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2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

CALIFORNIA



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 CA 1,241,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	16% 2019	15% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 CA 2,378,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	27% 2019	28% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 CA 3,461,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	41% 2019	41% 2023	= SAME
Teens not in school and not working US 1,168,000 CA 138,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 CA 520,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	51% 2014-18	56% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. CA N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	71% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. CA N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	71% 2019	75% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. CA N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	16% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.

HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 CA 30,056	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	7.1% 2019	7.5% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 CA 285,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	3% 2023	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 CA 2,026	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	18 2019	22 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. CA N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 CA 2,772,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	33% 2019	34% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 CA 1,470,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	17% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 CA 464,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	11% 2014-18	5% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 CA 11,578	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	12 2019	9 2023	↓ BETTER

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