

San Diego County

San Diego, in the Southern California region of the state, is home to 756,977 children, ages 0-17, which is 8% of California’s child population. Compared to other counties in the state, San Diego ranks as follows:

- 42 out of 58 in the percentage of children with health insurance.
- 19 out of 58 in the percentage of children, ages 3 and 4, enrolled in preschool.
- 15 out of 58 in the percentage of elementary school students meeting state targets in English Language Arts.
- 11 out of 58 in the percentage of elementary school students meeting state targets in Math.
- 16 out of 58 in the percentage of high school students eligible to attend one of California’s public universities.
- 15 out of 58 in the percentage of children in low-income households.

Families

Demographics	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Households with children under 18 years old	49%	52%	51%
Children who are in school	91%	90%	90%
Teens neither in school nor working	7%	7%	8%
Children who speak another language at home	39%	42%	44%
Children who are U.S. citizens	94%	94%	94%

Employment, Income and Poverty	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Per capita family income (dollar amount)	\$28,329	\$23,459	\$26,800
Households with at least one working parent	90%	90%	90%
Children living in poverty	16%	18%	19%
Households receiving food stamps	7%	8%	10%

Housing	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Fair Market Rent (dollar amount)	\$1,205	\$1,064	\$905
Housing costs as a percentage of household income	30%	29%	29%
People in overcrowded households	6%	8%	8%

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Health

Prenatal and Newborn Health Status	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Mothers receiving early prenatal care	86%	86%	86%
Low birthweight infants	7%	7%	7%
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	33	38	37

Children's Health Status	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Children in good or excellent health	94%	92%	92%
Children diagnosed with asthma	14%	15%	16%
Children with regular access to a doctor	89%	88%	89%

Prenatal and Newborn Health Status by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Mothers with early prenatal care	82%	89%	82%	90%	80%
Low birthweight infants	11%	8%	6%	7%	9%
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	35	13	54	13	54

Children's Health Status by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Children in good or excellent health	99%	91%	90%	98%	89%
Children diagnosed with asthma	*	14%	13%	16%	*
Children with regular access to a doctor	85%	89%	86%	91%	87%

Health Status by Age	0-5	6-11	12-18	0-18
Children in good or excellent health	96%	95%	93%	94%
Children diagnosed with asthma	5%	15%	20%	14%
Children with regular access to a doctor	97%	96%	76%	89%

Health Status by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Children in good or excellent health	82%	92%	98%	98%
Children diagnosed with asthma	7%	16%	15%	16%
Children with regular access to a doctor	82%	85%	90%	93%

Health Insurance Coverage	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Insured	92%	91%	93%
Not insured	8%	9%	7%

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Health Insurance Coverage by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Insured	100%	95%	85%	95%	91%
Not insured	*	*	15%	5%	*

Health Insurance Coverage by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Insured	82%	87%	96%	97%
Not insured	18%	13%	*	*

Health Insurance Coverage by Age	0-5	6-11	12-18	0-18
Insured	96%	92%	89%	92%
Not insured	5%	8%	11%	8%

Dental Health	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Children with dental insurance	78%	77%	79%
Children who visited a dentist in the last year	81%	79%	80%

Dental Health by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Children with dental insurance	81%	72%	75%	80%	80%
Children who visited a dentist in the last year	74%	87%	79%	82%	69%

Dental Health by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Children with dental insurance	62%	71%	78%	85%
Children who visited a dentist in the last year	77%	78%	75%	84%

Dental Health by Age	0-5	6-11	12-18	0-18
Children with dental insurance	79%	83%	72%	78%
Children who visited a dentist in the last year	67%	89%	*	81%

Fitness and Nutrition	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Physically fit children	30%	29%	28%
Children who never exercise	73%	73%	71%
Children who ate fast food in the prior day	31%	37%	34%
Overweight children	31%	31%	33%

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Fitness and Nutrition by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Physically fit children	25%	39%	22%	38%	26%
Children who never exercise	68%	73%	66%	77%	65%
Children who ate fast food in the prior day	28%	39%	37%	27%	32%
Overweight children	34%	25%	39%	23%	31%

Fitness and Nutrition by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Children who never exercise	67%	62%	78%	78%
Children who ate fast food in the prior day	38%	36%	35%	27%

Fitness and Nutrition by Age	0-5	6-11	12-18	0-18
Children who never exercise	77%	76%	68%	73%
Children who ate fast food in the prior day	22%	31%	38%	31%

Education

Children, Ages 0-4	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Birth to age 3	137,611	444,610	1,582,911
Ages 3 and 4	84,658	319,772	1,103,980

Preschool Enrollment, Ages 3 and 4	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Children in preschool or nursery school	49%	40%	42%

Licensed Child Care Centers	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Total number of licensed child care centers	891	2,390	10,106
Center spaces for infants	5%	6%	6%
Center spaces for children, ages 2-5	73%	75%	70%

Licensed Family Child Care Homes	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Total number of homes	3,717	9,506	37,388
Total spaces in homes	35,028	90,112	361,887

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Children, Ages 0-4, by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Birth to age 3	8,472	10,659	60,448	49,681	8,351
Ages 3 and 4	4,637	7,559	38,122	29,609	4,731

Children, Ages 0-4, by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Birth to age 3	21,917	30,161	21,496	64,037
Ages 3 and 4	15,419	21,498	11,789	35,952

Preschool Enrollment, Ages 3 and 4, by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Children in preschool or nursery school	36%	46%	46%	57%	52%

Preschool Enrollment, Ages 3 and 4, by Family Income (Percentage of Federal Poverty Level)	Less than 100% of FPL	100 to 199% of FPL	200 to 299% of FPL	300% of FPL and higher
Children in preschool or nursery school	42%	40%	42%	60%

K-12 Enrollment	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Number of students in public K-12 schools	495,228	1,864,213	6,312,436
English Learners	23%	25%	25%

Student Achievement: 2nd-6th Grade	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	49%	44%	43%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	57%	53%	52%

Student Achievement: 7th-11th Grade	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	45%	42%	40%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	30%	29%	28%

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Student Achievement: High School	San Diego County	Southern California Region	Statewide
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School English Exit Exam	81%	78%	77%
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School Math Exit Exam	81%	77%	75%
Meet UC/CSU entrance requirements	37%	34%	35%

K-12 Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Number of students in public K-12 schools	36,268	53,693	211,641	180,016	13,610

Student Achievement: 2nd-6th Grade by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	38%	68%	31%	68%	55%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	42%	76%	43%	73%	58%

Student Achievement: 7th-11th Grade by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	31%	60%	27%	62%	46%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	16%	44%	19%	41%	29%

Student Achievement: High School by Race/Ethnicity	African American	Asian	Latino	White	Other
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School English Exit Exam	73%	90%	68%	92%	83%
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School Math Exit Exam	68%	91%	69%	91%	82%
Meet UC/CSU entrance requirements	24%	53%	22%	47%	25%

K-12 Enrollment by Language Fluency	Fluent in English	English Learner	Redesignated Fluent in English
Number of students in public K-12 schools	368,254	115,731	11,243

Student Achievement: 2nd-6th Grade by Language Fluency	Fluent in English	English Learner	Redesignated Fluent in English
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	62%	19%	66%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	67%	36%	67%

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Student Achievement: 7th-11th Grade by Language Fluency	Fluent in English	English Learner	Redesignated Fluent in English
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	53%	5%	44%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	34%	8%	30%

Student Achievement: High School by Language Fluency	Fluent in English	English Learner	Redesignated Fluent in English
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School English Exit Exam	89%	34%	89%
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School Math Exit Exam	87%	48%	86%

K-12 Enrollment by Family Income	Economically Disadvantaged	Not Economically Disadvantaged
Number of students in public K-12 schools	212,670	282,558

Student Achievement: 2nd-6th Grade by Family Income	Economically Disadvantaged	Not Economically Disadvantaged
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	31%	68%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	42%	72%

Student Achievement: 7th-11th Grade by Family Income	Economically Disadvantaged	Not Economically Disadvantaged
Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts	26%	58%
Proficient or Advanced in Math	18%	38%

Student Achievement: High School by Family Income	Economically Disadvantaged	Not Economically Disadvantaged
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School English Exit Exam	67%	90%
Percent of 10th-graders who passed the California High School Math Exit Exam	69%	90%