

Hispanic/Latino Children in California

| Indicator | Year | Hispanic / Latino Children | All Children | Data Source |
|---|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 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, Nativity Data (Mar. 2020). |
| Infant Mortality Rate | 2020 | 3.9 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 3.9 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 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 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 6.8 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 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 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 5.3 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | Webster, D., et al. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports . UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019). |

Hispanic/Latino Children in California

| Indicator | Year | Hispanic / Latino Children | All Children | Data Source |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 24.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021). |
| Students Expelled from School | 2018-2020 | 0.7 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 0.5 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (May 2021). |
| Felony Arrest Rate Among Juveniles Ages 10-17 | 2023 | 4.1 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 3.8 <i>(Rate per 1,000)</i> | 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 <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), Births: Final Data (Aug. 2017); CDC WONDER, Nativity ; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jun. 2023). |
| Rate of Firearm Injury Hospitalization Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24 | 2021 | 10.9 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i> | 10.1 <i>(Rate per 100,000)</i> | 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 <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, 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://pwww.kidsdata.org/demographic/17/hispaniclatino-children/summary>