

Children Now
**California
Profile**

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Report Card

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Demographics

Children Ages 0-17	2000
Total population (ages 0-17)	9,249,829
African American	7.1%
Asian	9.3%
Latino	43.8%
Multiracial	3.9%
Native American	0.5%
Other	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0.3%
White	34.8%

Health

Mothers Receiving Early Prenatal Care	1999	2000	2001
All	83.6%	84.5%	85.4%
African American	81.1%	82.1%	82.5%
Asian	85.7%	87.7%	87.7%
Latino	79.7%	80.8%	82.4%
Multiracial	N/A	83.4%	83.7%
Native American	72.5%	73.9%	73.2%
Pacific Islander	N/A	69.0%	69.7%
White	89.1%	85.0%	90.1%

Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 births)	1999	2000	2001
All	5.4	5.4	5.3
African American	12.9	12.8	12.6
Asian	3.7	3.5	3.7
Latino	5.2	5.3	5.0
Multiracial	N/A	10.4	8.5
Native American	5.2	4.1	7.0
Pacific Islander	N/A	7.2	6.4
White	4.7	4.8	5.0

Low Birthweight Infants	1999	2000	2001
All	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%
African American	11.8%	11.8%	11.9%
Asian	6.8%	7.0%	7.1%
Latino	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%
Multiracial	N/A	7.2%	7.1%
Native American	6.0%	5.8%	6.8%
Pacific Islander	N/A	5.6%	6.2%
White	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%

Births to Teens (females ages 15-19)	1999	2000	2001
Number	56,577	55,373	52,966
As a percentage of all births	10.9%	10.4%	10.0%

Children Lacking Health Insurance (ages 0-17)		
By Race/Ethnicity	2001 number	2001 percentage
All	1,316,000	14.3%
African American	37,000	6.1%
Asian	76,000	9.0%
Cambodian	1,000	4.9%
Chinese	13,000	5.8%
Filipino	17,000	10.0%
Korean	31,000	32.8%
Vietnamese	6,000	5.7%
Latino	816,000	23.9%
Central American	96,000	32.6%
Mexican	666,000	23.7%
Puerto Rican	3,000	10.0%
South American	8,000	20.3%
Multiracial	45,000	15.8%
Native American	7,000	16.8%
White	328,000	8.2%
By Income (ages 0-17)	2001 number	2001 percentage
Family Income under 100% FPL	515,000	24.8%
100-199% FPL	449,000	21.9%
200-299% FPL	182,000	13.2%
300% FPL and above	166,000	4.5%
By Age	2001 number	2001 percentage
Ages 0-19	1,627,000	15.9%
Ages 0-11	819,000	13.1%
Ages 12-17	493,000	16.7%
Ages 18-19	320,000	31.0%

Children Lacking Dental Insurance (ages 2-11)		
By Race/Ethnicity	2001 number	2001 percentage
All	1,216,000	23.3%
African American	48,000	13.5%
Asian	86,000	17.4%
Cambodian	1,000	16.5%
Chinese	13,000	9.8%
Filipino	19,000	17.6%
Korean	22,000	41.5%
Vietnamese	7,000	14.2%
Latino	601,000	30.7%
Central American	67,000	43.0%
Mexican	489,000	30.9%
Puerto Rican	3,000	21.2%
South American	10,000	39.3%
Multiracial	26,000	20.1%
Native American	4,000	18.7%
White	451,000	19.9%

Children Lacking Dental Insurance (ages 2-11)		
By Income	2001 number	2001 percentage
Family Income under 100% FPL	401,000	33.4%
100-199% FPL	314,000	26.7%
200-299% FPL	167,000	21.2%
300% FPL and above	334,000	16.2%

Mental Health Service Utilization (ages 0-17)		2000
Children utilizing county services		137,045
Rate per 1,000		14.8

Children with Asthma Diagnoses (ages 0-17)		2001
All		13.6%
African American		22.1%
Asian		12.5%
Latino		10.3%
Multiracial		17.6%
Native American		26.8%
White		15.0%

Physical Fitness (7th grade)		
	2000-2001	2001-2002
Physically fit students	25.2%	25.9%
Aerobically fit students	58.4%	57.4%

Suicide (rate per 100,000 adolescents ages 13-19)		2000
Female attempt rate per 100,000		141
Female suicide rate per 100,000		2
Male attempt rate per 100,000		45
Male suicide rate per 100,000		6

Teen Births (rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19)		1999-2001 average
All		47
African American		60
Asian		17
Latino		78
Multiracial		22
Native American		51
Pacific Islander		42
White		23

Alcohol Use			
Percentage Drinking Alcohol	1997-1998	1999-2000	2001-2002
7th grade	21.7%	15.9%	10.4%
9th grade	37.5%	29.2%	29.3%
11th grade	46.9%	43.8%	40.7%

Tobacco Use			
Percentage Smoking Cigarettes	1997-1998	1999-2000	2001-2002
7th grade	10.8%	6.9%	4.3%
9th grade	23.0%	12.9%	11.1%
11th grade	26.8%	21.3%	18.9%

Motor Vehicle Injuries and Deaths (ages 0-17)			
	1999	2000	2001
Motor vehicle injuries	42,821	43,820	43,404
Pedestrian injuries	5,177	5,295	5,146
Motor vehicle deaths	400	361	376
Pedestrian deaths	101	78	87

Gun Injuries (ages 0-17) 1998-2000		
	Average number of injuries	Injury rate per 100,000
All	613	7
African American	136	21
Asian	35	4
Latino	328	8
Native American	LNE	LNE
White	91	3

Gun Deaths (ages 0-17) 1998-2000		
	Average number of deaths	Death rate per 100,000
All	196	2
African American	41	6
Asian	18	2
Latino	100	3
Native American	LNE	LNE
White	37	1

Family Economics

Children Living in Poor Households (0-99% FPL)		
By Age	1999 number	1999 percentage
Children ages 0-4	489,256	20.4%
Children ages 0-17	1,757,100	19.5%
By Race/Ethnicity (ages 0-17)		1999
All		19.5%
African American		30.5%
Asian		16.4%
Latino		27.2%
Multiracial		14.5%
Native American		26.1%
Pacific Islander		20.7%
White		8.9%

Definitions: N/A – Not Available LNE – Low Number Event FPL – Federal Poverty Level (in 2003, \$15,260 for a family of three)

Children Living in Low-Income Households (0-199% FPL) By Race/Ethnicity (ages 0-17)	1999
All	42.7%
African American	53.5%
Asian	33.8%
Latino	60.4%
Multiracial	32.3%
Native American	50.8%
Pacific Islander	49.6%
White	22.0%

Median Household Income (per year)	1997	1998	1999
Income	\$39,595	\$41,003	\$43,924

Schooling and Employment Status of Young People (ages 16-19)	2000
Total Population (ages 16-19)	1,925,479
Percentage in school	80.0%
Percentage not in school and employed	10.5%
Percentage not in school and not employed	9.5%

Low-Income Parents Experiencing Food Insecurity		
	2001 percentage	2001 number
All	34.0%	1,126,000
African American	38.3%	73,000
Asian	35.3%	92,000
Cambodian	58.5%	6,000
Chinese	19.6%	13,000
Filipino	22.5%	10,000
Korean	22.0%	5,000
Vietnamese	57.4%	40,000
Latino	35.0%	701,000
Central American	34.8%	86,000
Mexican	35.8%	615,000
Puerto Rican	22.7%	3,000
South American	23.5%	5,000
Multiracial	28.0%	32,000
Native American	34.9%	4,000
White	30.4%	224,000

Child Welfare

Child Abuse (ages 0-17)	1999	2000	2001
Reports of abuse	489,512	518,028	525,124
Rate per 1,000	51	56	56

Foster Care (ages 0-18)	2000	2001	2002
Children in foster care	98,780	91,286	90,449
Rate per 1,000	10	9	9

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NPR – National Percentile Ranking

Education

New Parents with Fewer Than 12 Years of Education (as a percentage of all births)		
	2001 Mothers	2001 Fathers
All	29.7%	27.8%
African American	18.0%	9.8%
Asian	9.8%	6.7%
Latino	51.2%	49.6%
Multiracial	14.9%	9.6%
Native American	27.4%	19.6%
Pacific Islander	13.3%	10.2%
White	8.2%	6.2%

Children Enrolled in Preschool (ages 3 and up)	2000
Total number of children in preschool	547,066
Number of children in private preschool	254,419
Number of children in public preschool	292,647
Estimated percentage of children in preschool	54%

English Learner Students (K-12)			
	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Number of English learners	1,480,527	1,511,299	1,559,248
As a percentage of total enrollment	24.9%	25.0%	25.4%

4th Grade Reading Scores (percent scoring at or above 50th NPR on STAR test)	2000	2001	2002
All students	45%	47%	49%
Disadvantaged students	26%	28%	31%
Other students	66%	69%	71%

8th Grade Math Scores (percent scoring at or above 50th NPR on STAR test)	2000	2001	2002
All students	48%	49%	50%
Disadvantaged students	29%	31%	32%
Other students	61%	62%	63%

High School Performance (1998-2001 average)	Grads meeting UC/CSU requirements	Annual dropout rate
All	35.3%	2.8%
African American	25.7%	4.7%
Asian	58.5%	1.5%
Filipino	45.4%	1.9%
Latino	22.2%	3.9%
Native American	22.9%	3.7%
Pacific Islander	26.2%	3.4%
White	40.5%	1.7%

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