According to the United States Department of Commerce, "Although women fill close to half of all jobs in the U.S. economy, they hold fewer than 25 percent of STEM jobs. This has been the case throughout the past decade, even as college-educated women have increased their share of the overall workforce."

Beede, D. N., Julian, T. A., Langdon, D., McKittrick, G., Khan, B., & Doms, M. E. (2011). Women in STEM: A gender gap to innovation. SSRN Electronic Journal. https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1964782



Between 2008-2015, women earned 35.1% and 34.5% of undergraduate and Ph.D. STEM degrees, respectively.

Women are 30% less likely to be called to interview for a job than an equally qualified male counterpart.

Once hired, men are promoted at a 30% higher rate than women.

Kong, S., Carroll, K., Lundberg, D., Omura, P., & Lepe, B. (2020). Reducing gender bias in STEM. MIT Science Policy Review, 1, 55–63. https://doi.org/10.38105/spr.11kp6lgr0a

Women experience less sense of belonging, positive attitudes, and aspirations in STEM careers.

Moss-Racusin, C. A., Sanzari, C., Caluori, N., & Rabasco, H. (2018). Gender bias produces gender gaps in STEM engagement. Sex Roles, 79(11-12), 651–670. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-018-0902-z



Women and girls need to see female role models in the workplace that look like them - over and over again.

Milgram, D. (2011). How to recruit women and girls to the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) classroom. Technology and Engineering Teacher, 71(3), 4-11.



They need to receive the message that women can work in STEM, be successful and fulfilled in their work life, while still have a personal life.

Milgram, D. (2011). How to recruit women and girls to the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) classroom. Technology and Engineering Teacher, 71(3), 4-11.



It is critical that biographies of female role models used in outreach materials emphasize not only the path these women took to arrive at their chosen careers, but also the joy they found in their work, as well as their personal interests and family stories."

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A recent study found that female 9th and 10th grade students performed better in science when the images in their textbooks included counter-stereotypical images of female scientists.

Good, J. J., Woodzicka, J. A., & Wingfield, L. C. (2010). The effects of gender stereotypic and counter-stereotypic textbook images on science performance. The Journal of Social Psychology, 150(2), 132–147. https://doi.org/10.1080/00224540903366552



Girls Who Code, an extracurricular program with a computer science focus for girls in programming, reports that interest reduces from 66% to merely 4% in girls between the ages of six to eighteen.

By offering year-long clubs, after-school activities, and summer immersion programs, participants of Girls Who Code study computer science in college at "15 to 16 times the national average."

Girls Who Code Annual Report 2019. Girls Who Code. (n.d.). Retrieved December 8, 2022, from https://girlswhocode.com/2019report/#numbers

