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Multiracial Children in California

Indicator	Year	Multiracial Children	All Children/ Youth	Data Source
Child Population Ages 0-17	2025	573,813	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	7.8%	7.4%	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER, Natality Data (Mar. 2020).
Infant Mortality Rate	2020	4.9 *(Rate per 1,000)*	3.9 *(Rate per 1,000)*	CDC WONDER Online Database, Linked Birth / Infant Death Records (Apr. 2023).
Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2024	14.0%	14.6%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Aug. 2026).
Percentage of Children Living in Households with a Broadband-Connected Device	2024	98.2%	97.2%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey public use microdata (Aug. 2026).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage	2021	97.0%	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 in Excellent or Very Good Health	2017-2018	73.0%	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	35.2%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2020).
Special Education Enrollment	2020	40,429	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*	60.5%	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*	47.4%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of High School Graduates Completing College Preparatory Courses	2019	55.4%	50.5%	California Dept. of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data (Jun. 2020).

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Percentage of Students Not Completing High School	2021	8.3%	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	29.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	24.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021).
Students Expelled from School	2018-2020	0.5 *(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	5.9 *(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).
Number of Suicides Among Youth Ages 15-24	2020	32	473	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (Apr. 2022).
Rate of Firearm Injury Hospitalization Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24	2021	4.8 *(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).
Firearm Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 0-24	2020	4.6 *(Rate per 100,000)*	5.6 *(Rate per 100,000)*	CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (May 2022).
Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 1-24	2015-2017	24.1 *(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 Multiracial Children: https://kidsdata.org/demographic/18/multiracial-children/summary