

Children in Southern Kern Unified

Indicator	Year	Southern Kern Unified	Kern County	California	Data Source
Public School Enrollment	2021	3,366	195,310	6,002,393	California Dept. of Education, DataQuest ; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (Aug. 2021).
Number of Students Suspended from School	2020	215	6,858	154,718	California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021).
Number of Students Expelled from School	2020	11	74	3,245	California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (May 2021).
Percentage of Students Who Are Homeless	2021	9.4%	2.4%	3.8%	California Dept. of Education, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office custom tabulation & DataQuest (Feb. 2023).
Number of Foster Youth in Public Schools	2021	42	1,167	32,256	California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Nov. 2021).
Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education Services	2020	15.4%	11.4%	13.0%	California Dept. of Education, DataQuest & Special Education Division custom tabulation; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (Jun. 2021).
Percentage of High-Needs Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)	2021	83.7%	73.9%	62.4%	California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Nov. 2021).
Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals	2021	82.9%	71.6%	58.8%	California Dept. of Education, Free or Reduced-Price Meal (Student Poverty) Data ; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (Jul. 2021).
Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools	2021	13.6%	16.9%	17.7%	California Dept. of Education, English Learners by Grade and Language (Sept. 2021).
Percentage of 5th Graders Meeting All Fitness Standards	2019	11.2%	19.6%	23.1%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	36.8%	44.5%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).

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Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year	2017-2019	38.9%	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	38.2%	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	41.6%	42.4%	44.8%	WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of Students Completing College Preparatory Courses	2019	25.6%	38.0%	50.5%	California Dept. of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data (Jun. 2020).
Percentage of Students in the Graduating Class Receiving a High School Diploma	2021	80.2%	83.6%	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.

More data on Southern Kern Unified: <https://charts.kidsdata.org/region/621/southern-kern-unified/summary>