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Children in California

Indicator	Year	California	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Infant Mortality Rate	2022	4.0 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth and Death Statistical Master Files & California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; CDC WONDER Online Database, Linked Birth / Infant Death Records (Apr. 2023).
Percentage of Children with Four or More Adverse Experiences (Parent Reported)	2024	3.3%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Dec. 2025).
Percentage of Children Living with Two Parents	2018	63.7%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Dec. 2019).
Percentage of Children Living with One or More Foreign-Born Parent	2024	44.8%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Aug. 2026).
Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools	2021	17.7%	California Dept. of Education, English Learners by Grade and Language (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, California Poverty Measure (Aug. 2024).
Percentage of Children Living in Low-Income Working Families	2024	20.4%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey public use microdata (Aug. 2026).
Percentage of Households with a High Housing Cost Burden	2021	41.7%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Public School Students Who Are Homeless	2021	3.8%	California Dept. of Education, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office custom tabulation & DataQuest (Feb. 2023).
Percentage of Children Living in Food Insecure Households	2023	16.9%	Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap (Nov. 2025).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage	2021	96.5%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 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, Annual Enrollment Reports; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Percentage of Children in Excellent or Very Good Health	2017-2018	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).

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Percentage of Kindergarteners with All Required Immunizations	2022	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	12.4%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Children with Special Health Care Needs	2024	17.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
Percentage of High-Need Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)	2021	62.4%	California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Nov. 2021).
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading	2021*	49.0%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standards in Math	2021*	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect	2020	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	5.3 *(Rate per 1,000)*	Webster, D., et al. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports. UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Felony Arrest Rate Among Juveniles Ages 10-17	2023	3.8 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Justice, Crime Statistics: Arrests; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jan. 2025).
Birth Rate Among Teens Ages 15-19	2021	9.3 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, Natality; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jun. 2023).
Percentage of Teens Ages 16-19 Not in School and Not Working	2024	6.6%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Sept. 2026).
Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year	2017-2019	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	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	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%	California Dept. of Education, Graduates by Race and Gender (Jun. 2017) & Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data (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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