

American Indian/Alaska Native Children in California

Indicator	Year	American Indian/Alaska Native	All Children/Youth	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	30,749	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections ; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Percentage of Infants Born at Low Birthweight	2017	8.6%	7.4%	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER, Nativity Data (Mar. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2019	23.6%	15.6%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Oct. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living in Households with a Broadband-Connected Device	2022	92.8%	96.1%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage	2021	94.5%	96.5%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Children/Youth Ages 0-20 Enrolled in Medi-Cal	2024	40.8%	52.3%	California Dept. of Health Care Services, Eligible Individuals Under Age 21 Enrolled in Medi-Cal (Dec. 2025); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Sept. 2024).
Percentage of Children in Excellent or Very Good Health	2017-2018	79.8%	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	44.3%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect	2020	16.3 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	6.8 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CCWIP Reports . University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services (Oct. 2021).
Children/Youth Ages 0-20 in Foster Care	2018	20.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	5.3 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	Webster, D., et al. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports . UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Special Education Enrollment	2020	5,292	804,107	California Dept. of Education, Special Education Division custom tabulation (Jun. 2021).

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Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading	2021*	32.6%	49.0%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Math	2021*	18.6%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Not Completing High School	2021	17.2%	9.4%	California Dept. of Education, Dropouts by Race and Gender (Jun. 2017) & Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data (May 2022).
Students Suspended from School	2018-2020	64.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	24.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021).
Students Expelled from School	2018-2020	1.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	0.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (May 2021).
Birth Rate Among Teens Ages 15-19	2021	11.4 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	9.3 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Births: Final Data (Aug. 2017); CDC WONDER, Nativity ; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jun. 2023).
Rate of Firearm Injury Hospitalization Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24	2021	0.0 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	10.1 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, EpiCenter ; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jul. 2023).
Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 1-24	2015-2017	44.5 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	29.8 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files (Apr. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Apr. 2020); CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (May 2020).

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

More data on American Indian/Alaska Native Children: <https://santabarbara.kidsdata.org/demographic/19/american-indianalaska-native-children/summary>