

# 2017

## REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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THE 2017 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY was commissioned by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women (LACCW) and prepared by Mount Saint Mary's University. The data included in this update provides a portrait of the wellbeing and status of women and girls in L.A. County on a variety of economic and social indicators.

The previous report in this series (*The 2016 Report on the Status of Women in Los Angeles County*) identified a number of positive trends as well as persistent challenges facing women and girls here.

Several trends evident last year have continued in a positive direction:

- Ninety percent of women and girls have health insurance, an increase of 4 percentage points in the last year and 10 percentage points since 2010.
- Employment continued to recover from the Great Recession, with the 2016 L.A. County unemployment rate for women falling to 5.6%, its lowest in 10 years.
- Roughly 105,788 fewer women lived below the poverty line in 2015 than in 2014, as the poverty rate fell 2.2 percentage points between 2014 and 2015.
- Young women today are staying in school longer, graduating high school and going to college and beyond at significantly higher rates than women of previous generations.

Nevertheless, women and girls in L.A. County continue to experience significant hardships and gender disparities persist.

- Although the poverty rate declined for every demographic group of women in L.A. County, nearly a quarter of Latinas and African-American women live below the federal poverty line.
- Women in the county earn just 81 cents compared to every dollar men make.
- Roughly one in three of the county's homeless individuals are women.
- More than 41,000 domestic-violence related calls for assistance were made.

In this document, you will find highlights from the 2017 update (also available as a downloadable PDF), followed by data and tables on the condition and status of women and girls in L.A. County.

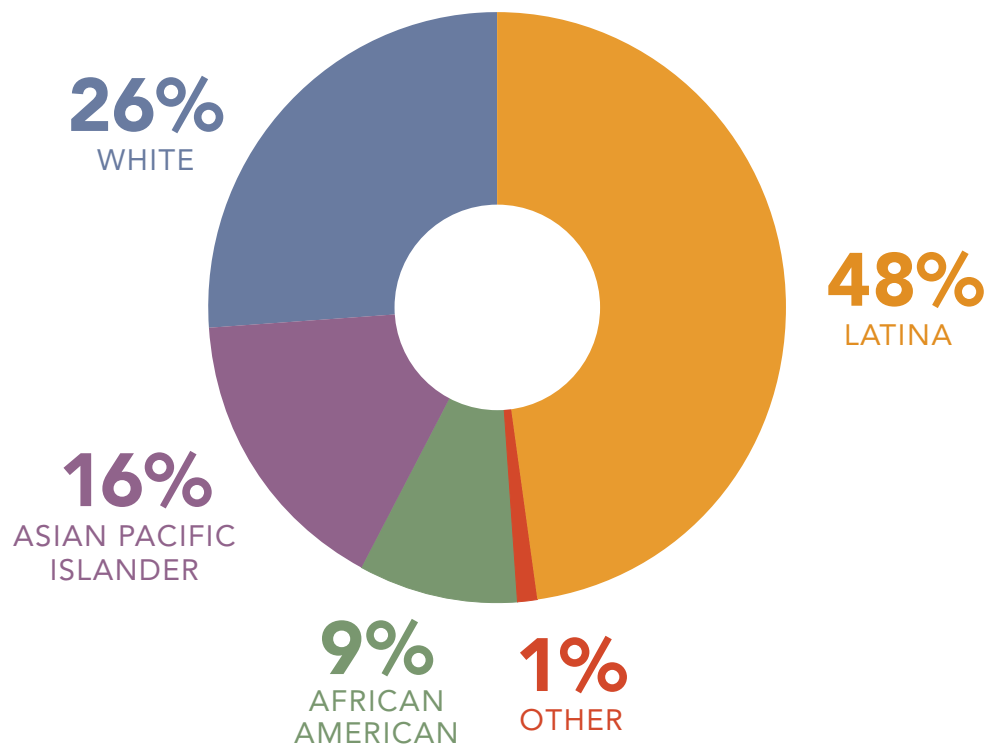
As part of fulfilling the educational mission of the Commission for Women, the LACCW plans to issue full Status of Women reports biennially, with updates on key topics and indicators in the interim years. We encourage you to read and share this 2017 update, as well as the full report published in 2016.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** ON THE WELLBEING, CONDITION AND STATUS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOMEN AND GIRLS

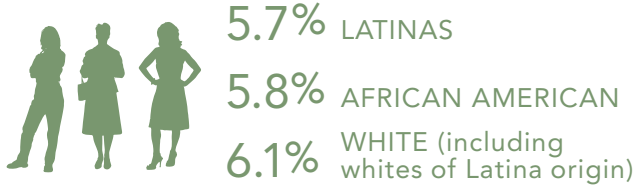
5.2 MILLION  
WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVE  
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
MORE THAN 1.8 MILLION  
ARE IMMIGRANTS



## ECONOMIC WELLBEING

THE **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR WOMEN** IN 2016 WAS **5.6%**, ITS **LOWEST IN 10 YEARS**

Women's unemployment by ethnicity



The nearly **635,000 women-owned businesses** in metropolitan Los Angeles **employ 439,000 people** and have an annual sales **revenue** estimated at over **\$94.8 billion**



## HOME AND FAMILY

**32%** More than 1 million L.A. County households are headed by women

**2.3** MILLION CHILDREN LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY



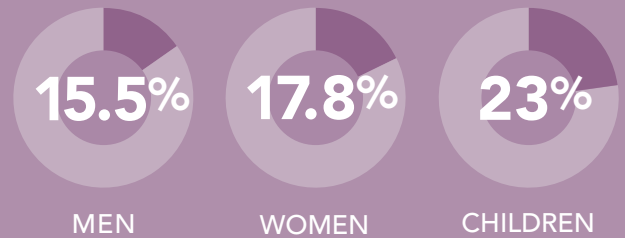
**183,279** WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 64 LIVE ALONE

## POVERTY

**105,788 FEWER WOMEN** IN L.A. COUNTY LIVED BELOW THE **POVERTY LINE** IN 2015 THAN IN 2014

The poverty rate dropped **2.2** points in 2015

Women and children in L.A. County are more likely than men to be poor



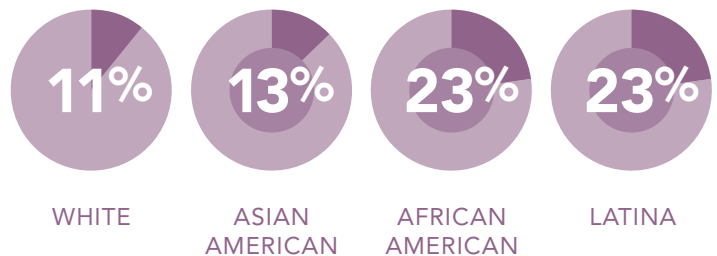
**31%** OF POOR WOMEN ARE **EMPLOYED**

**37%** OF **SINGLE MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN** LIVE IN POVERTY

**17%** OF **WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 74** LIVE IN POVERTY

**33%** OF **HOMELESS** INDIVIDUALS ARE WOMEN

Women and girls living in **poverty by ethnicity**



## EDUCATION



Younger women are earning **college degrees** at a higher rate than previous generations

**89%** of 18-24 year-olds

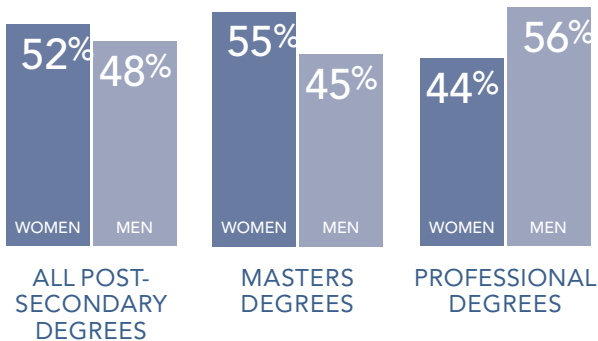
have earned at least a high school degree, putting young women **on track to be the most educated of any generation**

**47%**

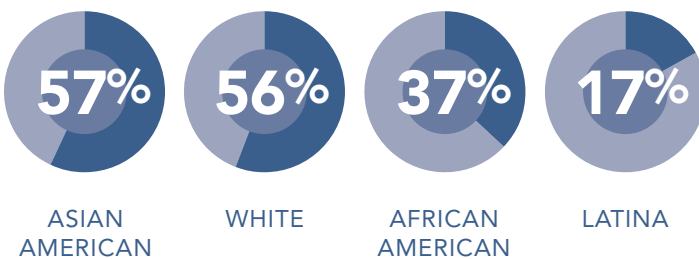
of women aged 25-34 have earned a post-secondary degree



Women hold the majority of all post-secondary and master's degrees, while men hold the majority of professional degrees



Women 25 years and older with a postsecondary degree by ethnicity



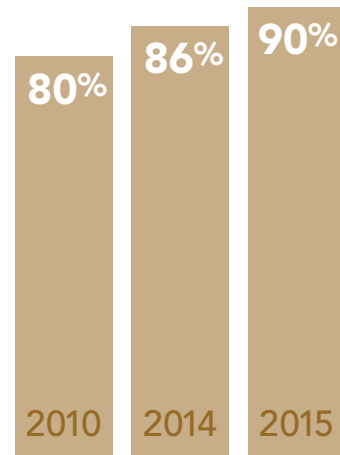
## HEALTH

**90%**

of women and girls in L.A. County have **health insurance**



AN INCREASE OF 10 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN 5 YEARS:



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**41,534** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE MADE IN 2015

**66%** of the cases involved weapons



**18%**

OF ALL **HOMELESS** INDIVIDUALS ARE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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# 1. Demographics

## L.A. County Population as of July 1, 2015<sup>1</sup>

10,170,292	Los Angeles County all
5,160,965	Los Angeles County women and girls
39,144,818	California all
19,704,260	California women and girls

Of L.A. County's more than 5.1 million women and girls, 36% or 1.8 million are immigrants. More than half (52%) are naturalized citizens.

TABLE 1.1: RACE AND ETHNICITY OF WOMEN<sup>2</sup>

	L.A. County (5,161,000 total)	California (19,704,000 total)
Latina	48%	38%
White	26%	38%
Asian/Pacific Islander	16%	16%
African American	9%	6%
Other	2%	2%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

TABLE 1.2: L.A. COUNTY WOMEN, MEDIAN AGE<sup>3</sup>

	L.A. County women	California women	U.S. women
Median age	37.3 years	37.4 years	39.1 years

Source: U.S. Census 2015 ACS 1-Year Estimates.

L.A. County women are younger, on average, than their counterparts in California and the nation as a whole. Latinas are the youngest of the county's major racial/ethnic groups, with a median age of 31.3 years old, compared with 39.9 for African-American women, 43.5 for Asian-American women, and 46.1 for white women.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all statistics are for 2015. Percentages in tables might not add up to 100 due to rounding. Population statistics calculated from U.S. Census 2015 Population Estimates. Table B01001: *Sex by Age*.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01001 and Tables B01001B, D, H, I: *Sex by Age*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01002. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01001. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

## 2. Education

TABLE 2.1: L.A. COUNTY WOMEN: HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED BY AGE<sup>5</sup>

Age Group	18-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-64 years	All 18-64 years
<b>Highest Degree Level</b>					
No High School diploma	11%	12%	21%	24%	19%
High school diploma	25%	19%	19%	21%	21%
Some College, no degree	48%	23%	18%	19%	24%
Associates' degree	5%	8%	7%	8%	7%
Bachelor's degree	11%	28%	21%	19%	20%
Graduate/professional degree	1%	11%	13%	10%	9%

Note: Women who are 65 years and older are not included in this table. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

TABLE 2.2: HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED BY GENDER AND RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>6</sup>

Population 25 Years and Older	No high school diploma	High school diploma	Some college (no degree)	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Post-graduate or professional degree
<b>AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Women (N=313,276)	10%	23%	31%	10%	17%	10%
Men (N=263,758)	11%	27%	30%	8%	16%	9%
<b>ASIAN AMERICAN</b>						
Women (N=610,048)	14%	16%	13%	8%	35%	14%
Men (N=505,298)	10%	14%	16%	7%	36%	16%
<b>Latino</b>						
Women (N=1,050,904)	40%	25%	17%	5%	9%	3%
Men (N=1,055,213)	41%	27%	17%	3%	8%	3%
<b>White</b>						
Women (N=1,486,086)	6%	17%	22%	9%	28%	19%
Men (N=1,433,436)	5%	17%	21%	7%	30%	19%
<b>Total</b>						
Women (N=3,533,143)	22%	21%	19%	7%	20%	11%
Men (N=3,319,507)	22%	22%	19%	6%	20%	11%

Note: Population is 25 years and over; percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B15001: Sex by Age by Educational Attainment for the Population 18 Years and Over. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables B15002; B15002B, D, H, I: Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over. <http://factfinder.census.gov>



TABLE 2.3: POSTSECONDARY DEGREES BY GENDER<sup>7</sup>

More women than men have earned postsecondary degrees in L.A. County and in California.

	% of degrees held by L.A. County women	% of degrees held by L.A. County men	% of degrees held by CA women	% of degrees held by CA men
Associate's degree	55%	45%	55%	45%
Bachelor's degree	52%	48%	52%	48%
Master's degree	55%	45%	53%	47%
Professional school degree	44%	56%	46%	54%
Doctoral degree	43%	57%	40%	60%
Total postsecondary degrees	52%	48%	52%	48%

*Note: Population is 25 years and older.*

*Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.*

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<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Derived from Table B15002: *Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over* <http://factfinder.census.gov>

### 3. Economic Wellbeing

#### Women-Owned Businesses

The metropolitan Los Angeles area (which includes Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana) has an estimated 635,000 women-owned businesses, second only to the New York, NY/NJ metropolitan area.<sup>8</sup> As of 2016, California is home to nearly 1.5 million women-owned businesses, more than any other state in the nation.

Women-owned businesses in the Los Angeles area employ 439,000 people and have an annual sales revenue estimated at \$94.8 billion. Since 2007, the number of women-owned businesses in the Los Angeles metropolitan area has increased by 55%, employment by 13% and sales revenue by 19%.<sup>9</sup>

#### Unemployment

The unemployment rate for women in 2016 was 5.6%, its lowest in 10 years.

TABLE 3.1: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR WOMEN, 2006-2016<sup>10</sup>

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014		2015 <sup>11</sup>	2016 <sup>12</sup>
<b>L.A. County</b>	6.3%	6.2%	11.4%	11.0%	8.5%		6.8%	5.6%
<b>California</b>	6.3%	6.7%	11.5%	10.7%	8.0%		6.3%	5.6%

Note: 2006-2014 figures are for the population of women 20-64 years of age.

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate. 2015-2016 figures are for women 16 years and over. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

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<sup>8</sup> American Express OPEN (May 2016). The 2016 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report: Summary Tables. <http://www.womenable.com/>

<sup>9</sup> American Express OPEN (May 2016). The 2016 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report: Summary Tables. Table 4: Trend in Growth of Women-owned Business Firms in the Top 50 Metropolitan Areas, 2002-2016. <http://www.womenable.com/>

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Census American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2301: *Employment Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>11</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey (2017). Employment status of the civilian non-institutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2016 annual averages (preliminary). Special run by BLS at author's request.

<sup>12</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey (2017). Employment status of the civilian non-institutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2016 annual averages (preliminary). Special run by BLS at author's request.

White women (including whites of Latina origin) had the highest unemployment rate, at 6.1%. The unemployment rate among African American women was 5.8% and among Latinas (of all races) 5.7%.<sup>13</sup>

TABLE 3.2: UNEMPLOYMENT BY GENDER, RACE/ETHNICITY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 2016

	Total	White (includes whites of Latino origin)	African American	Latino
Women	5.6%	6.1%	5.8%	5.7%
Men	4.9%	4.6%	10.1%	4.8%
TOTAL	5.2%	5.3%	7.9%	5.2%

Note: These are preliminary figures for the L.A. County civilian non-institutional population 16 years and over. Latinos may be of any race and therefore classified by ethnicity as well as by race.  
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

## Earnings

TABLE 3.3: THE GENDER WAGE GAP: MEDIAN EARNINGS BY GENDER

	L.A. County		California		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Full-time, year-round employed population <sup>14</sup>	\$40,644	\$42,374	\$43,561	\$50,789	\$40,022	\$50,119
Gender wage gap for full-time, year-round workers	96%		86%		80%	
Employed population <sup>15</sup>	\$28,928	\$35,573	\$30,516	\$40,334	\$29,319	\$40,699
Gender wage gap for all employed (including seasonal and part-time work)	81%		76%		72%	

Note: Data are for the civilian employed population 16 years and over. The gender wage gap is presented as a percentage of women's earnings against men's earnings.  
Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Median earnings increased for women and men between 2014 and 2015, and the gender wage gap narrowed slightly.

<sup>13</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey (2017). Employment status of the civilian non-institutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2016 annual averages (preliminary). BLS data run at author's request.

<sup>14</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2412: *Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars) for full-time, year-round civilian employed population 16 years and over.* <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>15</sup> The employed population includes those who may be seasonal or part-time workers who are at work during the survey reference week. U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2411: *Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars) for the civilian employed population 16 years and over.* <http://factfinder.census.gov>

## Poverty

TABLE 3.4: POVERTY RATES BY GENDER<sup>16</sup>

	L.A. County	California	United States
Women	17.8%	16.4%	16.0%
Men	15.5%	14.3%	13.4%
Overall	16.6%	15.3%	14.7%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The poverty rate for L.A. County women fell 2.2% between 2014 and 2015. Roughly 105,788 fewer women lived below the poverty line in 2015 than in 2014. Yet the poverty rate in L.A. County remains higher than the state or national poverty rate.<sup>17</sup>

TABLE 3.5: POVERTY RATES BY GENDER AND ETHNICITY/RACE<sup>18</sup>

	African American	Asian American	Latina	White
L.A. County women/girls below the federal poverty level	23%	13%	23%	11%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Poverty rates in L.A. County decreased between 2015 and 2014 in all populations. The percentage of Latinas and African-American women living in poverty decreased by 3 percentage points, but nearly one in four continue to live in poverty.

Nearly one-third (31%) of women 16 years and over who lived in poverty in the past year were employed. Another 9% were looking for work but unemployed.<sup>19</sup>

TABLE 3.6: POVERTY RATES BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE AND GENDER, 2015<sup>20</sup>

	L.A. County	California	United States
ALL FAMILIES	13%	11%	11%
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	8%	7%	5%
• With children under 18 years	• 11%	• 10%	• 8%
SINGLE-MOTHER FAMILIES	25%	27%	29%
• With children under 18 years	• 37%	• 37%	• 39%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1701: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>17</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1701: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>18</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables S17001B, D, H and I: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>19</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B17005: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Sex by Employment Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>20</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1702: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

TABLE 3.7: POVERTY RATES BY AGE AND GENDER<sup>21</sup>

AGE GROUP	Females	Males
< 18 years	24%	23%
18-64 years	17%	13%
65 years and older	14%	12%
75 years and older	17%	11%
Total across all ages	18%	15%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

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<sup>21</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table C17001: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

## 4. Home and Family

More than 1 million Los Angeles County households are headed by women. Women head 45% of family households and 52% of non-family households. Nearly 1 million men and women (978,564) in L.A. County live alone. Twenty-two percent of those living alone are women over age 65.

TABLE 4.1: L.A. COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS<sup>22</sup>

	All Households	Family households headed by women	Non-family households headed by women <sup>23</sup>	Percentage of total households headed by women
Total	3,293,095	495,819	564,535	32%
With own children <18 years	963,777	220,990	NA	
Percent of Households with children <18 years	29%	45% (of family households)	NA	

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Of L.A. County households:

- 45% are married-couple families
- 26% are individuals living alone
- 15% are female-headed households, no spouse present
- 7% are male-headed households, no spouse present
- 7% are non-related individuals living together
- 0.5% are unmarried, same-sex households

TABLE 4.2: BIRTH COUNTS AND PERCENT TOTAL BY ETHNICITY OR RACE OF MOTHER<sup>24</sup>

	Total number of births	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic African American	Asian American	Latina
<b>L.A. County</b>	115,688	22%	11%	12%	54%
<b>California</b>	478,813	29%	6%	15%	46%

Note: Data are based on a sample of women 15-50 years of age; the birth rate here is the number of women giving birth relative to 1000 women in the sample studied.

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>22</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1101: *Households and Families* <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>23</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B11010: *Non-family Households by Sex of Householder by Living Alone by Age*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>24</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables B13002 B, D, H, I: *Women 15-50 Years who had a Birth in the Past 12 Months by Marital Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

In L.A. County, 55% of all households are renter-occupied. With high median rents and lower median incomes in the county than in the state, roughly half of all renters pay 35% or more of their income in rent.

TABLE 4.3: SELECTED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING<sup>25</sup>

	L.A. County	California	United States
<b>OWNERSHIP COSTS</b>			
Percentage of houses with a mortgage	73%	71%	63%
Percentage of households with selected costs of ownership 35% or greater of gross incomes (homes with a mortgage)	36%	31%	22%
<b>RENTAL COSTS</b>			
Median rent	\$1,279	\$1,311	\$959
Percentage of households with rent 35% or greater of gross income	49%	46%	41%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

## Homelessness<sup>26</sup>

TABLE 4.4: LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS COUNTS, 2016

	2013	2015	2016
Total count	39,463	44,359	46,874
Percentage unsheltered	64%	70%	74%

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Women made up one-third of the homeless population in L.A. County in 2016, the same proportion as they did in 2015. Although the numbers of homeless persons continue to rise, there has been considerable success in reducing the number of homeless veterans. In L.A. County, the number of homeless veterans fell 30% in 2016, relative to 2015. In 2016, nearly half (47%) of veterans were sheltered, compared to only one-third (34%) in 2015.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>25</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table CP04: *Comparative Housing Characteristics*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>26</sup> Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Homeless counts accessed at <https://documents.lahsa.org/>

<sup>27</sup> Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (May 2016). 2016 Homeless Count Results Los Angeles County and L.A. Continuum of Care. <https://documents.lahsa.org/Planning/homelesscount/2016/factsheet/2016-HC-Results.pdf>

TABLE 4.5: HOMELESS: WOMEN, VETERANS,  
AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, 2016

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
TOTAL HOMELESS COUNT	35,524	41,174	41,460
% women	26%	33%	33%
% veterans	11%	10%	7%
% victims of domestic violence	9%	21%	18%

*Note: The L.A. Continuum of Care includes all of L.A. County with the exception of Glendale, Pasadena and Long Beach.*

*Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.*



## 5. Healthcare

TABLE 5.1: PERCENTAGE OF L.A. COUNTY POPULATION WITH HEALTH INSURANCE, BY GENDER AND AGE<sup>28</sup>

	Women and girls	Men and boys
Under the age of 6 years	97%	97%
6-17 years	95%	95%
18-24 years	86%	82%
25-34 years	85%	77%
35-44 years	85%	80%
45-54 years	87%	84%
55-64 years	91%	90%
65 years and older	98%	98%
Total <sup>29</sup>	90%	87%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The health insurance rate in L.A. County has risen 12 percentage points overall since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. Among women and girls, nine out of ten are insured. Nevertheless, more than 1.1 million County residents lack insurance. Men aged 25-34 have the lowest rate of insurance overall, with nearly a quarter (23%) uninsured.

TABLE 5.2: HEALTH INSURANCE BY RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>30</sup>

	Population	Number of uninsured	Percentage insured
Latino (of any race)	4,903,691	803,132	84%
Asian American	1,464,163	118,743	92%
African American	822,676	60,403	93%
White (not Hispanic origin)	2,666,740	140,126	95%
All L.A. County	10,103,992	1,138,363	89%

Note: These data are for both women and men.

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>28</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B27001: *Health Insurance Coverage Status by Sex by Age*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>29</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2701: *Health Insurance Coverage Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

<sup>30</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2701: *Health Insurance Coverage Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

## 6. Domestic Violence

TABLE 6.1: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN L.A. COUNTY<sup>31</sup>

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2015
TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS	43,508	43,458	42,052	39,253	39,145	41,534
NO WEAPON INVOLVED	14,063	16,306	15,855	13,988	13,488	14,078
WEAPON INVOLVED	29,445	27,152	26,197	25,265	25,657	27,456
<i>% of all DV related calls involving a weapon of some kind</i>	68%	62%	62%	64%	66%	66%
<i>% of weapon involved cases in which a personal weapon such as hands, feet, etc. used</i>	81%	83%	84%	84%	84%	83%
<i>% of weapon involved cases in which firearm, knife or other dangerous weapon used</i>	19%	17%	16%	16%	16%	17%

Source: Office of the Attorney General, State of California.

## 7. Veterans

Women make up 7% of the 274,840 veterans living in Los Angeles County in 2015.<sup>32</sup>

TABLE 7.1: L.A. COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

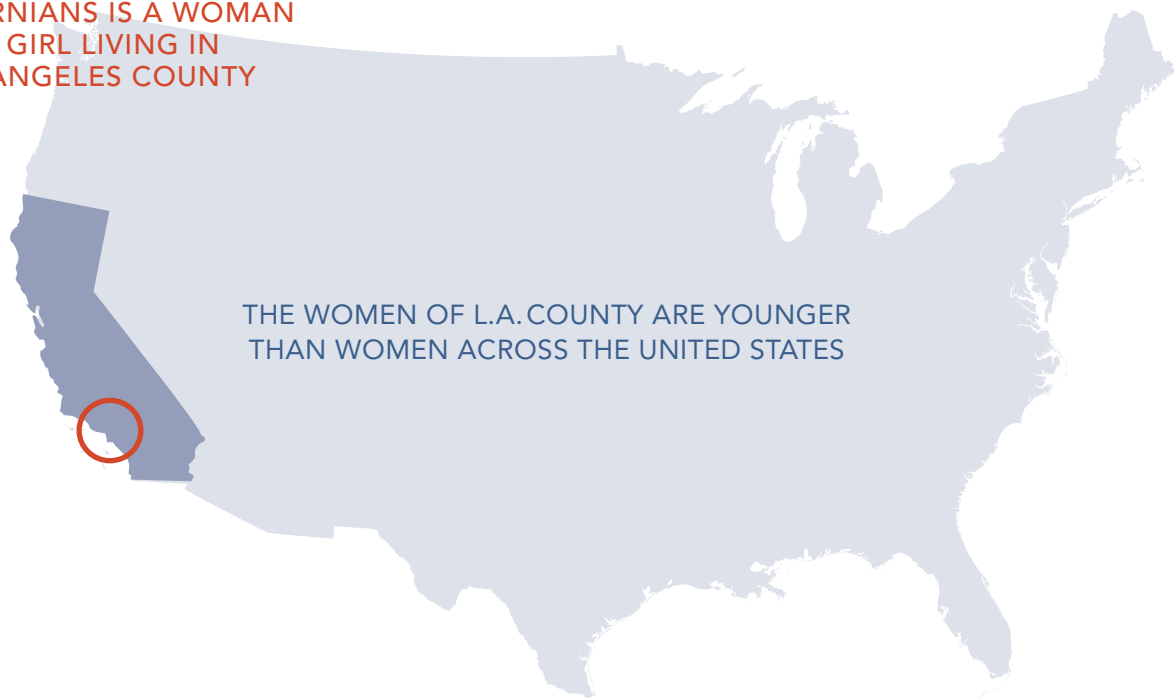
	Total number of women	White	Latina	African American	Asian American	Other
VETERANS	19,905	47%	23%	19%	6%	4%

Source: U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>31</sup> Office of the Attorney General, State of California Department of Justice – Open Justice. Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, Los Angeles County, 2006-2015. <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/crime-statistics/domestic-violence>

<sup>32</sup> U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2101: *Veteran Status*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

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