% among universities classified as "Medical-Doctoral" and 60\% among universities classified as "Comprehensive", which is not necessarily the preferred classification for economics. We note that the CSWEP 2011 survey, a survey with a long tradition, had a response rate of 78.7\% among Ph.D. granting departments and 68.7\% among Liberal Arts colleges.

Table 1: Percentage of women among faculty members of surveyed Canadian departments of economics as of April 2013

| Faculty |  | Proportion of <br> women | Total Number |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Professors | All | $19.4 \%$ | 594 |
| Assistant | Untenured | $30.5 \%$ | 131 |
|  | Tenured | $50.0 \%$ | 18 |
| Associated | Untenured | $0.0 \%$ | 4 |
|  | Tenured | $21.1 \%$ | 194 |
| Full | Untenured | - | 0 |
|  | Tenured | $10.1 \%$ | 247 |
| (Response rate: 33/33) |  |  |  |
| Instructors and lecturers | All | $27.3 \%$ | 267 |
| Instructors | Untenured | $41.2 \%$ | 17 |
|  | Tenured | $42.9 \%$ | 7 |
| Sessional lecturers |  | $25.9 \%$ | 243 |
| (Response rate: 31/33) |  |  |  |

Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

[^0]The results of the survey are consistent with past Canadian and U.S. trends (sections 2 and 4). Table 1 shows that although women are still the clear minority in departments of economics in Canada, there is a much larger proportion of women among untenured assistant professors (30.5\%), presumably more likely to be hired in recent years, than among tenured associate professors (21\%) and tenured full professors (10\%). The proportion of women among all university professors in economics, regardless of rank, is $19 \%$, which is much lower than the proportion of women among instructors (approximately $42 \%$ ) and sessional lecturers ( $26 \%$ ). The over-representation of women at the tenured assistant and instructor level is consistent with the presence of a "sticky floor", i.e., a promotion bottleneck in the lower academic ranks. This represents a concern; however some caution in the interpretation is required due to the small sample sizes.

Among the departments of economics in Canada, the proportion of women varies substantially across professor category by the size of the department (see Figure 3 and Table A3 in Appendix A). On average, smaller departments have a much higher proportion of women among assistant professors than larger departments. Women in departments with less than 10 professors represent $55 \%$ of assistant professors ( 6 out of 11) whereas the only represent $22.4 \%$ of assistant professors in departments with 30 professors or more ( 13 out of 59 ).

On the other hand, compared to departments with 9 or less professors, departments with 30 professors or more have more female full professors ( $11 \%$ vs $7 \%$ ) and female associate professors ( $23 \%$ vs $9 \%$ ). Figure 3 tends to visually give more importance to the representation of women in smaller departments than their lower numbers reflect. There are 93 female faculty members working in departments with 20 faculty members or more and 22 female faculty members working in departments with fewer than 20 faculty members.

Figure 3: Proportion of women among professors by department size for departments of economics in Canada as of April 2013


Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

Figure 4 specifically presents the proportion of women by professorial rank for the eleven largest departments, which are defined as those with more than 25 professors (see Table A4 in Appendix A for the exact numbers). The goal of the figure is to allow the representation of women to be tracked and to better focus on the appropriate actions. For example, a department that has a high representation of women among assistant and associate professors, but a more mediocre one among full professors can expect to ameliorate the situation by guiding more female faculty members through the promotion process. In the case of a department with a good representation of women at senior ranks, but a lower representation at lower ranks, a focus on more female candidates in the hiring process will be in order.

Figure 4: Proportion of women among professors in the eleven largest departments of economics in Canada as of April 2013




Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

Table 2 presents numbers on the proportion of women among students in economics. Seventeen of the 33 departments who answered the survey offered a PhD program in economics. Approximately one third of these PhD students were women, regardless of their degree of progression in the program. This proportion was higher among Master's students: 42\% in the 2012-13 academic year and 36\% among those who graduated the previous year. The proportion of women among final year undergraduate students (43\%) was very similar to the one for Master's students, although women were more present in the Economics Major program (44\%) than the Economics Honours program (35\%).

Table 2: Percentage of women among students of surveyed Canadian departments of economics

| Students in Economics | Proportion of <br> women | Total <br> Number |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| PhD | $32.0 \%$ | 387 |
|  | All | $33.7 \%$ |

Source : CWEN Survey (2013)
Recent PhD graduates in economics were employed in different sectors (Table 3). Women were more present among graduates who obtained private sector jobs in Canada or the United States (40\%) compared to public sector jobs (29\%) and academic positions in PhD granting departments (11\%) or academic positions in non-PhD granting departments (0\%). It is important, however, to point out that
many surveyed departments could not provide these numbers, resulting in a very small sample size.

Table 3: Percentage of women among recent PhD graduates of surveyed Canadian departments of economics on the job market in 2012

| Recent PhD graduates <br> (Response rate: 12/ 17) | Proportion of <br> women | Total Number |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| All PhD graduates on the job market (2011-12) | $21.2 \%$ | 66 |  |
| Canada/ U.S. <br> based | academic position in a PhD <br> granting department <br> academic position in a non-PhD <br> granting department <br> public sector position | $11.1 \%$ | 18 |
|  | private sector position | $28.0 \%$ | 8 |
| Foreign based | academic position | $40.0 \%$ | 14 |
|  | non-academic position | $28.6 \%$ | 5 |

Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

## 4. The status of women in the departments of economics in the United States over the past decade

Because Canadian Departments of Economics may look to the south to hire new faculty, it is instructive to look at the representation of women in the United States. Since 1993, the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) has surveyed all PhD granting departments of economics in the United States to monitor the status of women in the economics profession. The situation in the United States is quite similar to the one in Canada. According to their survey, the overall proportion of female economists has been increasing slowly but steadily over the past decade (see Figure 5). Although all faculty ranks within the departments have seen an increase in the proportion of females, new PhDs have the highest proportion of women, followed by assistant professors, associate professors, and full professors. This pattern is consistent over the entire 2000 to 2011 period. In 2011, the average proportion of women was $35 \%$ for graduates with newly
completed PhDs, 29\% for untenured assistant professors, 31\% for untenured associate professors, $22 \%$ for tenured associate professors, and $13 \%$ for full professors (see Table A5 in Appendix for the exact numbers over the years). Table 4 presents a similar story while focusing solely on the top 20 departments of economics in the United States (as identified by the CSWEP) ${ }^{2}$, although overall, women are less represented in these higher ranked departments.

Figure 5: Percentage of female economists in U.S. PhD granting departments from Fall 1997 to Fall 2011


Source: Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (2011)

[^1]Table 4: Women in the top 20 PhD granting departments of economics in the U.S. by academic year ending in year listed

| PhD granting departments |  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Faculty |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assistant Professor | Percentage of women <br> Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 26.6 \\ 55 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24.1 \\ 47 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21.9 \\ 48 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.3 \\ 44 \end{gathered}$ |
| Associate Professor | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21.1 \\ 15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 23.7 \\ 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.6 \\ 25 \end{gathered}$ |
| Full Professor | Percentage of women <br> Number of women | $\begin{aligned} & 9.1 \\ & 42 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8.4 \\ 38 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.2 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.7 \\ 56 \end{gathered}$ |
| All-tenured/ Tenure Track | Percentage of women <br> Number of women | $\begin{aligned} & 15.0 \\ & 111 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.9 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ 116 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.8 \\ & 125 \end{aligned}$ |
| Other (Non-Tenure Track) | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 26.8 \\ 38 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34.3 \\ 34 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34.5 \\ 39 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.5 \\ 49 \end{gathered}$ |
| All Faculty | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{array}{r} 16.9 \\ 149 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16.4 \\ & 134 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16.7 \\ & 155 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.9 \\ 174 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| PhD Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Year | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 28.3 \\ 125 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27.0 \\ & 120 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25.1 \\ & 122 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.6 \\ 124 \end{gathered}$ |
| All But Dissertation (ABD) | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 27.4 \\ 349 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.7 \\ 390 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.0 \\ 395 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 29.5 \\ 420 \end{gathered}$ |
| PhD granted | Percentage of women <br> Number of women | $\begin{gathered} 29.4 \\ 107 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.0 \\ 98 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.1 \\ 92 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.0 \\ 90 \end{gathered}$ |
| Undergraduate Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students in Their Senior Year | Percentage of women Number of women | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N.A. } \\ & \text { N.A. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34.2 \\ 1500 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34.6 \\ 1931 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 36.6 \\ 2422 \end{gathered}$ |
| Response rate |  | 20 of 20 | 20 of 20 | 21 of 21 | 21 of 21 |
| N.A. =Not available |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 5 presents an overview of the job market placement of PhD graduates from the top 20 PhD programs in the United States (as identified by the CSWEP) in the year following their graduation by gender. Overall, the percentage of women on the job market between 2008 and 2011 was relatively constant, at approximately $30 \%$, except for 2009 where this number dropped to $23.5 \%$. For U.S. based jobs, the percentage of women among recent graduates who obtained academic jobs and
public sector jobs increased slightly from 2008 to 2011, but decreased among those who obtained private sector jobs over the same period. The percentage of women among recent doctoral graduates who obtained non-U.S. based jobs increased from 2008 to 2011 and this change was driven mainly by an increased presence of females among those who obtained academic positions outside of the U.S.

Table 5: Women PhD Students in the top 20 U.S. departments of economics and on the job market by academic year ending in year listed

| Position obtained |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S. Based Job Obtained | Percentage of women | 28.8 | 19.7 | 30.7 | 30.6 |
|  | Number of women | 71 | 47 | 61 | 63 |
| Academic, Ph.D. Granting | Percentage of women | 27.1 | 16.1 | 34.5 | 31.2 |
| Department | Number of women | 32 | 19 | 40 | 29 |
| Academic, Other | Percentage of women | 22.7 | 17.1 | 21.4 | 53.3 |
|  | Number of women | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Public Sector | Percentage of women | 26.5 | 22.0 | 25.9 | 28.8 |
|  | Number of women | 13 | 9 | 7 | 15 |
| Private Sector | Percentage of women | 36.8 | 28.9 | 28.6 | 23.9 |
|  | Number of women | 21 | 13 | 8 | 11 |
| Foreign Based Job Obtained | Percentage of women | 22.6 | 27.1 | 26.7 | 26.5 |
|  | Number of women | 21 | 29 | 31 | 27 |
| Academic | Percentage of women | 19.7 | 25.0 | 27.2 | 25.4 |
|  | Number of women | 12 | 21 | 25 | 18 |
| Non-academic | Percentage of women | 28.1 | 34.8 | 25.0 | 29.0 |
|  | Number of women | 9 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| No Job Obtained | Percentage of women | 20.0 | 16.7 | 25.0 | 20.0 |
|  | Number of women | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total on the Job Market | Percentage of women | 29.5 | 23.5 | 30.6 | 29.1 |
|  | Number of women | 93 | 77 | 93 | 91 |
| Response rate |  | 20 of 20 | 20 of 20 | 21 of 21 | 21 of 21 |

Source: Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (2011)

Overall, although women are still very much the minority among economists in the United States, it seems as though women are slowly becoming more and more present in the profession, which also seems to be the case in the past decade in Canada.

## 5. Conclusion

Although women are still the minority in departments of economics, their situation seems to have improved over the past decade, both in Canada and in the United Sates. According to the results of a survey of departments of economics conducted in Canada, as of April 2013, the proportion of women professors was lower among higher ranked professor positions. The proportion of women was the lowest for full professors (10\%), followed by tenured associate professors (21\%), and was the highest among untenured assistant professors (30.5\%). Similarly, the proportion of women among students decreased as students pursued higher-level degrees. Among students in the 2012-13 academic year, $43 \%$ of final year undergraduate students and $42 \%$ of Master's students were women compared to $33 \%$ of PhD students.

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## Appendix A:

Additional Tables and Figures
Table A1: Percentage of women by faculty rank in the departments of economics in Canada from 2000 to 2009*

|  |  | $2000-$ | 2001- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | $2003-$ | $2004-$ | $2005-$ | $2006-$ | $2007-$ | $2008-$ | $2009-$ |  |  |
|  |  | 2001 | 2002 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Full professor | \% Female | $4.2 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 378 | 361 | 351 | 333 | 405 | 402 | 396 | 387 | 354 |
| Associate | \% Female | $13.1 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ | $19.6 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $21.2 \%$ | $20.8 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ |
| Professor | Total number | 306 | 292 | 264 | 258 | 291 | 300 | 297 | 303 | 324 |
| Assistant | \% Female | $26.2 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ | $25.5 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ | $27.9 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ | $33.7 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ |
| Professor | Total number | 306 | 183 | 213 | 231 | 258 | 246 | 258 | 267 | 243 |
| Other (e.g. | \% Female | $40.7 \%$ | $44.8 \%$ | $31.6 \%$ | $35.3 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ | $22.2 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ |
| lecturer) | Total number | 27 | 29 | 39 | 51 | 48 | 48 | 54 | 48 | 72 |
| All combined | \% Female | $12.6 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $21.1 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 879 | 865 | 867 | 873 | 1002 | 996 | 1005 | 1005 | 993 |

*Note: No data could be obtained for 2002-2003
Source: Canadian Association of University Teachers (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Table A2: Percentage of female students in the departments of economics in Canada from 2001 to 2008*

|  |  | $2001-$ | $2003-$ | $2004-$ | $2005-$ | $2006-$ | $2007-$ | $2008-$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | 2002 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Undergraduate | \% Female | $40.2 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | $39.5 \%$ | $39.1 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ | $37.4 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 10853 | 12854 | 13569 | 13329 | 12473 | 12201 | 1969 |
| M aster's | \% Female | $38.4 \%$ | $46.1 \%$ | $45.1 \%$ | $46.4 \%$ | $46.6 \%$ | $44.8 \%$ | $42.9 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 1066 | 1302 | 1309 | 1282 | 1285 | 1210 | 1234 |
| PhD | \% Female | $33.2 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ | $36.0 \%$ | $32.7 \%$ | $32.0 \%$ | $32.7 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 442 | 554 | 598 | 618 | 632 | 645 | 634 |

*Note: No data could be obtained for 2002-2003
Source: Canadian Association of University Teachers ( 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Table A3: Proportion of female faculty members by rank and department size for the departments of economics in Canada as of April 2013

|  |  | 30 professors <br> or more | $20-29$ <br> professors | $10-19$ <br> professors | 9 professors <br> or less |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Full professor | \% Female | $22.4 \%$ | $37.1 \%$ | $41.2 \%$ | $54.5 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 59 | 62 | 17 | 11 |
| Associate | \% Female | $22.6 \%$ | $23.5 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ |
| Professor | Total number | 55 | 102 | 18 | 23 |
| Assistant | \% Female | $10.7 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| Professor | Total number | 103 | 103 | 27 | 14 |
| All professors | \% Female | $16.6 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $21.0 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ |
|  | Total number | 217 | 267 | 62 | 48 |
| Number of departments: | 6 | 11 | 5 | 11 |  |

Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

Table A4: Proportion of female faculty members by rank in the eleven largest departments of economics in Canada as of April 2013

|  | Total | Male | Female | \%Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carleton University |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 8 | 6 | 2 | 25.0\% |
| Associate professor | 11 | 10 | 1 | 9.1\% |
| Assistant Professor | 7 | 4 | 3 | 42.9\% |
| All professors | 26 | 20 | 6 | 23.1\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 37 | 29 | 8 | 21.6\% |
| McGill University |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 9 | 8 | 1 | 11.1\% |
| Associate professor | 11 | 10 | 1 | 9.1\% |
| Assistant Professor | 6 | 4 | 2 | 33.3\% |
| All professors | 26 | 22 | 4 | 15.4\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Queen's University |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 18 | 17 | 1 | 5.6\% |
| Associate professor | 4 | 3 | 1 | 25.0\% |
| Assistant Professor | 4 | 2 | 2 | 50.0\% |
| All professors | 26 | 22 | 4 | 15.4\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 10 | 9 | 1 | 10.0\% |
| Simon Fraser University |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 15 | 13 | 2 | 13.3\% |
| Associate professor | 8 | 6 | 2 | 25.0\% |
| Assistant Professor | 10 | 8 | 2 | 20.0\% |
| All professors | 33 | 27 | 6 | 18.2\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| University of Alberta |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 9 | 7 | 2 | 22.2\% |
| Associate professor | 9 | 4 | 5 | 55.6\% |
| Assistant Professor | 9 | 5 | 4 | 44.4\% |
| All professors | 27 | 16 | 11 | 40.7\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 16 | 12 | 4 | 25.0\% |
| University of British Columbia (Vancouver School of Economics) |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 17 | 14 | 3 | 17.6\% |
| Associate professor | 10 | 9 | 1 | 10.0\% |
| Assistant Professor | 10 | 6 | 4 | 40.0\% |


| All professors | 37 | 29 | 8 | 21.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 16 | 10 | 6 | 37.5\% |
| University of Calgary |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 20 | 19 | 1 | 5.0\% |
| Associate professor | 8 | 6 | 2 | 25.0\% |
| Assistant Professor | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| All professors | 32 | 29 | 3 | 9.4\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 15 | 14 | 1 | 6.7\% |
| Associate professor | 8 | 5 | 3 | 37.5\% |
| Assistant Professor | 11 | 8 | 3 | 27.3\% |
| All professors | 34 | 27 | 7 | 20.6\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 30 | 23 | 7 | 23.3\% |
| University of Toronto |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 25 | 23 | 2 | 8.0\% |
| Associate professor | 9 | 7 | 2 | 22.2\% |
| Assistant Professor | 17 | 14 | 3 | 17.6\% |
| All professors | 51 | 44 | 7 | 13.7\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 12 | 9 | 3 | 25.0\% |
| University of Western Ontario |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 11 | 9 | 2 | 18.2\% |
| Associate professor | 12 | 10 | 2 | 16.7\% |
| Assistant Professor | 7 | 6 | 1 | 14.3\% |
| All professors | 30 | 25 | 5 | 16.7\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 10 | 5 | 5 | 50.0\% |
| Wilfrid Laurier University (School of Business and Economics) |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Economics |  |  |  |  |
| Full professor | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Associate professor | 13 | 7 | 6 | 46.2\% |
| Assistant Professor | 8 | 6 | 2 | 25.0\% |
| All professors | 27 | 19 | 8 | 29.6\% |
| Instructors and Sessional lecturers | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

## N.A. $=$ Not available

Source : CWEN Survey (2013)

Table A5: Percentage of female economists in U.S. PhD granting departments from Fall 1997 to Fall 2011

| All PhD Granting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Departments | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| Students: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Year | 31.3 | 32.2 | 35.6 | 38.8 | 31.9 | 33.9 | 34.0 | 33.9 | 31.9 | 31.0 | 32.7 | 35.0 | 33.5 | 32.1 | 32.4 |
| ABD | 26.8 | 28.2 | 33.0 | 32.3 | 30.2 | 30.6 | 32.7 | 33.1 | 33.9 | 33.6 | 32.7 | 33.7 | 33.5 | 34.2 | 34.3 |
| New PhD Graduate | 25.0 | 29.9 | 34.2 | 28.0 | 29.4 | 27.2 | 29.8 | 27.9 | 31.1 | 32.7 | 34.5 | 34.8 | 32.9 | 33.3 | 34.7 |
| Professors: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assistant Professor (U) | 26.0 | 25.9 | 27.8 | 21.4 | 22.5 | 23.2 | 26.1 | 26.3 | 29.4 | 28.6 | 27.5 | 28.8 | 28.4 | 27.8 | 28.7 |
| Associate Professor (U) | 11.1 | 15.9 | 27.3 | 17.2 | 10.0 | 17.2 | 24.0 | 11.6 | 31.2 | 24.6 | 20.0 | 29.2 | 25.0 | 34.1 | 30.8 |
| Associate Professor (T) | 13.4 | 14.0 | 15.1 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 17.0 | 19.9 | 21.2 | 19.2 | 24.1 | 21.0 | 21.5 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.9 |
| Full Professor (T) | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 12.8 |
| Number of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| departments | 95 | 92 | 77 | 76 | 69 | 83 | 95 | 98 | 93 | 96 | 102 | 111 | 119 | 121 | 122 |

Note: $\mathrm{ABD}=$ all but dissertation, $\mathrm{U}=$ untenured, $\mathrm{T}=$ tenured.
Source: Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (2011)

## Appendix B: Survey

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## Survey on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession in Canada

1) For the 2012-2013 academic year, indicate the number of regular faculty on the tenure track with voting rights in your department who are:

| Assistant Professors, Untenured, MALE |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Assistant Professors, Untenured, FEMALE | - |
| Assistant Professors, Tenured, MALE | - |
| Assistant Professors, Tenured, FEMALE | - |
| Associate Professors, Untenured, MALE | - |
| Associate Professors, Untenured, FEMALE | - |
| Associate Professors, Tenured, MALE | - |
| Associate Professors, Tenured, FEMALE | - |
| Full Professors, Untenured, MALE | - |
| Full Professors, Untenured, FEMALE | - |
| Full Professors, Tenured, MALE |  |
| Full Professors, Tenured, FEMALE |  |

2) For the 2012-2013 academic year, indicate the number of teaching faculty without voting rights in your department who are:

Instructors (or other tenure track), Untenured, MALE
Instructors (or other tenure track), Untenured, FEMALE
Instructors (or other tenure track), Tenured, MALE
Instructors (or other tenure track), Tenured, FEMALE
Sessional lecturers (without tenure track), MALE
Sessional lecturers (without tenure track), FEMALE $\qquad$
3) Does your department offer a Ph.D program ?

> O Yes
> O No (skip to question 6)
4) Thinking of the Ph.D. program offered by your department, indicate the number of students who are:

First Year Ph.D. students (2012-13), MALE
First Year Ph.D. students (2012-13), FEMALE
Registered Ph.D. thesis writers (passed general exams, 2012-13), MALE
Registered Ph.D. thesis writers (passed general exams, 2012-13), FEMALE Graduated in the previous year (2011-12), MALE
Graduated in the previous year (2011-12), FEMALE

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5) Of your Ph.D. students on the job market (in the 2011-12 academic year), indicate the number of:

MALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. academic job in a Ph.D. granting department
FEMALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. academic job in a Ph.D. granting department
MALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. academic job in a non-Ph.D. granting department
FEMALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. academic job in a non-Ph.D. granting department
MALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. public sector job
FEMALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. public sector job
MALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. private sector job
FEMALE students who obtained a Canadian/U.S. private sector job
MALE students who obtained an academic job outside of North America
FEMALE students who obtained an academic job outside of North America
MALE students who obtained a non-academic job outside of North America
FEMALE students who obtained a non-academic job outside of North America
$\qquad$
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6) Does your department offer a Master's degree?

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O Yes
O No (skip to question 8)
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7) Thinking of the Masters' degree offered by your department, indicate the number of students who are:

Current students (2012-13), MALE
Current students (2012-13), FEMALE
Graduated in the previous year (2011-12), MALE
Graduated in the previous year (2011-12), FEMALE
8) Thinking of senior undergraduate students (in their last year), indicate the number of students who were in the following academic programmes:

Undergraduate Degree, Major in Economics (2011-12), MALE
Undergraduate Degree, Major in Economics (2011-12), FEMALE
Undergraduate Degree, Honours in Economics (2011-12), MALE
Undergraduate Degree, Honours in Economics (2011-12), FEMALE


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The sample of departments of economics consisted of university and college departments, business schools departments, and joint departments of economics with other fields.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Rankings were taken from U.S. News and World Report 2010 Edition. There are 21 departments listed in the top 20 departments because of the presence of ties. The top 20 departments in rank order are: Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, University of Chicago, Stanford University, University of California-Berkeley, Yale University, Northwestern University, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, University of Minnesota, New York University, University of Michigan, California Institute of Technology, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-San Diego, University of Wisconsin, Cornell University, Brown University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Duke University.

