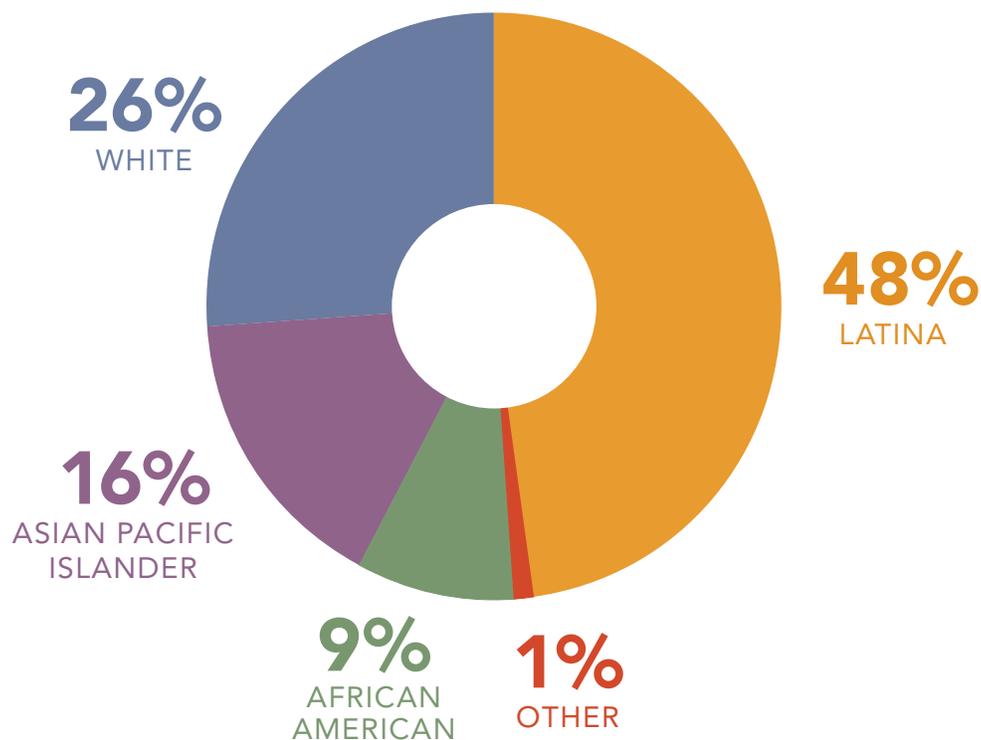


# 2017

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

**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



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COMMISSIONED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.  
PREPARED BY MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY.

## 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



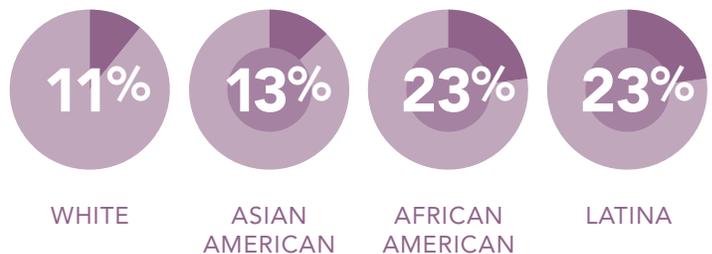
**31%** OF POOR WOMEN ARE **EMPLOYED**

**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

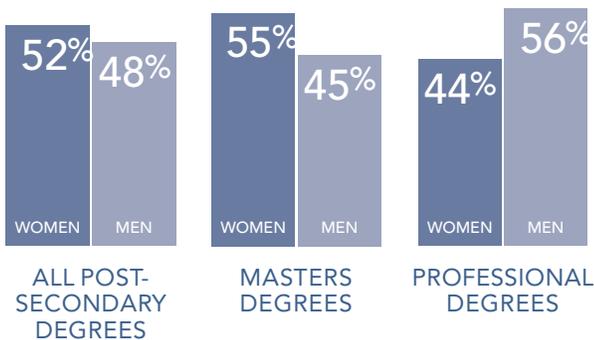
have earned at least a high school degree, putting young women **on track to be the most educated of any generation**

**47%**

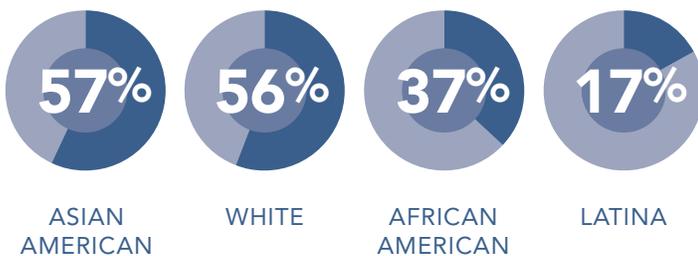
of women aged 25-34 have earned a post-secondary degree



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



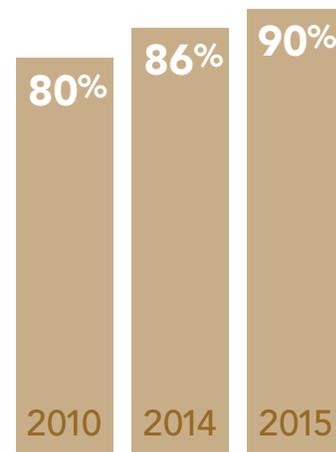
## HEALTH

**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

**1** OUT OF **8**  
EVERY  
CALIFORNIANS IS A WOMAN  
OR GIRL LIVING IN  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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. This report provides information on data and trends in order to assess how women and girls in our county are faring across a wide variety of economic and social indicators. We present this report as part of the educational mission of the LACCW, as well as to help guide the efforts of LACCW and County leaders in addressing the interests and concerns of all L.A. County women and girls. Data in the report are based primarily on the most recent statistics released by the U.S. Census Bureau in its 2015 American Community Survey.



**The Los Angeles County Commission for Women (LACCW)** represents the interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual orientation. For more information, visit [LACCW.LACOUNTY.GOV](http://LACCW.LACOUNTY.GOV)

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