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# Hispanic/Latino Children in California

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| **Child Population Ages 0-17** | 2025 | 4,053,916 | 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 | 6.6% | 7.4% | California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER, Natality Data (Mar. 2020). |
| **Infant Mortality Rate** | 2020 | 3.9 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 3.9 *(Rate per 1,000)* | CDC WONDER Online Database, Linked Birth / Infant Death Records (Apr. 2023). |
| **Percentage of Children in Poverty - California Poverty Measure** | 2023 Q1 | 18.2% | 13.8% | Public Policy Institute of California & Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, California Poverty Measure (Aug. 2024). |
| **Percentage of Children in Deep Poverty - California Poverty Measure** | 2023 Q1 | 2.4% | 2.2% | Public Policy Institute of California & Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, California Poverty Measure (Aug. 2024). |
| **Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage** | 2021 | 95.6% | 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 | 63.1% | 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 | 70.9% | 75.5% | UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020). |
| **Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese** | 2019 | 49.7% | 41.3% | California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020). |
| **Percentage of Children with Two or More Adverse Experiences** | 2024 | 12.9% | 12.3% | U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Dec. 2025). |
| **Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect** | 2020 | 7.4 *(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 | 5.3 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 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). |

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| **Special Education Enrollment** | 2020 | 466,980 | 804,107 | California Dept. of Education, Special Education Division custom tabulation (Jun. 2021). |
| **Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading** | 2021* | 37.6% | 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* | 20.4% | 33.8% | California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022). |
| **Percentage of Students Not Completing High School** | 2021 | 10.9% | 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 | 30.6 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 24.5 *(Rate per 1,000)* | California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021). |
| **Students Expelled from School** | 2018-2020 | 0.7 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 0.5 *(Rate per 1,000)* | California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (May 2021). |
| **Felony Arrest Rate Among Juveniles Ages 10-17** | 2023 | 4.1 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 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 | 13.8 *(Rate per 1,000)* | 9.3 *(Rate per 1,000)* | California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Births: Final Data (Aug. 2017); CDC WONDER, Natality; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jun. 2023). |
| **Rate of Firearm Injury Hospitalization Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24** | 2021 | 10.9 *(Rate per 100,000)* | 10.1 *(Rate per 100,000)* | 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 | 30.2 *(Rate per 100,000)* | 29.8 *(Rate per 100,000)* | 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 Hispanic/Latino Children: https://m.kidsdata.org/demographic/17/hispaniclatino-children/summary