

## Children in California

Indicator	Year	California	Data Source
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 <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 <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 <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 <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 <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.

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