## REPORT ON THE 2018 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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THE 2018 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY was commissioned by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women (LACCW) and prepared by the Center for the Advancement of Women at 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 2017 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-two percent of women and girls have health insurance, an increase of 2 percentage points in the last year.
- The poverty rate for L.A. County women fell nearly 2 percentage points between 2015 and 2017.
- 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, roughly 20% of Latinas and African-American women live below the federal poverty line.
- Women made up 31% of the homeless population in L.A. County in 2018.
- More than 42,000 domestic-violence related calls for assistance were made.

In this document, you will find highlights from the 2018 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.

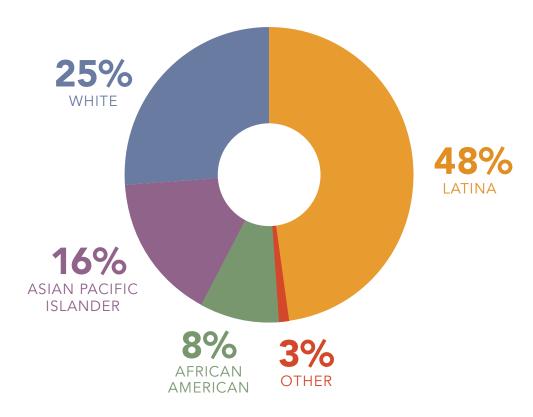
As part of fulfilling the educational mission of the commission for women, the LACCW plans to issue full Status of Women reports periodically, with updates on key topics and indicators in the interim years. We encourage you to read and share this 2018 update, as well as the full report published in 2016.

# 2018 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



#### **POVERTY**

THE **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR WOMEN**IN 2017 WAS **5.9%**, ITS **LOWEST IN 10 YEARS** 

Women's unemployment by ethnicity



8.7% AFRICAN AMERICAN

6.3% LATINA

5.1% WHITE (not of Latina origin)

4.4% ASIAN

The nearly **736,000 women-owned businesses** in metropolitan Los Angeles **employ 457,000 people** and have an
annual sales **revenue** estimated at over **\$105.7 billion** 

FULL-TIME WORKING WOMEN, ON AVERAGE, EARN

83%

OF WHAT MEN EARN

WOMEN MEN

#### **HOME AND FAMILY**

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

2.2

MILLION
CHILDREN LIVE
IN L.A. COUNTY

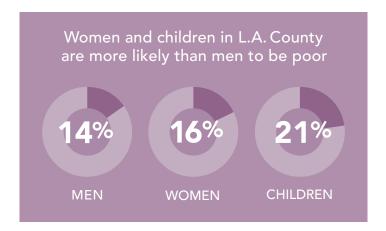


### 195,885 WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 64 LIVE ALONE

#### 91,000 FEWER WOMEN

IN L.A. COUNTY LIVED BELOW
THE **POVERTY** LINE
IN 2017 THAN IN 2015

The poverty rate dropped **1.8** points in 2017



27% OF POOR WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED

33% OF SINGLE MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY

17% OF WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 74

31% OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE WOMEN

Women and girls living in poverty by ethnicity





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

**91%** of 18-24 year-olds

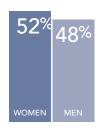
have earned at least a high school degree, putting young women **on track to be** the **most educated of any generation** 

49%

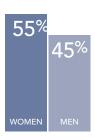
of women aged 25-34 have earned a post-secondary degree



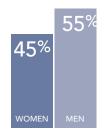
Women hold the majority of all post-secondary and master's degrees, while men hold the majority of professional degrees



ALL POST-SECONDARY DEGREES



MASTERS DEGREES



PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

Women 25 years and older with a postsecondary degree by ethnicity



ASIAN AMERICAN



WHITE

AFRICAN AMERICAN



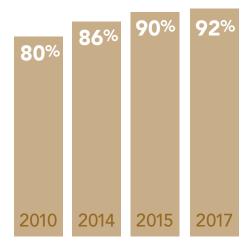
LATINA

92%

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



AN INCREASE OF 12 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN 7 YEARS:



#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**42,702** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE MADE IN 2017

**66%** of the cases involved weapons



30%

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

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#### 1. Demographics

#### Population<sup>1</sup>

10,163,507 Los Angeles County all

5,153,936 Los Angeles County women and girls

39,536,653 California all

19,886,602 California women and girls

Of L.A. County's nearly 5.2 million women and girls, 35% or 1.8 million are immigrants. More than half (55%) are naturalized citizens.<sup>2</sup>

TABLE 1.1: RACE AND ETHNICITY OF WOMEN<sup>3</sup>

|                        | <b>L.A. County</b> (5,153,936 total) | California (19,886,602 total) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Latina                 | 48%                                  | 39%                           |
| White                  | 25%                                  | 37%                           |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 16%                                  | 15%                           |
| African American       | 8%                                   | 6%                            |
| Other                  | 3%                                   | 4%                            |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 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>4</sup>

|            | L.A. County women | California women | U.S. women |  |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| Median age | 37.7 years        | 37.8 years       | 39.4 years |  |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 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 31.9 years, compared with 40.7 for African-American women, 44.0 for Asian-American women, and 46.5 for white women.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01001: Sex by Age

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S0501: Selected Characteristics of the Native and Foreign-Born Populations. <a href="http://Factfinder.census.gov">http://Factfinder.census.gov</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01001 and Tables B01001B, D, H, I: Sex by Age. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B01002. *Median Age*. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables B01002, B, D, H, I: Median Age. http://factfinder.census.gov

#### 2. Education

TABLE 2.1: L.A. COUNTY WOMEN: HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED BY AGE<sup>6</sup>

| Age Group                    | 18-24<br>years | 25-34<br>years | 35-44<br>years | 45-64<br>years | All 18-64<br>years |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Highest Degree Level         |                |                |                |                |                    |
| No High School diploma       | 9%             | 9%             | 19%            | 24%            | 17%                |
| High school diploma          | 24%            | 19%            | 19%            | 21%            | 20%                |
| Some College, no degree      | 48%            | 23%            | 17%            | 18%            | 24%                |
| Associates degree            | 5%             | 8%             | 7%             | 8%             | 7%                 |
| Bachelor's degree            | 13%            | 29%            | 24%            | 19%            | 22%                |
| Graduate/professional degree | 1%             | 12%            | 14%            | 10%            | 10%                |

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 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

TABLE 2.2: HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED BY GENDER AND RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>7</sup>

| Population<br>25 Years and Older | No high<br>school<br>diploma | High<br>school<br>diploma | Some<br>college<br>(no<br>degree) | Associate<br>degree | Bachelor's<br>degree | Post-<br>graduate or<br>professional<br>degree |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| AFRICAN AMERICAN                 |                              |                           |                                   |                     |                      |  |
| Women (N=316,931)                | 10%                          | 21%                       | 30%                               | 10%                 | 19%                  | 10%  |
| Men (N=267,644)                  | 11%                          | 25%                       | 30%                               | 10%                 | 17%                  | 7%   |
| ASIAN AMERICAN                   |                              |                           |                                   |                     |                      |  |
| Women (N=627,694)                | 14%                          | 14%                       | 16%                               | 8%                  | 37%                  | 15%  |
| Men (N=515,501)                  | 10%                          | 15%                       | 14%                               | 7%                  | 36%                  | 18%  |
| Latino                           |                              |                           |                                   |                     |                      |  |
| Women (N=1,521,227)              | 38%                          | 25%                       | 18%                               | 5%                  | 10%                  | 4%   |
| Men (N=1,473,842)                | 37%                          | 27%                       | 19%                               | 5%                  | 9%                   | 3%   |
| White                            |                              |                           |                                   |                     |                      |  |
| Women (N=1,042,490)              | 5%                           | 16%                       | 21%                               | 9%                  | 29%                  | 19%  |
| Men (N=1,049,030)                | 5%                           | 15%                       | 21%                               | 7%                  | 32%                  | 20%  |
| Total                            |                              |                           |                                   |                     |                      |  |
| Women (N=3,580,408)              | 21%                          | 20%                       | 19%                               | 7%                  | 21%                  | 11%  |
| Men (N=3,374,711)                | 20%                          | 21%                       | 20%                               | 6%                  | 21%                  | 11%  |

Note: Population is 25 years and over; percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. Census 2017 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>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables B15002; B15002B, D, H, I: Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

TABLE 2.3: POSTSECONDARY DEGREES BY GENDER<sup>8</sup>

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

|                             | % of degrees<br>held by L.A.<br>County women | % of degrees<br>held by L.A.<br>County men | % of degrees<br>held by<br>CA women | % of degrees<br>held by<br>CA men |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Associate degree            | 55%  | 45%  | 55%                                 | 45%                               |
| Bachelor's degree           | 51%  | 49%  | 52%                                 | 48%                               |
| Master's degree             | 55%  | 45%  | 53%                                 | 47%                               |
| Professional school degree  | 45%  | 55%  | 47%                                 | 53%                               |
| Doctoral degree             | 42%  | 58%  | 40%                                 | 60%                               |
| Total postsecondary degrees | 52%  | 48%  | 52%                                 | 48%                               |

Note: Population is 25 years and older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Derived from Table B15002: *Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over* <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

#### 3. Economic Wellbeing

#### **Women-Owned Businesses**

The metropolitan Los Angeles area (which includes Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana) has an estimated 736,000 women-owned businesses, second only to the New York, NY/NJ metropolitan area. As of 2018, California is home to nearly 1.6 million women-owned businesses, more than any other state in the nation.

Women-owned businesses in the Los Angeles area employ 457,000 people and have an annual sales revenue estimated at \$105.7 billion. Since 2007, the number of women-owned businesses in the Los Angeles metropolitan area has increased by 80%, employment by 18% and sales revenue by 32%.<sup>10</sup>

#### Unemployment

The unemployment rate for women in 2017 was 5.9%, its lowest in 10 years.

TABLE 3.1: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR WOMEN, 2006-2017<sup>11</sup>

|             | 2006 | 2008 | 2010  | 2012  | 2014 | 2015 | 2017 |
|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| L.A. County | 6.3% | 6.2% | 11.4% | 11.0% | 8.5% | 7.0% | 5.9% |
| California  | 6.3% | 6.7% | 11.5% | 10.7% | 8.0% | 7.0% | 5.5% |

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

Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates for selected years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> American Express OPEN (May 2018). The 2018 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report: Summary Tables. <u>www.ventureneer.com</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> American Express OPEN (May 2018). The 2018State of Women-Owned Businesses Report: Summary Tables. Table 4: Trend in Growth of Women-owned Business Firms in the Top 50 Metropolitan Areas, 2002-2018. www.ventureneer.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> U.S. Census American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2301: Employment Status. http://factfinder.census.gov

African American men had the highest unemployment rate in 2017, at 9.8%. The unemployment rate among African American women was 8.7% and among Latinas 6.3%.<sup>12</sup>

TABLE 3.2: UNEMPLOYMENT BY GENDER, RACE/ETHNICITY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 2017

|       | Total | White<br>(not of Latino<br>origin) | African<br>American | Latino | Asian |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Women | 5.9%  | 5.1%                               | 8.7%                | 6.3%   | 4.4%  |
| Men   | 5.4%  | 5.7%                               | 9.8%                | 4.8%   | 4.3%  |
| TOTAL | 5.6%  | 5.4%                               | 9.2%                | 5.4%   | 4.4%  |

Note: Unemployment is calculated as the percentage of the civilian labor force (20-64 years of age) that is unemployed.

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

#### **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>13</sup>                           | \$ 42,332   | \$ 45,970 | \$ 46,894  | \$ 53,115 | \$ 41,512     | \$ 51,421 |
| Gender wage gap for full-time, year-round workers                                 | 92%         |           | 88%        |           | 81%           |           |
| Employed population <sup>14</sup>   | \$ 31,151   | \$ 37,477 | \$32,334   | \$ 42,362 | \$31,174      | \$ 42,184 |
| Gender wage gap<br>for all employed<br>(including seasonal and<br>part-time work) | 83%         |           | 76%        |           | 74%           |           |

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 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Median earnings increased for women and men between 2015 and 2017, and the gender wage gap narrowed slightly at the state and national levels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B23001, B, D, H, I: Sex by Age by Employment Status for the Population 16 years and Over. (Data selected for ages 20-64 years). http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2412: *Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months (in 2017 Inflation-adjusted Dollars) for Full-Time, Year-Round Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over.* http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</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 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2411: Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months (in 2017 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>15</sup>

|         | L.A. County | California | United States |
|---------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Women   | 16.0%       | 14.4%      | 14.5%         |
| Men     | 13.7%       | 12.2%      | 12.2%         |
| Overall | 14.9%       | 13.3%      | 13.4%         |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The poverty rate for L.A. County women fell nearly 2 percentage points between 2015 and 2017. Yet the poverty rates for both women and men in L.A. County remains higher than the state or national poverty rates.<sup>16</sup>

TABLE 3.5: POVERTY RATES BY GENDER AND ETHNICITY/RACE<sup>17</sup>

|   | African<br>American | Asian<br>American | Latina | White |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| L.A. County women/girls below the federal poverty level | 20%                 | 12%               | 19%    | 11%   |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Poverty rates in L.A. County decreased from 2015 to 2017 in all populations. The percentage of Latinas and African-American women living in poverty decreased by 3 to 4 percentage points, but one in five continue to live in poverty.

Twenty-seven percent of women 16 years and over who lived in poverty in the past year were employed. Another 7% were looking for work but unemployed.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1701: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months*. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1701: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months.* http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Tables B17001B, D, H and I: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age*. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B17005: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Sex by Employment Status*. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

TABLE 3.6: POVERTY RATES BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE AND GENDER, 2017<sup>19</sup>

|   | L.A. County | California | <b>United States</b> |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| ALL FAMILIES  | 11%         | 10%        | 10%                  |
| MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES  • With children under 18 years | 7%          | 6%         | 5%                   |
|   | • 11%       | • 8%       | • 7%                 |
| SINGLE-MOTHER FAMILIES  • With children under 18 years  | 22%         | 23%        | 26%                  |
|   | • 33%       | • 33%      | • 36%                |

Note: Children in these households are related to the householder.

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

TABLE 3.7: POVERTY RATES BY AGE AND GENDER<sup>20</sup>

| AGE GROUP             | Females | Males |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| < 18 years            | 21%     | 21%   |
| • <5 years            | • 21%   | • 21% |
| 18-64 years           | 15%     | 12%   |
| 65 years and older    | 15%     | 11%   |
| • 75 years and        | • 17%   | • 13% |
| older                 |         |       |
| Total across all ages | 16%     | 14%   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1702: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families*. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table C17001: *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age.* Data subsets for <5 years and 75 years and older are derived from Table B17001. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

#### 4. Home and Family

More than 1 million Los Angeles County households are headed by women. Women head 22% of family households and 52% of non-family households. Over 860,000 women and men in L.A. County live alone. Twenty-three percent of those living alone are women over age 65.

TABLE 4.1: L.A. COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS<sup>21</sup>

|   | All<br>Households | Family<br>households<br>headed<br>by women | Non-family<br>households<br>headed by<br>women <sup>22</sup> | Percentage of<br>total households<br>headed by<br>women |
|---|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Total   | 3,311,231         | 482,105                                    | 576,397  | 32%   |
| With own children <18 years                         | 926,462           | 209,086                                    | NA   |   |
| Percent of<br>Households with<br>children <18 years | 28%               | 43% (of family households)                 | NA   |   |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 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

6% are non-related partners of the opposite sex living together

0.5% are unmarried, same-sex households

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S1101: *Households and Families* <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B11010: *Non-family Households by Sex of Householder by Living Alone by Age*. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

### TABLE 4.2: BIRTH COUNTS AND PERCENT TOTAL BY ETHNICITY OR RACE OF MOTHER<sup>23</sup>

|             | Total number of women giving birth | Non-Hispanic<br>white | Non-Hispanic<br>African American | Asian<br>American | Latina |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| L.A. County | 109,221                            | 21%                   | 7%                               | 14%               | 56%    |
| California  | 468,957                            | 29%                   | 5%                               | 16%               | 47%    |

Note: Data are based on a sample of women 15-50 years of age.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> U.S. Census 2017 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. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

In L.A. County, 54% of all households are renter-occupied. With higher median rents and lower median incomes in the county than in the state, roughly half (48%) of all renters pay 35% or more of their income in rent.

TABLE 4.3: SELECTED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING<sup>24</sup>

|   | L.A. County | California | United States |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|
| OWNERSHIP COSTS   |             |            |               |
| Percentage of houses with a mortgage  | 72%         | 71%        | 63%           |
| Percentage of households with selected costs of ownership 35% or greater of gross incomes (homes with a mortgage) | 35%         | 30%        | 21%           |
| RENTAL COSTS  |             |            |               |
| Median rent   | \$1,402     | \$1,447    | \$1,012       |
| Percentage of households with rent<br>35% or greater of gross income  | 48%         | 46%        | 40%           |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

#### Homelessness<sup>25</sup>

TABLE 4.4: LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS COUNTS, 2018

|                        | 2013   | 2015   | 2016   | 2018   |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total count            | 39,463 | 44,359 | 46,874 | 52,765 |
| Percentage unsheltered | 64%    | 70%    | 74%    | 75%    |

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Women make up 31% of the homeless population in L.A. County in 2018, just slightly less than in 2016. 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 19% in 2018, relative to 2017. In 2018, only 28% of veterans were sheltered, compared to nearly half (47%) in 2016.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table DP04: *Selected Housing Characteristics*. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Homeless counts accessed at <a href="https://documents.lahsa.org/">https://documents.lahsa.org/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (May 2018). 2018 Homeless Count Results Los Angeles County and L.A. Continuum of Care. <a href="https://documents.lahsa.orgPlanning/homelesscount/2016/factsheet/2016-HC-Results.pdf">https://documents.lahsa.orgPlanning/homelesscount/2016/factsheet/2016-HC-Results.pdf</a>

## TABLE 4.5: HOMELESS OF L.A. CONTINUUM OF CARE: WOMEN, VETERANS, AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

|                                | 2013   | 2015   | 2018   |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOTAL HOMELESS COUNT           | 35,524 | 41,174 | 49,955 |
| % women                        | 26%    | 33%    | 31%    |
| % veterans                     | 11%    | 10%    | 7%     |
| % victims of domestic violence | 9%     | 21%    | 30%    |

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.

In 2018, 6% of the homeless population over 18 years of age were homeless due to fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence.

#### 5. Healthcare

TABLE 5.1: PERCENTAGE OF L.A. COUNTY POPULATION WITH HEALTH INSURANCE, BY GENDER AND AGE<sup>27</sup>

|                          | Women<br>and girls | Men<br>and boys |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Under the age of 6 years | 97%                | 97%             |
| 6-18 years               | 96%                | 96%             |
| 19-25 years              | 90%                | 86%             |
| 26-34 years              | 89%                | 82%             |
| 35-44 years              | 88%                | 83%             |
| 45-54 years              | 89%                | 86%             |
| 55-64 years              | 92%                | 91%             |
| 65 years and older       | 99%                | 98%             |
| Total <sup>28</sup>      | 92%                | 90%             |

Source: U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The health insurance rate of women and men in L.A. County rose from 89% in 2015 to 91% in 2017; 92% of women and girls are insured. Nevertheless, 900,000 County residents lack insurance. Men aged 25-34 have the lowest rate of insurance overall, but the proportion of this population that is insured has risen 5 percentage points from 77% in 2015 to 82% in 2017.

TABLE 5.2: HEALTH INSURANCE BY RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>29</sup>

|                             | Population | Number<br>of uninsured | Percentage insured |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Latino (of any race)        | 4,916,843  | 636,710                | 87%                |
| Asian American              | 1,495,998  | 90,910                 | 94%                |
| African American            | 810,339    | 51,994                 | 94%                |
| White (not Hispanic origin) | 2,620,653  | 113,950                | 96%                |
| All L.A. County             | 10,096,702 | 905,539                | 91%                |

Note: These data are for both women and men.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> U.S. Census 2017American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B27001: *Health Insurance Coverage Status by Sex by Age*. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2701: *Health Insurance Coverage Status*. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> U.S. Census 2017 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>30</sup>

|  | 2009   | 2011   | 2013   | 2015   | 2017   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS  | 43,014 | 39,817 | 37,038 | 41,534 | 42,702 |
| NO WEAPON INVOLVED   | 16,473 | 15,085 | 12,761 | 14,078 | 14,535 |
| WEAPON INVOLVED  | 26,541 | 24,732 | 24,277 | 27,456 | 28,167 |
| % of all DV related calls involving a weapon of some kind                            | 61%    | 62%    | 66%    | 66%    | 66%    |
| % of weapon involved cases in which a personal weapon such as hands, feet, etc. used | 83%    | 84%    | 83%    | 83%    | 82%    |
| % of weapon involved cases in which firearm, knife or other dangerous weapon used    | 17%    | 16%    | 17%    | 17%    | 18%    |

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

#### 7. Veterans

Women make up 6% of the 264,635 veterans living in Los Angeles County in 2017.31

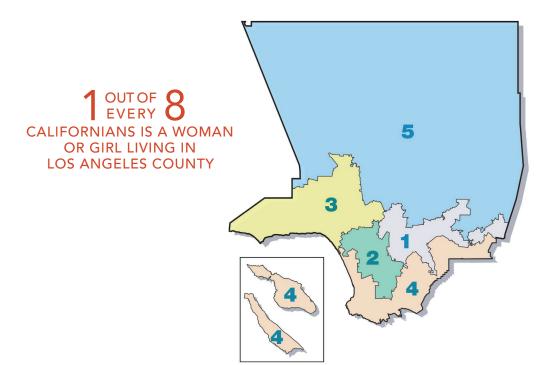
TABLE 7.1: L.A. COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS<sup>32</sup>

|          | Total number of women | White | Latina | African<br>American | Asian<br>American | Other |
|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| VETERANS | 16,435                | 36%   | 28%    | 22%                 | 10%               | 5%    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Office of the Attorney General, State of California Department of Justice – Open Justice. Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, Los Angeles County, 2006-2017. <a href="https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/crime-statistics/domestic-violence">https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/crime-statistics/domestic-violence</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> U.S. Census 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table S2101: Veteran Status. http://factfinder.census.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> U.S. Census. 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B21001: Sex by Age by Veteran Status for the Civilian Population 18 Years and Over. <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>



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