The populations with the highest proportions of women that work in the service industries live in Western European, North American and Eastern Asian territories. The populations with the lowest proportions of women working in services live in territories that are located in Southern Asia and the Middle East.

In Sweden 23% of the population is made up of women working in services. Therefore a majority of economically active women in Sweden work in the services sector.

Worldwide most women working in services live in China, making a female services workforce of 260 million, that is 35% of all female services workers.

“Girls are asking, ‘Do we get overtime? What are the benefits?’ Guangdong needs workers. Zhejiang and Shanghai need workers. They have more choices. So it’s difficult to find workers.”

Kathy Deng, 2006