

California Women's Well-Being Index

County Fact Sheet: Monterey 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 Monterey County.

	VALUE (MARGIN OF ERROR)	RANK (1=BEST)
Women's Well-Being Index: Overall	53.4	29
Health Dimension	52.2	26
Health Status Percentage of Women in Fair or Poor Health, 2018-2022	15.1% (10.8% - 19.4%)	10
Health Care Coverage Percentage of Women Without Health Insurance, 2018-2022	13.6% (12.6% - 14.5%)	55
Delayed Medical Care Percentage of Women Who Either Delayed Getting or Did Not Get Prescriptions or Medical Care in the Past 12 Months, 2018-2022	27.8% (22.0% - 33.6%)	32
Prenatal Care Percentage of Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care, 2020-2022	82.5% (81.9% - 83.0%)	5
Mental Health Status Percentage of Women Who Likely Have Experienced Serious Psychological Distress in the Past Year, 2018-2022	18.9% (13.5% - 24.2%)	35
Life Expectancy Life Expectancy at Birth for Females, 2019	84.5 (84.1 - 84.9)	10
Safety Dimension	81.0	12
Neighborhood Safety Percentage of Women Who Feel Safe in Their Neighborhood All or Most of the Time, 2018-2022	86.5% (81.9% - 91.1%)	39
Fatal Accidents Average Annual Fatal Accidents Per 100,000 Females, 2018-2022	30 NA	12
Hospital Visits Due to Assault Average Annual Hospital Encounters Due to Assault Per 100,000 Females, 2018-2022	133 NA	11
Domestic Violence Average Annual Domestic Violence Calls for Assistance Per 100,000 Females, 2018-2022	789 NA	23
Sexual Assault Average Annual Sexual Assaults Per 100,000 Females, 2018-2022	82 NA	25
Suicide Rate Average Annual Number of Deaths Due to Suicide Per 100,000 Females, 2018-2022	5 NA	8

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Employment & Earnings Dimension	52.0	19
Unemployment Female Unemployment Rate, 2018-2022	5.6% (5.0% - 6.3%)	20
Labor Force Participation Female Labor Force Participation Rate, 2018-2022	67.9% (66.5% - 69.2%)	37
Low-Wage Workers Percentage of Women Paid Low Wages, 2018-2022	32.4% (30.4% - 34.5%)	8
Managerial & Professional Occupations Percentage of Women Working in Managerial and Professional Occupations, 2018-2022	37.8% (36.3% - 39.3%)	40
Earnings Median Earnings for Women Employed Full-Time, Year-Round in Past 12 Months, 2018-2022	\$49,500 (\$47,400 - \$51,700)	26
Wage Gap Ratio of Women's to Men's Median Annual Earnings, 2018-2022	0.87 (0.82 - 0.92)	17
Economic Security Dimension	38.4	41
Poverty Percentage of Women Living in Poverty, 2018-2022	11.9% (11.0% - 12.7%)	24
Food Hardship Percentage of Low- and Moderate-Income Women Who Are Not Able to Afford Enough Food, 2018-2022	39.8% (29.2% - 50.4%)	17
Cost of Housing Median Gross Rent as a Percentage of Women's Median Annual Earnings, 2018-2022	45.4% Unavailable	58
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	62.7% Unavailable	43
Digital Equity Percentage of Women with Access to the Internet and a Computing Device, 2018-2022	66.1% (64.3% - 67.8%)	31
Bachelor's Degree Percentage of Women With at Least a Bachelor's Degree, 2018-2022	29.0% (27.8% - 30.2%)	28
Political Empowerment Dimension	43.3	30
Voter Registration Percentage of Women Registered to Vote, 2022	70.5% NA	52
Voter Turnout Percentage of Women Who Voted in the 2022 General Election	46.2% NA	37
School Board Membership Percentage of School Board Members in the County Who Are Women, 2022-23	47.7% NA	30
City Council Membership Percentage of City Council Members for Incorporated Cities in the County Who Are Women, 2024	40.6% NA	14
County-Level Leadership Percentage of County Supervisors Who Are Women, 2023	40.0% NA	26
State Legislature Percentage of State Legislators for the County Who Are Women, 2023	50.0% NA	34

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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 https://calbudgetcenter.org/wwbi.