Biografieën van vrouwen op Wikipedia en 17e eeuwse schilderessen

Biographies of women on Wikipedia and 17th-century painters

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Er zijn minder vrouwen op Wikipedia

- Er zijn minder vrouwen die bijdragen
- Er zijn minder biografieën van vrouwen
- Er zijn minder bronnen over vrouwen

There are fewer women on Wikipedia

- Fewer women contribute
- There are fewer biographies of women
- There are fewer sources about women
Onvoldoende bekendheid

https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margot_Berkman

"ne" = Niet Encyclopedisch
Two Haarlem portraits in 1644
My dataset (10,000+ artists) has grown from these sources:

• 1,843 records from old dictionaries of artist biographies (Vasari, Van Mander, Houbraken, Sandrart, etc) - only 47 are women

• 3,644 records Web Gallery of Art - only 37 are women

• 23,174 records Public Catalog Foundation

• 13,000+ records Wikimedia Commons Creator pages and Wikipedia articles
10,000 artist biographies

This is the number of women in my dataset
Sorted by birth/work country
Sorted by (known) birth century

7,843 records by birth (red=women)
1,843 artists in old sources

This is the number of women in this dataset
Hondius, Vasari, Van Mander, Ampzing, Baldinucci, De Bie, Sandrart, Du Piles, Houbraken, Weyerman, Van Gool, Descamps

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1,843 artists in old sources

Sorted by birth country

- Netherlands: 1402
- Italian: 248
- German: 89
- French: 66
- Other Europe: 43
1,843 artists in old sources

Sorted by birth century, red=women
Most popular women, mentioned 3, 4, or 5 times in old sources

• (3) Joanna Koerten – paper cutter
• (4) Maria Sibylla Merian – insect painter
• (4) Rachel Ruysch – flower painter
• (5) Anna Maria van Schurman – engraver
• (4) Sofonisba Anguissola - painter
3,644 artists Web Gallery of Art

This is the number of women in this dataset.
3,644 artists Web Gallery of Art

![Bar chart showing the number of artists from different European countries and other regions.](chart.png)
3,644 artists Web Gallery of Art
16th & 17th century women in WGA

- Sofonisba Anguissola
- Eufrasia Burlamacchi
- Margherita Caffi
- Rosalba Carriera
- Lucrina Fetti
- Artemisia Gentileschi
- Catharina van Hemessen
- Judith Leyster
- Louise Moillon
- Maria van Oosterwijk
- Elisabetta Catanea Parasole
- Clara Peeters
- Rachel Ruysch
- Diana Scultori
- Elisabetta Sirani
- Maria Tesselschade Visscher
- Maria Tintoretta
- Anna Roemers Visscher
Women in the sources
23,174 artists in PCF dataset “BBC Your paintings”

This is the set of data that I matched so far to my list
Matching PCF data is a work in progress, most artists before 1750 are matched

**total records with dates: 23,174**

Count of records by century of birth

- 1200-1399: 68
- 1400-1499: 317
- 1500-1599: 515
- 1600-1699: 1285
- 1700-1799: 1807
- 1800-1899: 8646
- 1900-1999: 10504
My matches from PCF, split by century of birth
My PCF matches are mostly British, though early artists are mostly Dutch and Italian
Only 84 women matched to PCF set
Er zijn minder vrouwen op Wikipedia

- Er zijn minder vrouwen die bijdragen (6% van de bijdragers op de NL Wikipedia is vrouw)
- Er zijn minder biografieën van vrouwen (zonder bronnen, “ne”)
- Er zijn minder bronnen over vrouwen (speld in de hooiberg)

  - Only 6% of the contributors on the Dutch Wikipedia are women
  - Without sources, biographies are deleted as “not encyclopedic”
  - In sources, women are the proverbial “needle in the haystack”