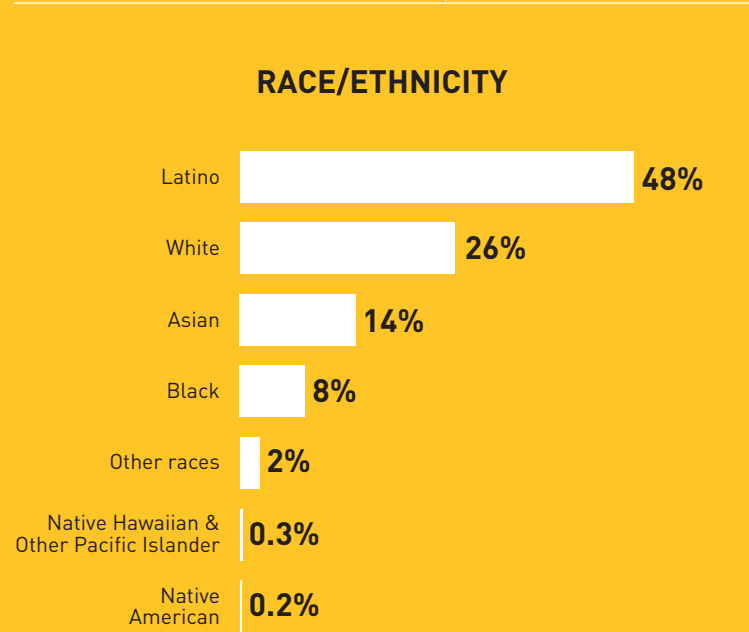
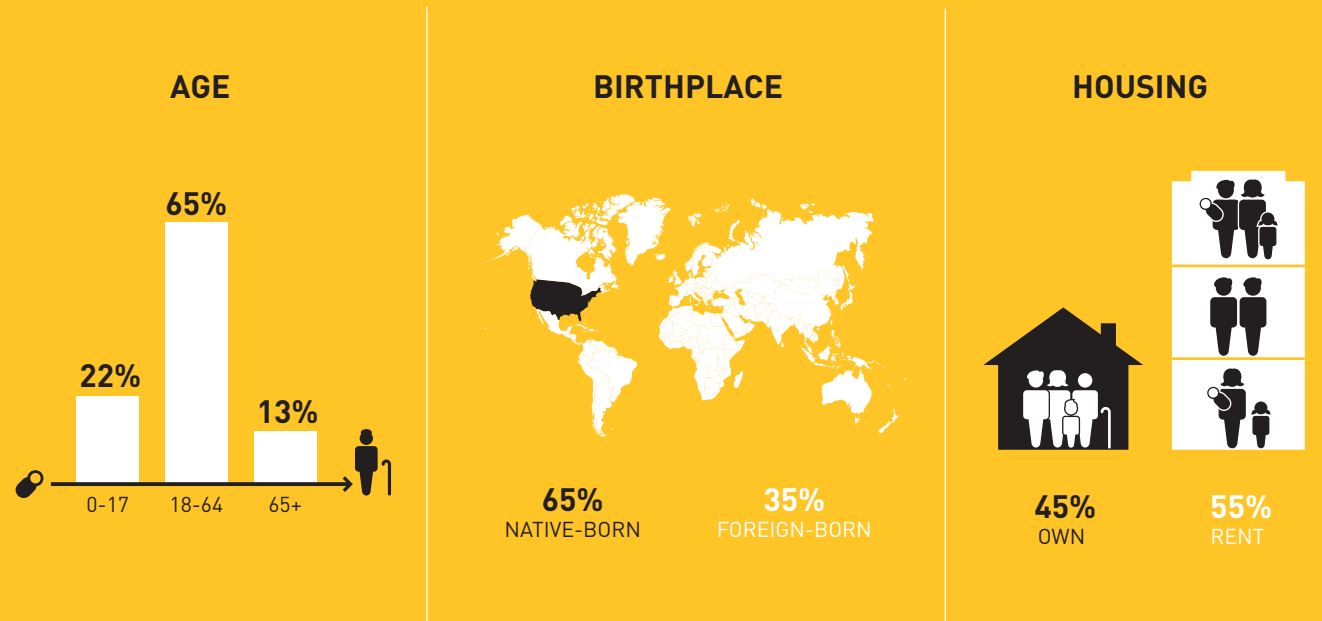
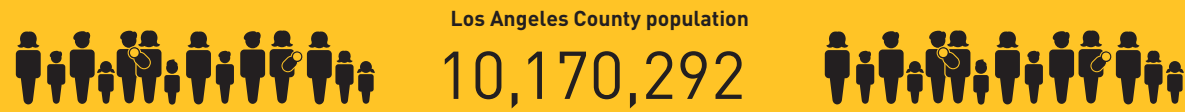


# Who Are We?



## Key Findings

**A Portrait of Los Angeles County is an exploration of how LA County residents are faring.** It examines well-being and access to opportunity using the human development framework and index, presenting **American Human Development (HD) Index** scores for LA County places and demographic groups and exploring a range of critical issues, including health, education, living standards, environmental justice, housing, homelessness, violence, and inequality. The report concludes with an ambitious goal, developed in partnership with LA County departments and agencies and a wide range of stakeholders, for improving well-being countywide and closing the well-being gaps between places and racial and ethnic groups.

This project is the result of an unprecedented collaboration of organizations working in LA County. Measure of America’s key partners were **Southern California Grantmakers and the Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Public Health.** Fourteen foundations and the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission—Productivity Investment Fund provided funding, substantive input, logistical support, and encouragement. Over one hundred stakeholders from county and city departments, universities, nonprofit organizations, and philanthropic foundations served on the project’s advisory committees, shared data and ideas, and helped develop the concluding goal and recommendations. The involvement and dedication of these contributors throughout the life of the project will ensure that the ideas on these pages come to life in the form of data-informed policies and meaningful on-the-ground action.

### HOW DOES LA COUNTY FARE ON THE AMERICAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX?

The American Human Development Index, a supplement to the gross domestic product and other money metrics, tells the story of how ordinary people are doing. The index is based on the Human Development Index developed by the United Nations, the gold standard for measuring the well-being of people in every nation. This report is the fifth that Measure of America has produced on the state of California; previous reports include *A Portrait of Marin*, *A Portrait of Sonoma County*, and two volumes of *A Portrait of California*.

**The American Human Development Index uses official government data to measure three fundamental building blocks of a life of freedom, choice, and opportunity—a long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living.** It combines indicators in these areas into a single number expressed on a 0-to-10 scale, allowing for well-being scores for places, racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and native- and foreign-born residents and empowering communities with a tool to identify priorities and track progress over time.

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Source: US Census Bureau ACS, 2015.  
Note: Numbers do not always sum to 100 due to rounding.