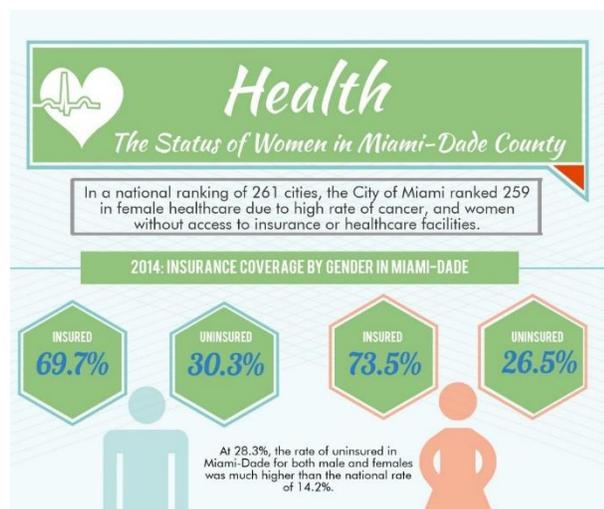


## The Status of Women in Miami-Dade County: Economic Development Analysis

The Status of Women in Miami-Dade County report analyzes the critical disparities among men and women in Miami-Dade County (hereinafter referred to as “the County”) and provides an overview of changes that occurred since 2000 in a range of indicators across the areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, Safety and Health.

The report reaches a number of important conclusions based on the observed differences across indicators over time and in comparison to men. There are two important findings. First, the gender gap persists across most measures of economic equality. The only indicator in which women are on par or outperforming men is educational advancement. The percentage of residents with a Bachelor’s degree or higher is the same across genders. However, women have much higher high school and college graduation rates. The second significant finding is that there is a positive trend towards narrowing the gaps in most categories.

In addition to the detailed analysis of indicators that show economic conditions and opportunities for women, the report also dedicates sections on indicators that present Health and Safety data. The Health indicators show women generally have better health behaviors and outcomes than men. Overall, women are less likely to engage in certain behaviors that pose health risks yet some health conditions are more prevalent among women. Some health data pertains specifically to women, especially with regards to reproductive health.



The Safety section of the report focuses on safety issues for women and girls, presenting data on domestic violence and sex offenses, sex trafficking, resources available to women and girls, and other indicators. The trend data shows a significant, 56% decline in domestic violence cases between 2000 and 2015. There was also a significant decrease (36.6%) in the number of forcible sex offenses from 2000 to 2010, but over the last five years, they have remained constant at about 1,100 offenses each year.

The first annual report on the status of women and girls in Miami-Dade County was completed in two months and was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.