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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Children in poverty US 12,243,000 CA 1,363,000	17% 2019	17% 2021	= SAME	16% 2019	16% 2021	= SAME
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 21,143,000 CA 2,771,000	26% 2019	29% 2021	↑ WORSE	27% 2019	32% 2021	↑ WORSE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 21,857,000 CA 3,514,000	30% 2019	30% 2021	= SAME	41% 2019	40% 2021	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working US 1,234,000 CA 149,000	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,380,000 CA 542,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE	51% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A. CA N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	69% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth-graders not proficient in math US N.A. CA N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	71% 2019	77% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* US N.A. CA N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME	16% 2018-19	16% 2019-20	= SAME

N.A.: Not available *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Low birth-weight babies US 311,932 CA 30,605	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	7.1% 2019	7.3% 2021	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,165,000 CA 321,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	3% 2021	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,198 CA 2,120	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	18 2019	23 2021	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. CA N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	31% 2018-19	35% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Children in single-parent families US 23,626,000 CA 2,848,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	33% 2019	34% 2021	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,269,000 CA 1,552,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	18% 2021	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 6,086,000 CA 556,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	15% 2012-16	6% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 146,973 CA 12,480	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	12 2019	10 2021	↓ BETTER

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