

## Children in California

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| Child Population Ages 0-17   | 2025      | 8,386,716                      | California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">Population and Housing Unit Estimates</a> (Mar. 2025).   |
| Infant Mortality Rate  | 2022      | 4.0<br><i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Dept. of Public Health, Birth and Death Statistical Master Files & <a href="#">California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; CDC WONDER Online Database, <a href="#">Linked Birth / Infant Death Records</a> (Apr. 2023). |
| Percentage of Children with Four or More Adverse Experiences (Parent Reported) | 2024      | 3.3%                           | U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, <a href="#">National Survey of Children's Health</a> (Dec. 2025).   |
| Percentage of Children Living with Two Parents                                 | 2018      | 63.7%                          | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Dec. 2019).  |
| Percentage of Children Living with One or More Foreign-Born Parent             | 2021      | 46.1%                          | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).  |
| Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools                               | 2021      | 17.7%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">English Learners by Grade and Language</a> (Sept. 2021).  |
| Percentage of Children in Poverty - California Poverty Measure                 | 2023 Q1   | 13.8%                          | Public Policy Institute of California & Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, <a href="#">California Poverty Measure</a> (Aug. 2024).   |
| Percentage of Children Living in Low-Income Working Families                   | 2019      | 23.5%                          | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> public use microdata (Oct. 2020).  |
| Percentage of Households with a High Housing Cost Burden                       | 2021      | 41.7%                          | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).  |
| Percentage of Public School Students Who Are Homeless                          | 2021      | 3.8%                           | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Coordinated School Health and Safety Office</a> custom tabulation & <a href="#">DataQuest</a> (Feb. 2023).  |
| Percentage of Children Living in Food Insecure Households                      | 2023      | 16.9%                          | Feeding America, <a href="#">Map the Meal Gap</a> (Nov. 2025).   |
| Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage                | 2021      | 96.5%                          | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).  |
| Yearly Enrollment in Medi-Cal and CHIP Among Children Ages 0-18                | 2021      | 61.7%                          | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Statistical Enrollment Data System, <a href="#">Annual Enrollment Reports</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">Population and Housing Unit Estimates</a> (Mar. 2025).                        |
| Percentage of Children in Excellent or Very Good Health                        | 2017-2018 | 75.5%                          | UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <a href="#">California Health Interview Survey</a> (Aug. 2020).  |

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| Percentage of Kindergarteners with All Required Immunizations                  | 2022      | 94.0%                          | California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, <a href="#">Reporting Data for Kindergarten and 7th Grade</a> (Nov. 2024).   |
| Percentage of Children Ages 1-17 Ever Diagnosed with Asthma                    | 2019-2020 | 12.4%                          | UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <a href="#">California Health Interview Survey</a> (Feb. 2022).  |
| Percentage of Children with Special Health Care Needs                          | 2022      | 15.8%                          | U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, <a href="#">National Survey of Children's Health</a> (Jan. 2024).   |
| Percentage of High-Need Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)                    | 2021      | 62.4%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files</a> (Nov. 2021).  |
| Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading    | 2021*     | 49.0%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Test Results for California's Assessments</a> (Feb. 2022).  |
| Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standards in Math      | 2021*     | 33.8%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Test Results for California's Assessments</a> (Feb. 2022).  |
| Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese                          | 2019      | 41.3%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Physical Fitness Testing Research Files</a> (Jan. 2020).  |
| Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect                          | 2020      | 6.8<br><i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Child Welfare Indicators Project, <a href="#">CCWIP Reports</a> . University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services (Oct. 2021).   |
| Children/Youth Ages 0-20 in Foster Care  | 2018      | 5.3<br><i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | Webster, D., et al. <a href="#">California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports</a> . UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).   |
| Felony Arrest Rate Among Juveniles Ages 10-17                                  | 2023      | 3.8<br><i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Dept. of Justice, <a href="#">Crime Statistics: Arrests</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jan. 2025).  |
| Birth Rate Among Teens Ages 15-19  | 2021      | 9.3<br><i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, <a href="#">Nativity</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jun. 2023). |
| Percentage of Teens Ages 16-19 Not in School and Not Working                   | 2021      | 7.2%                           | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Jan. 2024).  |
| Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year      | 2017-2019 | 36.0%                          | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) &amp; Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).   |
| Percentage of 9th Graders with Feelings of Depression                          | 2017-2019 | 32.6%                          | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).   |
| Percentage of 9th Graders with High Levels of School Connectedness             | 2017-2019 | 44.8%                          | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).   |
| Percentage of Students in the Graduating Class Receiving a High School Diploma | 2021      | 83.6%                          | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Graduates by Race and Gender</a> (Jun. 2017) & <a href="#">Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data</a> (May 2022).   |

Definitions for LNE, N/A, N/R, or S can be found in the footnote section of the indicator page.

More data on California: <https://www.kidsdata.org/region/2/california/summary>