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Asian/Asian American Children in California

Indicator	Year	Asian/Asian American Children	All Children/ Youth	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	1,098,925	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 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2017	7.5%	7.4%	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER, Natality Data (Mar. 2020).
Infant Mortality Rate	2020	1.9 *(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	8.8%	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	2.3%	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	97.4%	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 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2024	24.5%	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 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2017-2018	78.9%	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	26.2%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2020	1.9 *(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 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2018	1.0 *(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).
Special Education Enrollment	2020	40,059	804,107	California Dept. of Education, Special Education Division custom tabulation (Jun. 2021).

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Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading	2021*	75.0%	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*	68.8%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Not Completing High School	2021	3.0%	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	8.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	24.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021).
Students Expelled from School	2018-2020	0.2 *(Rate per 1,000)*	0.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (May 2021).
Birth Rate Among Teens Ages 15-19	2021	1.1 *(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	1.5 *(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).
Number of Suicides Among Youth Ages 15-24 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2020	41	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (Apr. 2022).
Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 1-24 (Asian/Pacific Islander)	2015-2017	18.7 *(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 Asian/Asian American Children: https://pwww.kidsdata.org/demographic/14/asianasian-american-children/summary