

## Infants in California

Indicator	Year	Infants	All Children	Data Source
Child Population (Ages 0-2; All Children 0-17)	2025	1,203,559	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).
Births	2021	418,533	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files & <a href="#">California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; CDC WONDER Online Database, <a href="#">Nativity Public-Use Data</a> (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Infants Born to Mothers Receiving First Trimester Prenatal Care	2021	86.8%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, <a href="#">California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool</a> and Birth Statistical Master Files (Jun. 2022).
Percentage of Infants Born Preterm (Based on Obstetric Estimates (OE))	2022	9.1%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, <a href="#">Nativity Data</a> (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Infants Born at Low Birthweight	2022	7.4%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, <a href="#">Nativity Data</a> (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Newborns Breastfed Exclusively in Hospital	2022	68.8%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, <a href="#">In-Hospital Breastfeeding Initiation Data</a> (Aug. 2025).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-5 Whose Parents Read with Them Daily	2017-2018	65.2%	N/A	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <a href="#">California Health Interview Survey</a> (Aug. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect (Under Age 1; All Children 0-17)	2020	9,805	61,419	California Child Welfare Indicators Project, <a href="#">CCWIP Reports</a> . University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services (Oct. 2021).
Children in Foster Care (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)	2018	8.5 (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).
Rate of First Entry into Foster Care (Under Age 1; All Children 0-17)	2016-2018	12.2 (Rate per 1,000)	2.4 (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).
Percentage of Children with Health Insurance Coverage (Ages 0-5; All Children 0-18)	2021	97.4%	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 with Medi-Cal or CHIP Coverage (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)	2022	40.6%	41.9%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> public use microdata (Mar. 2024).

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<b>Asthma Hospitalization Rate (Ages 0-4; All Children 0-17)</b>	2022	17.3 <i>(Rate per 10,000)</i>	8.9 <i>(Rate per 10,000)</i>	<a href="#">California Breathing</a> , tabulation of data from the California Dept. of Health Care Access and Information (Aug. 2024).
<b>Injury Hospitalization Rate (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)</b>	2015	284.6 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	214.2 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i>	California Dept. of Public Health, <a href="#">EpiCenter</a> (Feb. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jan. 2020); CDC, <a href="#">WISQARS</a> (May 2020).
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	2022	4.0 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i>	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth and Death Statistical Master Files & <a href="#">California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool</a> ; California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; CDC WONDER Online Database, <a href="#">Linked Birth / Infant Death Records</a> (Apr. 2023).

Definitions for LNE, N/A, N/R, or S can be found in the footnote section of the indicator page.

More data on Infants: <https://m.kidsdata.org/demographic/3/infants/summary>