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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, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (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, Natality Data (Mar. 2020).
Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2024	23.4%	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	91.9%	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	94.5%	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	40.8%	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	79.8%	75.5%	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).
Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese	2019	44.3%	41.3%	California Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (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, CCWIP Reports. 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. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports. UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Special Education Enrollment	2020	5,292	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*	32.6%	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*	18.6%	33.8%	California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Students Not Completing High School	2021	17.2%	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	64.7 *(Rate per 1,000)*	24.5 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (May 2021).
Students Expelled from School	2018-2020	1.7 *(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	11.4 *(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	0.0 *(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).
Death Rate Among Children/Youth Ages 1-24	2015-2017	44.5 *(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.

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