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## 2022 *P-FIN INDEX* DATA BRIEF Financial literacy

among U.S. women

The TIAA Institute-GFLEC Personal Finance Index (P-Fin Index) annually assesses financial literacy among the U.S. adult population. In addition to a robust measure of overall personal finance knowledge, it provides a nuanced analysis across eight areas in which individuals routinely function. This brief examines financial literacy among U.S. women, including variations across generations.

#### Women tend to have lower financial literacy than men



#### Wide gender gaps across areas of financial literacy

% of *P-Fin Index* questions answered correctly



#### Financial literacy among women lags that of men across generations

The financial literacy gender gap is smallest among Gen Z.



P-Fin Index questions answered correctly



GEN Z MEN

Percentage point difference between women and men in P-Fin Index questions answered correctly.



#### Younger women tend to have lower financial literacy

% of P-Fin Index questions answered correctly



# Comprehending risk is a particular weakness in women's financial literacy across generations

% of P-Fin Index questions on comprehending risk answered correctly



Financial literacy is even lower in the area of insuring among Gen Z women.

#### Women with very low financial literacy are:

(compared to women with very high financial literacy)



5x more likely to have difficulty making ends meet **3x** more likely to be debt constrained

**5**x



#### **3x** more likely to be unable to cope with a \$2,000 financial shock



more likely to spend 10 or more hours per week on issues related to personal finances



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Visit the **<u>TIAA Institute</u>** and **<u>GFLEC</u>** websites to find all reports based on the *P-Fin Index* since the project's inception in 2017.