

## Latinas on CA Public Boards since SB 826 Enacted

**Despite California efforts to diversify boards, of the 511 seats filled by women on California public company boards since SB 826 was enacted, just 3.3% are Latina, compared to 77.9% white women.**

In October 2018, California enacted **SB 826** ([https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB826](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB826)), the first national law to diversify public boards in the state by mandating female participation on those boards. According to data from Equilar which has been supplemented by LCDA research, 511 women have been appointed to the boards of 415 companies since the law was enacted

Unfortunately, even though California is the most racially diverse state in the nation, nearly 78% of the women appointed to these boards are white women. Hispanics comprise more than 39% of California's population which means that one in five people in California is Latina. However, just 17 women, or 3.3% of the women appointed to boards during this period are Latina. The table below shows representation by white, Latina, Asian, and African American women, compared to the size of the population by race in the state. Diversity is more than gender and once again, Latinas are being left behind.



The [LCDA Latino Board Tracker](https://mms.latinocorporatedirectors.org/members/directory/search_board_lcda.php?org_id=LCDA) ([https://mms.latinocorporatedirectors.org/members/directory/search\\_board\\_lcda.php?org\\_id=LCDA](https://mms.latinocorporatedirectors.org/members/directory/search_board_lcda.php?org_id=LCDA)) shows the numbers are even smaller on Fortune 1000 boards where 1.1% of California seats are held by Latinas. On the Russell 3000 index, Latina representation is minuscule, with less than half of one percent of the nearly 4000 California board seats held by Latinas (based on LCDAs analysis of ISS data of Russell 3000 companies, July 2019). Learn more about LCDA's Latino Board Tracker [methodology](https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Methodology_for_LCDA_Latino_Board_Tracker.pdf) ([https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Methodology\\_for\\_LCDA\\_Latino\\_Board\\_Tracker.pdf](https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Methodology_for_LCDA_Latino_Board_Tracker.pdf)) or [identifying individuals of Latino ethnicity](https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Methodology_for_LCDA_Latino_Board_Tracker.pdf).

**With only 1.1% of California Fortune 1000 board seats, Latinas are severely underrepresented.**

- 77% of all Fortune 1000 companies do not have a Latino on their board
- 76% of California F1000 companies do not have a Latino on their board
- Latinos hold just **2.7% of board seats**  
([https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Latino\\_Representation\\_on\\_F1000\\_Blocks\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.latinocorporatedirectors.org/docs/Latino_Representation_on_F1000_Blocks_PDF.pdf)) on the F1000 Latinas, .8%
- In California, Latinos occupy 3.7% of all F1000 seats; Latinas, 1.1%

The [Latino population in California](https://latinocaucus.legislature.ca.gov/sites/latinocaucus.legislature.ca.gov/files/forms/Statistical%20Picture%20of%20Latinos%20in%20202017%20Update.pdf)

(<https://latinocaucus.legislature.ca.gov/sites/latinocaucus.legislature.ca.gov/files/forms/Statistical%20Picture%20of%20Latinos%20in%20202017%20Update.pdf>) is growing at a much faster rate than the state's non-Latino population. It is projected Latinos will comprise 43 percent of California's population by 2030, increasing to 49 percent by 2060. Latinos will make up nearly half of all Californians by 2060.

California companies that fail to reflect this growing demographic in their boardrooms risk falling behind on building a board that is well-positioned to address a future where 25% of their workforce and customer base will be Latina.

These findings quantify what most diversity advocates already knew: even in California, companies are largely selecting white women to achieve

diversity on boards, as outlined in recent research published by [Catalyst](https://www.catalyst.org/research/women-minorities-corporate-boards) (<https://www.catalyst.org/research/women-minorities-corporate-boards>) on Fortune 500 boards where women of color hold just 4.6% of all board seats.

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