In 2021, women and nonbinary photographers were still vastly underrepresented in photojournalism.

To operate ethically, the photojournalism industry must be made up of storytellers who are as diverse as the communities they cover. We hope that this data will help inspire you to hire, publish, curate, promote, and otherwise support the work of women and nonbinary photographers, and all photographers who offer perspectives that broaden our historically white, western, patriarchal industry.

Women Photograph is made up of a small team who work hard to maintain the Women Photograph database of 1,300+ women and nonbinary photographers included in the byline data, though it was a very small percentage. We've selected these publications for a variety of reasons: because of their international reach, because of their hiring power, because of how they utilize wire photography. While they exclusively represent publications from North America and western Europe, these regions continue to hold a disproportionate amount of influence within the photojournalism community. Women Photograph continues to highlight and support underrepresented photographers.

When we released our report on gender representation in photojournalism in 2019, we noted that women and nonbinary photographers were dramatically underrepresented in the photojournalism industry. While the data points from 2019 were encouraging, the rate of change was too slow to reach 50% representation by 2035. At 1% women and nonbinary photographers included in the byline data, it will take another 25 years to reach parity.


We've added women & nonbinary as a category to highlight the growing number of publications that use the term Women Photograph to indicate gender identity. While the number is small, it is a step forward in the industry's understanding of gender identity, but understand there may be a margin of error here. In 2021, for the first time, we noted the number of people using Women Photograph.

Here are the key details from the report:

- In 2021, women & nonbinary photographers included in the byline data for the first time.
- Women Photograph continues to highlight and support underrepresented photographers.
- Women Photograph is made up of a small team working hard to maintain the Women Photograph database.
- The industry continues to fall short when it comes to representation and inclusion.
- Women Photograph tracks an assortment of different metrics to analyze the ways in which women, nonbinary, and underrepresented photographers are covered.
- In 2021, women & nonbinary as a category was added to help highlight the growing number of publications using the term Women Photograph.

Learn more about Women Photograph and support the photojournalism community by donating to Women Photograph at photograph.com/donate.