5.2 million women and girls live in Los Angeles County.

More than 1.8 million are immigrants.

- 48% Latina
- 25% White
- 16% Asian Pacific Islander
- 8% African American
- 3% Other
**ECONOMIC WELLBEING**

**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**

**POVERTY**

**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**

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

- **14% MEN**
- **16% WOMEN**
- **21% CHILDREN**

**27% OF POOR WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED**

**33% OF SINGLE MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY**

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

**31% OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE WOMEN**

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

- **20% AFRICAN AMERICAN**
- **19% LATINA**
- **12% ASIAN AMERICAN**
- **11% WHITE**

**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**
**EDUCATION**

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.

![Bar chart showing gender distribution in post-secondary and professional degrees](chart)

**HEALTH**

92% of women and girls in L.A. County have health insurance.

An increase of 12 percentage points in 7 years:

- 2010: 80%
- 2014: 86%
- 2015: 90%
- 2017: 92%

**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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