



California Women's Well-Being Index County Fact Sheet: Merced County

The California Women's Well-Being Index provides a comprehensive, composite measure of how women are faring in each of the state's 58 counties. The Index encompasses five "dimensions" — Health, Personal Safety, Employment & Earnings, Economic Security, and Political Empowerment. Each dimension is composed of six indicators that have been standardized and combined to create dimension scores, on a scale from zero to 100, for each of California's 58 counties. The five dimension scores have been combined to create an overall Women's Well-Being Index score for each county. This fact sheet shows the Index and dimension scores, indicator data, and state rankings for Merced County.

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Women's Well-Being Index: Overall	40.7	52
Health Dimension	44.8	43
Health Status Percentage of Women in Fair or Poor Health, 2014-2018	24.9% (18.6% - 31.2%)	45
Health Care Coverage Percentage of Women Without Health Insurance, 2014-2018	11.0% (9.9% - 12.2%)	39
Delayed Medical Care Percentage of Women Who Either Delayed Getting or Did Not Get Prescriptions or Medical Care in the Past 12 Months, 2014-2018	22.4% (16.8% - 28.0%)	17
Prenatal Care Percentage of Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care, 2015-2017	65.2% (62.7% - 67.7%)	53
Mental Health Status Percentage of Women Who Likely Have Experienced Serious Psychological Distress in the Past Year, 2014-2018	12.2% (6.0% - 18.3%)	40
Life Expectancy Life Expectancy at Birth for Females, 2014	81.2 (80.7 - 81.7)	34
Safety Dimension	70.6	34
Neighborhood Safety Percentage of Women Who Feel Safe in Their Neighborhood All or Most of the Time, 2014-2018	84.9% (80.2% - 89.6%)	49
Fatal Accidents Average Annual Fatal Accidents Per 100,000 Females, 2013-2017	41 NA	38
Hospital Visits Due to Assault Average Annual Hospital Encounters Due to Assault Per 100,000 Females, 2014-2018	244 NA	35
Domestic Violence Average Annual Domestic Violence Calls for Assistance Per 100,000 Females, 2014-2018	1,019 NA	37
Sexual Assault Average Annual Sexual Assaults Per 100,000 Females, 2014-2018	51 NA	10
Suicide Rate Average Annual Number of Suicides Per 100,000 Females, 2013-2017	7 NA	24

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Employment & Earnings Dimension	30.2	56
Unemployment Female Unemployment Rate, 2014-2018	13.6% (12.1% - 15.0%)	57
Labor Force Participation Female Labor Force Participation Rate, 2014-2018	62.3% (60.4% - 64.2%)	47
Low-Wage Workers Percentage of Women Earning Low Wages, 2014-2018	35.3% Unavailable	20
Managerial & Professional Occupations Percentage of Women Working in Managerial and Professional Occupations, 2014-2018	30.3% (28.5% - 32.0%)	55
Earnings Median Earnings for Women Employed Full-Time, Year-Round in Past 12 Months, 2014-2018	\$35,500 (\$33,600 - \$37,500)	52
Wage Gap Ratio of Women's to Men's Median Annual Earnings, 2014-2018	0.87 (0.81 - 0.92)	15
Economic Security Dimension	32.0	55
Poverty Percentage of Women Living in Poverty, 2014-2018	21.7% (20.4% - 23.0%)	53
Food Insecurity Percentage of Low- and Moderate-Income Women Who Are Not Able to Afford Enough Food, 2014-2018	42.4% (31.5% - 53.3%)	24
Cost of Housing Median Gross Rent as a Percentage of Women's Median Annual Earnings, 2014-2018	32.9% Unavailable	36
Cost of Child Care Annual Cost of Child Care for an Infant and a School-Age Child as a Percentage of Single Mothers' Median Income	87.4% Unavailable	55
Commuting Time Percentage of Female Workers Who Commute Less Than 15 Minutes to Work, 2014-2018	43.6% (41.0% - 46.2%)	15
High School Graduation Rate Percentage of Women With at Least a High School Diploma, 2014-2018	71.4% (69.0% - 73.8%)	56
Political Empowerment Dimension	25.8	51
Voter Registration Percentage of Women Registered to Vote, 2018	52.6% NA	57
Voter Turnout Percentage of Women Who Voted in the 2018 General Election	39.7% NA	54
School Board Membership Percentage of School Board Members in the County Who Are Women, 2019-20	38.9% NA	56
City Council Membership Percentage of City Council Members for Incorporated Cities in the County Who Are Women, 2019	21.9% NA	46
County-Level Leadership Percentage of County Supervisors Who Are Women, 2019	20.0% NA	45
State Legislature Percentage of State Legislators for the County Who Are Women, 2019	50.0% NA	16

Data source information is available on each indicator page of the Women's Well-Being Index at <http://calbudgetcenter.org/womens-well-being>.

Details on the methodology used in creating the Index are available at <http://calbudgetcenter.org/womens-well-being/methodology>.