

A Global Initiative for Boys & Men Report on the need



for a California Commission
on the Status of Boys & Men



GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR
BOYS & MEN

Supporting boys and men and
the women who love them

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Our Mission

To create a California Commission on the Status of Boys & Men in 2023 to match the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. The commission will inform the state legislature on the status of boys and men in a number of measurable areas with the intention of directing policy actions toward positive outcomes.

Our Values

Our values are rooted in verifiable and reliable data. Given the rising challenges boys and men face in a number of measurable areas over the past several decades, the time has come to produce an annual report that compiles, measures, analyzes, and shares essential data on the status of boys and men in California. In doing so, California will have the data it needs to make the informed policy decisions that lead to successful outcomes.

The is a Bipartisan Issue

The boys and men of California face challenges that need to be brought to the attention of Californians and the nation, so our sons can contribute to society according to their full potential. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, educators, mental health care workers, social workers, law-enforcement, policy makers, and so many others are increasingly concerned regarding the state and future of our nation's sons.

California saw fit to create a Women's Commission that does important work to educate the state legislature. No such commission exists for boys and men despite the overwhelming data that the educational outcomes, diseases of despair (suicide, drugs, and alcohol), mental health, incarceration, and other areas of concern are often unreported to the legislature as it attempts to find solutions that help all Californians.

Our Vision

Every boy and man is healthy, safe, prosperous, and encouraged to achieve his full potential.

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Critical Issues Facing Boys and Men in California

The California Commission on Boys and Men must be recognized to address the unique challenges boys and men face in California

This past year has been particularly difficult for boys and men, as the pandemic has exasperated areas where boys and men have already fallen behind and are experiencing lifetime hardships. Boys and men have been disproportionately impacted prior to the COVID-19 pandemic in a number of areas and the pandemic has certainly worsened the long neglected status of boys and men. Californians have seen disparate outcomes for boys and men in six key areas over several decades.



**Physical and Mental
Health**



Education



**Jobs, Careers, and
Financial Health**



**Fatherhood, Family,
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**Criminal Justice
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Physical and Mental Health

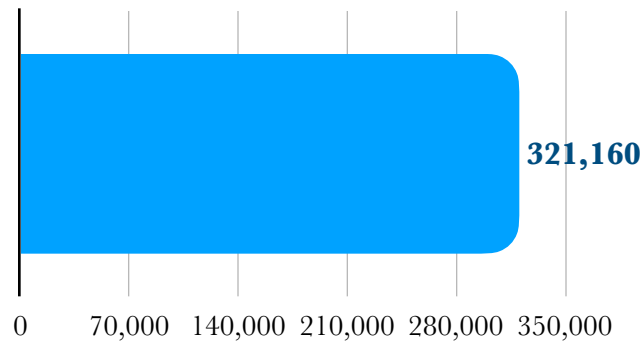
A California Commission on the Status of Boys and Men must ensure healthier lives for California's boys and men by addressing growing disparities and troubling outcomes. Data on healthcare access, affordability, and quality of care in CA and nationally shows boys and men are further behind. And the COVID pandemic has only worsened the problem.

13.7%

CA Uninsured

- Males make up the majority of California's underserved population. Males of all races are behind their female counterparts of the same race in having health care coverage.
- There are an estimated 2.68 million men without health insurance in California.

Male Cancer Deaths in U.S. 2020



Males are 53% of estimated cancer deaths and 49% of estimated new cancer cases in the U.S. according to the American Cancer Society.



Almost **3 in 4** men (73.3%) are considered overweight or obese.



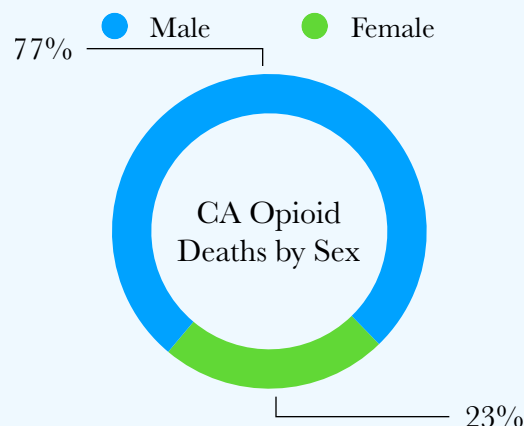
Males are 58.2% of California Covid Deaths but make up a smaller percentage of population.

CA

Suicides

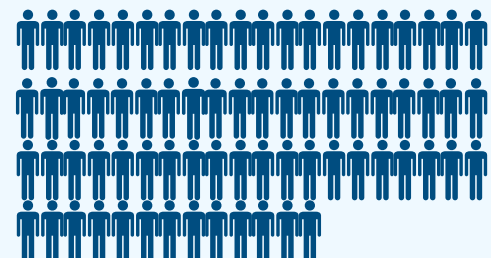
- CA Boys 10-24 are **74-78%** of suicide deaths in their age group in 2019-2020.
- CA boys and men overall are **3.6 times more likely** to die of suicide.
- U.S. Men 65 and over are **80% to 87%** of suicide deaths in their age group.

A 10 year analysis of CA opioid deaths from the National Center of Health Statistics and Kaiser Family Foundation **identified opioid deaths as a serious male problem.** Males accounted for 77% of opioid deaths in 2020, an increase of 13% from 2010 when males accounted for 64% of opioid deaths. Boys and men's inequities are compounded due to lack of services. The AMA has suggested the pandemic will make 2020-2021 worse.



U.S. Suicide and Opioid Deaths

73%

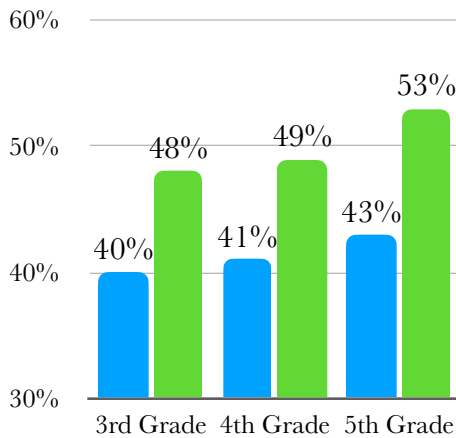


Nearly 700,00 (692,392) boys and men in the U.S. have lost their lives to suicide and opioid deaths from 2009 to 2020. Opioid deaths increased 41% from 2019 to 2020.

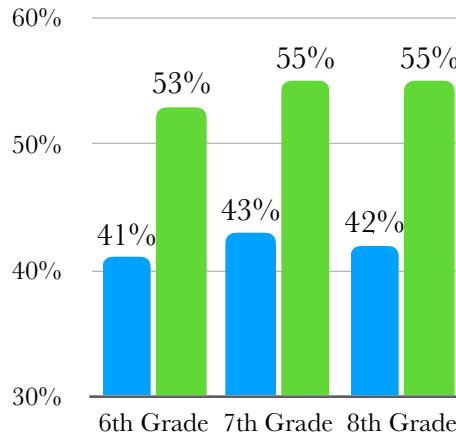
K-12 and Higher Education

Boys of all races in California do worse than their female counterparts of the same race in meeting comparable outcomes in K-12 and higher education. California has not addressed the systemic, male inequities in education that show a widening Boy Gender-Gap in educational outcomes. (Post-Covid scores 2021-2022 are on page 8.)

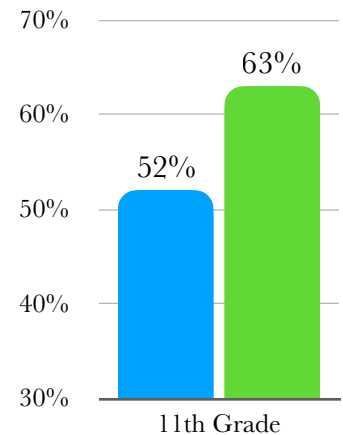
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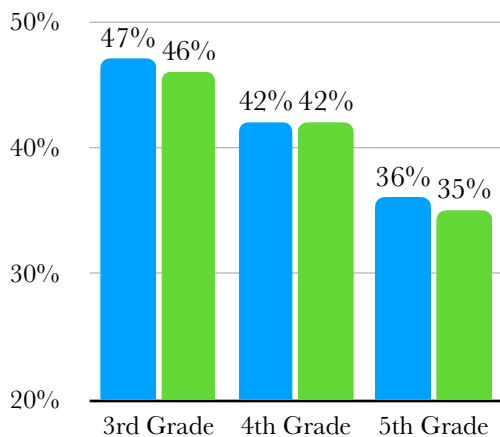
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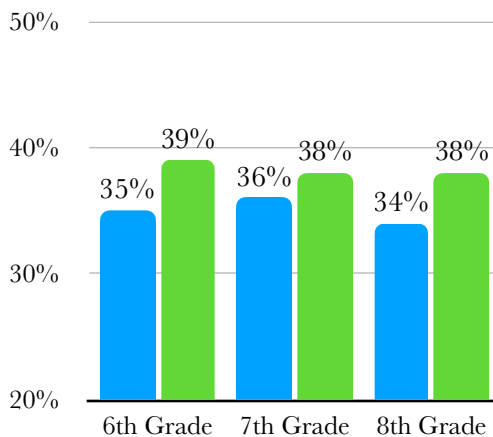
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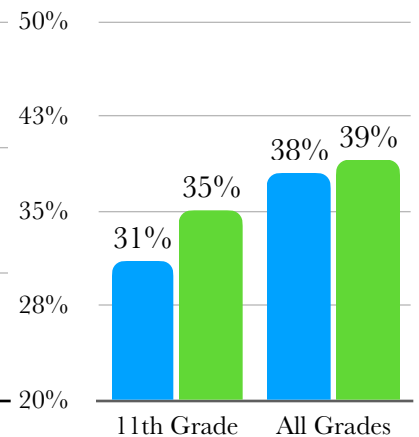
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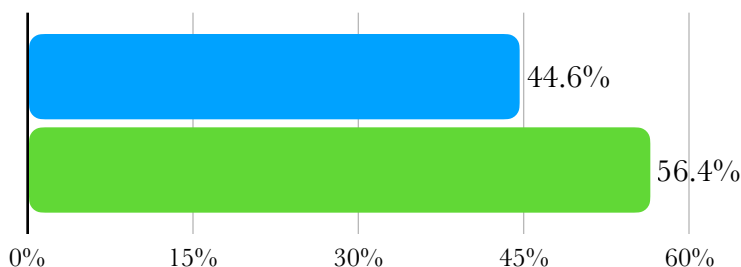


CA 11th Grade and All meeting/exceeding Math Standards 2014-19



■ % Male Students Advanced/Proficient
■ % Female Students Advanced/Proficient

CA Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Requirements by Sex

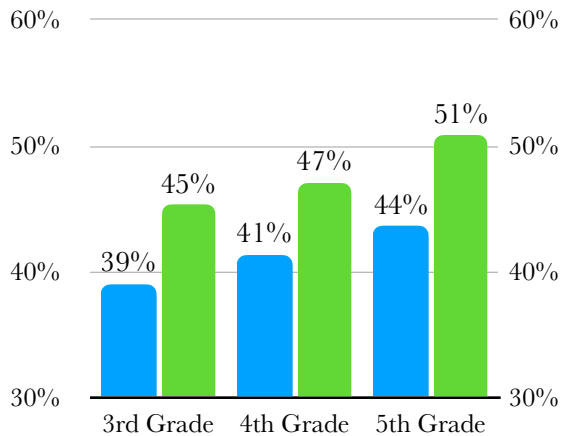


California's Boy Literacy-Gap

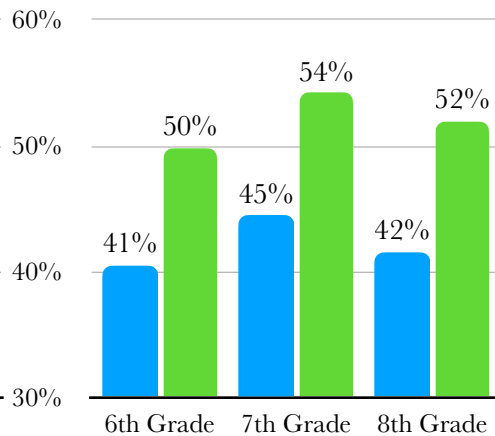
After reviewing nearly 16 million CA test results in English Language Arts/Literacy Standards, boys are 11.8% behind in meeting college readiness standards. It should be noted that boys are consistently 8% to 13% behind in meeting English Language Arts/Literacy standards from 3rd grade to 11th grade. Boys' literacy skills are behind at every grade level.

K-12 and Higher Education

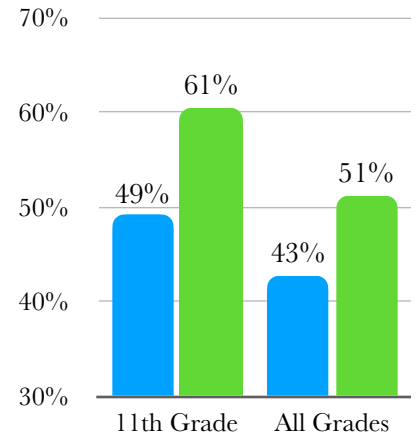
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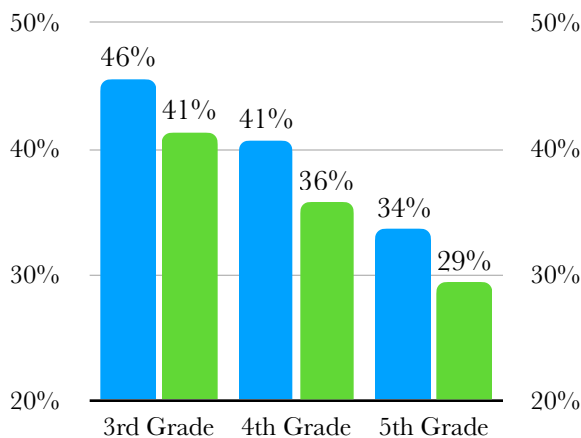
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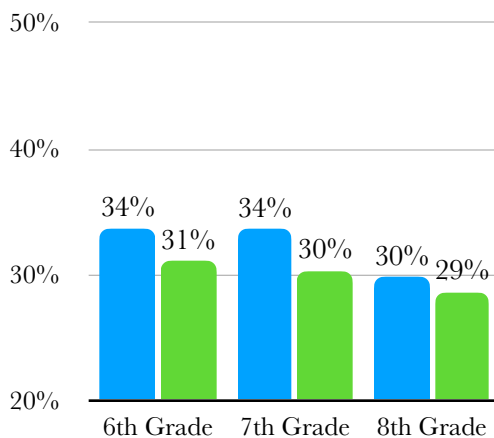
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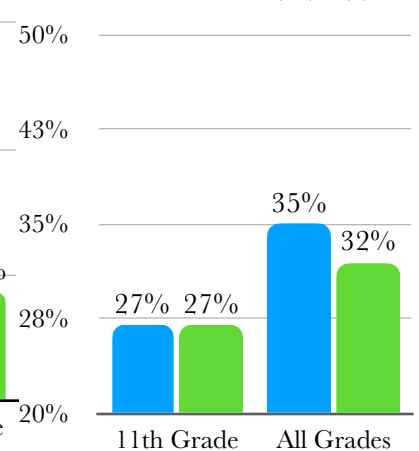
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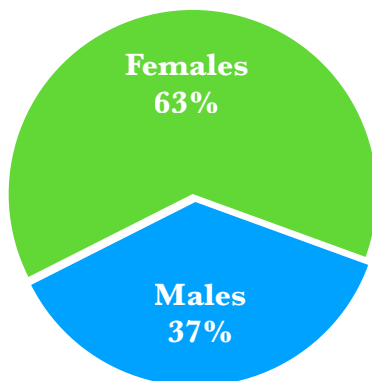


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Male Students Advanced/Proficient
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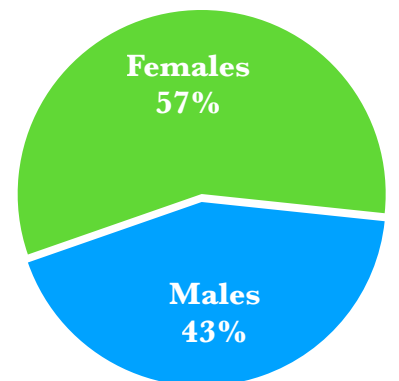
U.S. Pell Grant Funding by Sex for Years 2003-04 to 2015-16



Male Gender -Gap in College

- Males are underfunded in Pell Grants by 6.4 billion annually.
- Males are underrepresented in undergraduate programs by more than 2 million every year and have been since 2003.
- Male were underrepresented in undergraduate programs by 1 to 2 million every year from 1988 to 2003.
- **In 2019-2020**, males only accounted for 39% of associate degrees, 42% of bachelor degrees, 29% of master degrees and 46% of doctoral degrees.

U.S. Bachelor Degrees Conferred by Postsecondary Institutions 2006 to 2017



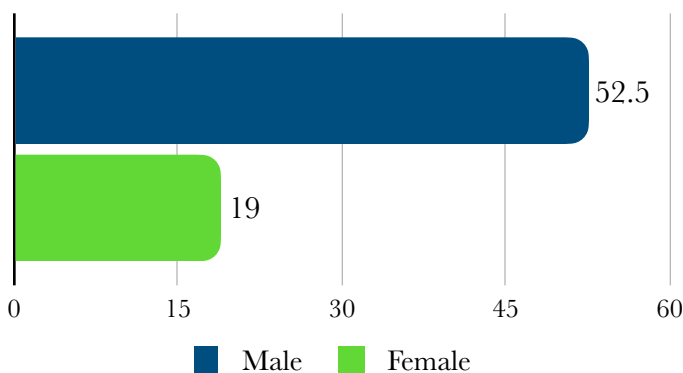
Jobs, Careers, and Financial Health

Jobs, Careers, and Health addresses outcomes of Californians and the nation. We must encourage boys and men to pursue equity in professions where males are under-represented and look at barriers to helping boys, men, and families find success.

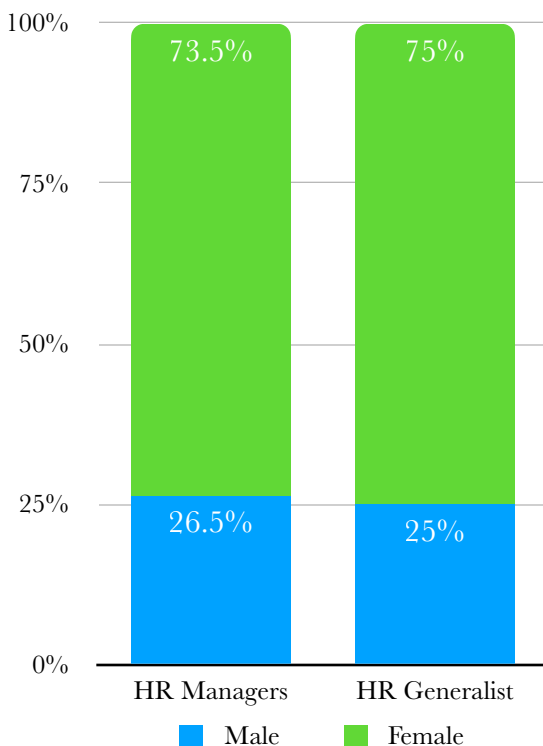


- **Key findings from CA EDD:** Male long-term unemployed increased from 105,300 in January 2020 to 183,400 in December 2020; a net increase of 78,100.
- **Male Unemployment in the U.S.** for those 20 and over rose to more than 2.3 million from January 2020 to January 2021 during COVID.

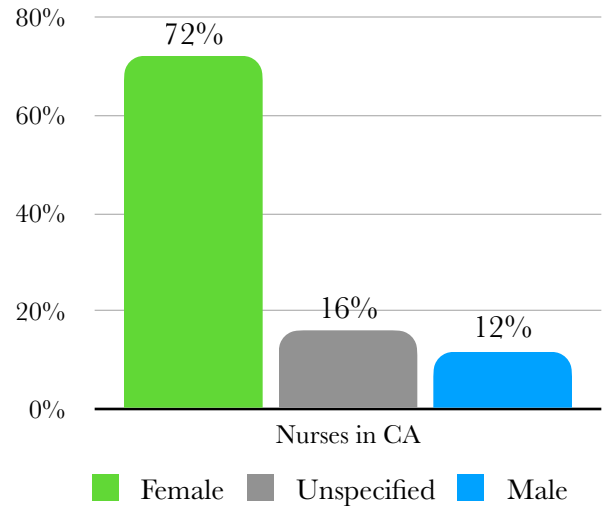
California Homeless per 10,000 by Sex



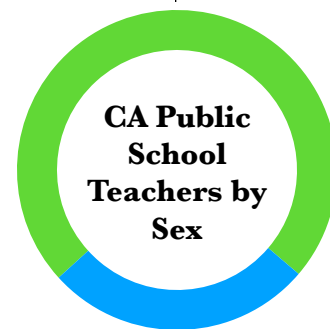
Human Resources Personelle in U.S. by Sex 2020



California Nurses by Sex



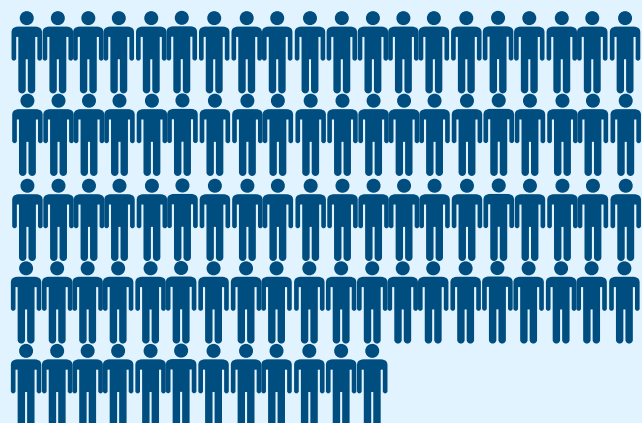
Female
73%



Male
27%

92%

CA Fatal Occupational Injuries

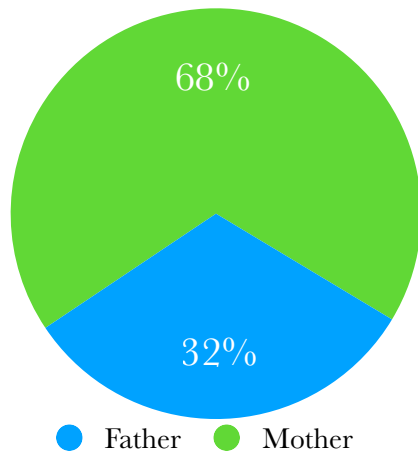


Males are 92% of fatal occupational injuries in CA according to the Dept. of Industrial Relations.

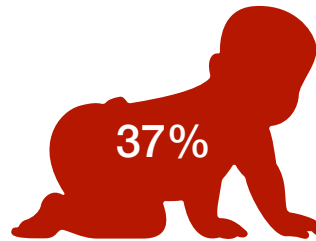
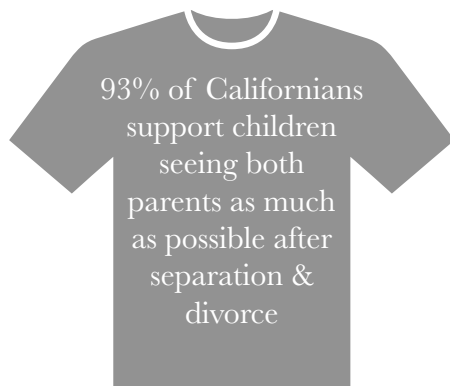
Fatherhood, Family, and Relationships

Parental rights, child support agreements, births to unmarried women, and child maltreatment are a state and national concern. Fathers face greater obstacles and children often receive the fallout of these social challenges. Mothers also face challenges when fathers are not involved. Sexual abuse against males is likely higher than reported

Parental Rights and CA

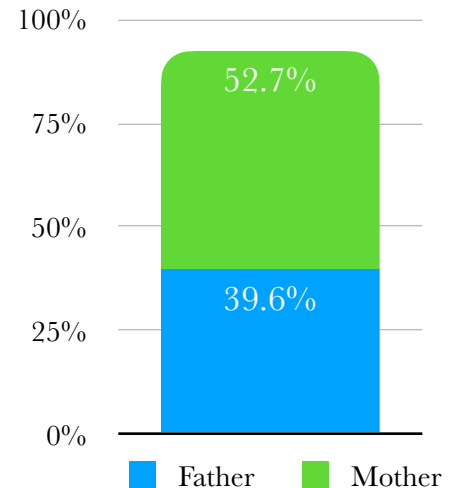


California has no statutory preference for, or presumption of, shared parenting. The presumption (CAL. FAM. CODE § 3080) in favor of joint custody applies only when both parents agree to joint custody.



37% of California births are from unmarried people

Percent of Custodial Parents with Child Support Agreements by Sex



According to the U.S. Census Bureau, custodial fathers are less likely to have child support agreements than custodial mothers.

Occurrence of Rape & Other Sexual Assault of Males in CA by Age and (Share) 2012

Age of Male Victims	Age 0-17	Age 18 & Over	Total
Number of Male Victims	109,623 (35%)	216,488 34%	326,111 (34%)

16 million Male Victims of Domestic Violence



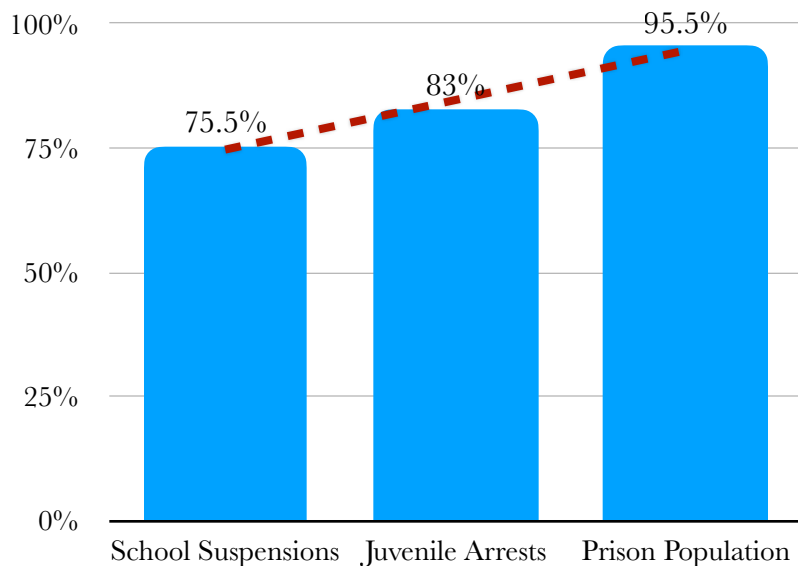
“Sexual violence against men and boys is a significant problem.... It is one that has largely been neglected in research. Rape and other forms of sexual coercion directed against men and boys take place in the home, the workplace, schools, on the streets, in the military and during war, as well as in prisons and police custody” (World Health Organization).

According to the CDC, nearly 16 million U.S. men have been victims of intimate partner violence

Criminal Justice and Court Systems

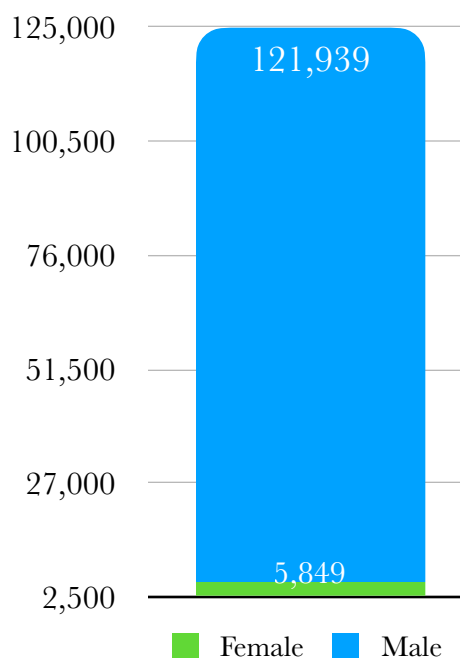
The school to prison pipeline has been a demonstrably male problem at the state and national level. California shows a clear linear path in the treatment of boys in K-12 education, juvenile court, and prison populations. The school to prison pipeline is a disturbing trend associated with a poor education; a history of poverty, abuse, and neglect; an isolation from society; a lack of access to counseling and other services; and a lack of father involvement

CA School to Prison Pipeline for Boys 2015-19

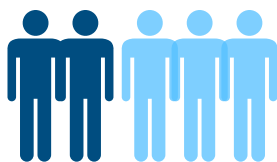


There is a linear path in the way we punish our boys that leads to greater incarceration rates in California. Boys account for 76% of school suspensions and 83% of juvenile arrests. Men are 96% of the incarcerated.

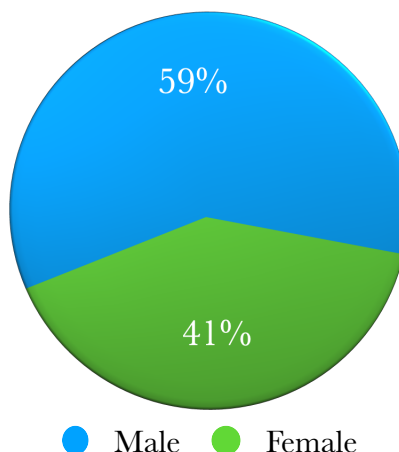
California in Custody Population by Sex 2018



2 of 5 gang members are under 18 years of age



California Missing Adult Persons by Sex 2010-2020

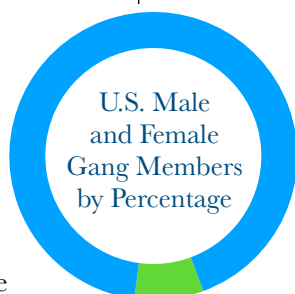


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92%



Male
Female

8%

Male Narrative in the Public Discourse

The status of boys and men is practically absent from California policy and the California narrative. The legislature has long ignored the growing downward trends of boys and men who are unable to contribute to society according to their full potential. Not having a California Commission on the Status of Boys and Men forgoes the states responsibility to ensure equal protections under the law. Legislators need the essential information that drives policy and provides boys and men with the opportunities and protections of all Californians.



25 State
Commissions

California has 25
state, county, and
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the status of girls
and women

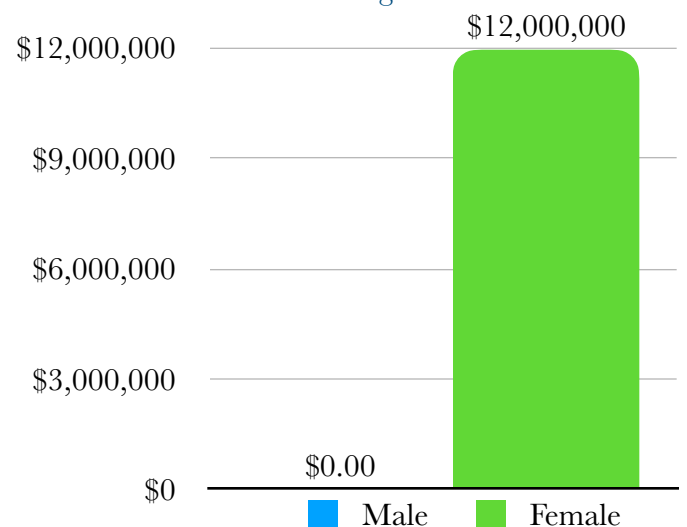


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California does not
have any state, county,
and city commissions
on boys and men.



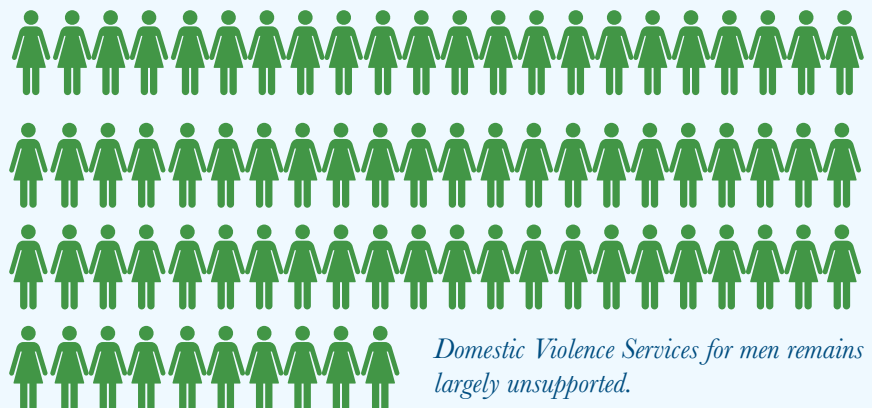
2020-22 CA Commission Funding
for Measuring Sex-Based Outcomes



Equity and inclusion
programs largely ignore
outcomes for boys and
men by bringing far less
attention and government
services to the challenges
boys and men face.



**womensshelters.org/sta/california
lists 76 counties in California with
women's shelters. There is no
mensshelter.org/stat/california**



*Domestic Violence Services for men remains
largely unsupported.*

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