

## American Indian/Alaska Native Children in California

Indicator	Year	American Indian/ Alaska Native	All Children/ Youth	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	30,749	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).
Percentage of Infants Born at Low Birthweight	2017	8.6%	7.4%	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER, <a href="#">Natality Data</a> (Mar. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2019	23.6%	15.6%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> summary files and public use microdata (Oct. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living in Households with a Broadband-Connected Device	2022	92.8%	96.1%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage	2021	94.5%	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).
Percentage of Children/Youth Ages 0-20 Enrolled in Medi-Cal	2024	40.8%	52.3%	California Dept. of Health Care Services, <a href="#">Eligible Individuals Under Age 21 Enrolled in Medi-Cal</a> (Dec. 2025); California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Sept. 2024).
Percentage of Children in Excellent or Very Good Health	2017-2018	79.8%	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <a href="#">California Health Interview Survey</a> (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	44.3%	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	16.3 (Rate per 1,000)	6.8 (Rate per 1,000)	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	20.7 (Rate per 1,000)	5.3 (Rate per 1,000)	Webster, D., et al. <a href="#">California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports</a> . UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Special Education Enrollment	2020	5,292	804,107	California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Special Education Division</a> custom tabulation (Jun. 2021).

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Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading	2021*	32.6%	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 Standard in Math	2021*	18.6%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Test Results for California's Assessments</a> (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Not Completing High School	2021	17.2%	9.4%	California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Dropouts by Race and Gender</a> (Jun. 2017) & <a href="#">Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data</a> (May 2022).
Students Suspended from School	2018-2020	64.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	24.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Suspension Data</a> (May 2021).
Students Expelled from School	2018-2020	1.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	0.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Expulsion Data</a> (May 2021).
Birth Rate Among Teens Ages 15-19	2021	11.4 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	9.3 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <a href="#">Births: Final Data</a> (Aug. 2017); CDC WONDER, <a href="#">Nativity</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jun. 2023).
Rate of Firearm Injury Hospitalization Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24	2021	0.0 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	10.1 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, <a href="#">EpiCenter</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jul. 2023).
Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 1-24	2015-2017	44.5 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	29.8 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files (Apr. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Apr. 2020); CDC WONDER Online Database, <a href="#">Underlying Cause of Death</a> (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 American Indian/Alaska Native Children: <https://m.kidsdata.org/demographic/19/american-indianalaska-native-children/summary>