

CALIFORNIA

OVERALL SCORE

532
STABLE

OVERALL RANK

33

	SCORE	RANK
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	425 WORSE	45

	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 CA 1,208,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	16% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 CA 2,354,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	27% 2019	28% 2024	↑ WORSE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 CA 3,432,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	41% 2019	41% 2024	STABLE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 CA 142,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE

	SCORE	RANK
EDUCATION	363 WORSE	34

	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 CA 503,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	50% 2015-19	55% 2020-24	↑ 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% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	16% 2018-19	14% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH				SCORE 755 WORSE	RANK 9
	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA	
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 CA 29,730	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	7.1% 2019	7.4% 2024 ↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 CA 280,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	4% 2019	3% 2024 ↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 CA 1,862	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	18 2019	21 2024 ↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. CA N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	31% 2018-19	31% 2023-24 STABLE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY				SCORE 586 BETTER	RANK 34
	UNITED STATES			CALIFORNIA	
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 CA 2,752,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	33% 2019	34% 2024 ↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 CA 1,389,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	17% 2024 ↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 CA 418,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	9% 2015-19	5% 2020-24 ↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 CA 11,164	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	12 2019	9 2024 ↓ BETTER

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