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## Ventura County Commission for Women

# Status of Women & Girls in Ventura County 2009 Report

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## About the Report

Ventura will model its study after the San Diego Report: "At the request of the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women, *The Status of Women in San Diego County* report was produced in order to inform and advise policy-makers on the matter of gender equity in San Diego County, provide other agencies valuable information, establish a baseline of measurement for future data, and demonstrate the necessity of collecting statistics on women of all races and ethnicities. It will allow community leaders to strategically target origins of differences between men and women. It will serve as a vehicle for change; removing barriers women face to allow them economic self-sufficiency and social independence.

This report is only a starting point for the study of women in San Diego County since a major portion of the collected data is over five years old. Data were obtained from the 2000 Census Survey in order to make comparisons with the California and United States data. The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) provided that data in *The Status of Women in the States* report. This report utilized the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women to provide the framework for the selection of indicators to establish the status of women. The methodology applied by IWPR was duplicated in order to maintain data comparability. The format of this report followed the guidelines presented in *Assessing the Status of Women at the County Level: A Manual for Researchers and Advocates* published by the IWPR."

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