



Children in Kern County

Indicator	Year	Kern County	California	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	254,509	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, <u>Population Estimates and Projections</u> ; U.S. Census Bureau, <u>Population and Housing Unit Estimates</u> (Mar. 2025).
Percentage of Children Living with Two Parents	2014- 2018	58.9%	63.8%	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (Jan. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living with One or More Foreign-Born Parent	2016- 2020	41.0%	47.2%	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (Aug. 2022).
Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools	2021	16.9%	17.7%	California Dept. of Education, English Learners by Grade and Language (Sept. 2021).
Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2016- 2020	27.7%	16.8%	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (Aug. 2022).
Percentage of Children Living in Low- Income Working Families	2016- 2020	29.2%	23.0%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey microdata files (Aug. 2022).
Percentage of Children Living in Food Insecure Households	2019	20.7%	13.6%	Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap (Jul. 2021).
Percentage of Public School Students Who Are Homeless	2021	2.4%	3.8%	California Dept. of Education, <u>Coordinated School Health and Safety Office</u> custom tabulation & <u>DataQuest</u> (Feb. 2023).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage	2016- 2020	96.8%	96.7%	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (Aug. 2022).
Average Monthly Enrollment in Medi- Cal Among Children/Youth Ages 0-20	2020	66.7%	48.7%	California Dept. of Health Care Services, Eligible Individuals Under Age 21 Enrolled in Medi-Cal (Apr. 2021); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jul. 2021).
Percentage of Kindergarteners with All Required Immunizations	2022	88.2%	94.0%	California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, Reporting Data for Kindergarten and 7th Grade (Nov. 2024).
Percentage of Children Ages 1-17 Ever Diagnosed with Asthma	2019- 2020	7.6%	12.4%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <u>California Health</u> <u>Interview Survey</u> (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of High-Need Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)	2021	73.9%	62.4%	California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Nov. 2021).

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Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education Services	2020	11.4%	13.0%	California Dept. of Education, <u>DataQuest</u> & <u>Special Education</u> <u>Division</u> custom tabulation; National Center for Education Statistics, <u>Digest of Education Statistics</u> (Jun. 2021).
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading	2021*	39.9%	49.0%	California Dept. of Education, <u>Test Results for California's</u> <u>Assessments</u> (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standards in Math	2021*	21.8%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, <u>Test Results for California's</u> <u>Assessments</u> (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	44.5%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, <u>Physical Fitness Testing Research Files</u> (Jan. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect	2020	10.7 (Rate per 1,000)	6.8 (Rate per 1,000)	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	5.6 (Rate per 1,000)	5.3 (Rate per 1,000)	Webster, D., et al. <u>California Child Welfare Indicators Project</u> <u>Reports.</u> UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Students Suspended from School	2020	33.2 (Rate per 1,000)	24.5 (Rate per 1,000)	California Dept. of Education, <u>Suspension Data</u> (May 2021).
Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year	2017- 2019	32.1%	36.0%	WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) & Biennial State CHKS. California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 9th Graders with Feelings of Depression	2017- 2019	33.5%	32.6%	WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 9th Graders with High Levels of School Connectedness	2017- 2019	42.4%	44.8%	WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of Students in the Graduating Class Receiving a High School Diploma	2021	83.6%	83.6%	California Dept. of Education, <u>Graduates by Race and Gender</u> (Jun. 2017) & <u>Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data</u> (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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