



Commission On The Status Of  
**WOMEN & GIRLS**  
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**Data Highlighting the Status of Sacramento County Women and Girls To Be Presented to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors**

**Sacramento, CA** – To raise awareness about the challenges facing women and girls in Sacramento County, the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, in partnership with the Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State University, has compiled a comprehensive set of data indicators on the status of women and girls. These findings were presented today at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The data highlights persistent issues, including the gender wage gap, women with children struggling to meet the local cost of living, and consistent rates of domestic violence. While education is a notable bright spot - 67% of female high school graduates are pursuing higher education - women with a four-year degree still earn just 81% of what their male counterparts make.

"The findings serve as a stark data-driven reminder that despite progress, women and girls in Sacramento County continue to face considerable barriers to achieving equity and safety," said Timiza Wash, Chair of the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. "This data is crucial for shaping policies and initiatives aimed at closing these gaps and improving the lives of women and girls in our county."

The data underscores that women and girls in Sacramento County continue to face significant disparities in income and economic opportunities, with a notable gender wage gap affecting all education levels and employment sectors. Overall, women earn \$6,800 less than the median male income. For women without a four-year degree, the gap is even more pronounced, with earnings

at just 71% of their male peers. In particular, women with children face severe financial strain, with their average income (\$46,000) covering only slightly more than half of the local cost of living for one adult with one child (\$91,249).

“This data can serve as a foundation for prioritizing issues that disproportionately affect women in Sacramento County,” said Shannon Williams, Executive Director of Sacramento State’s Institute for Social Research. “We hope this data will spur conversation among the county, nonprofits, policymakers, and other stakeholders who are committed to advancing the quality of life for women and girls.”

The data presentation is available for download on the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls' website at [[bit.ly/SacWomenGirls](http://bit.ly/SacWomenGirls)].

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### **About the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**

The Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls advises the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the public on issues concerning the status and well-being of women and girls in Sacramento County. Through research, education, and community engagement, the Commission works to eliminate barriers to equity and create opportunities for all. The Commission is dedicated to connecting women and girls with county and community resources, services, and to each other.

### **About the Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State**

The Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State is an interdisciplinary, applied research center with a mission to be a public research partner to those organizations and agencies who are working to improve the lives of residents across the greater Sacramento region.