



2021 California Children's Scorecard

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2020-21 California County Scorecard of Children's Well-Being

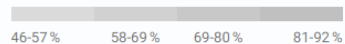
Welcome! This tool aims to provide a comprehensive look at how children are doing in California's 58 counties, with data viewable by year and race/ethnicity.

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2020-21 CALIFORNIA SCORECARD
OF CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING

Santa Clara County

649,225 children/youth
live in this county

Ages 0-17
436,247

Ages 18-25
212,978

263,285
with one or more
immigrant parents

2,899
students experiencing
homelessness

Race Breakdown (ages 0-25)

Latino	Black	Other	White	Asian
32%	2%	6%	24%	36%

21%
are living at or below 2X
the poverty level

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identify as LGBTQ

Indicators	California	County Percentages						County Rank
		All	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Other	
Health								
Eligible students who were reached by free and reduced-price meals during the school year	59%	56%	-	-	-	-	-	35
Newborns who were exclusively breastfed while in the hospital	71%	81%	81%	78%	78%	88%	84%	15
Pregnant women who received prenatal care beginning the first trimester	84%	88%	91%	82%	80%	92%	91%	7
Children who had health insurance	97%	98%	99%	99%	97%	98%	99%	4
Children, ages birth-to-5 and who are in low-income families, who visited a dentist in the last year	30%	36%	36%	32%	41%	19%	25%	29
Children who were not food insecure	85%	92%	-	-	-	-	-	2

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Health								
Newborns who were not low birthweight	92%	93%	93%	90%	93%	95%	92%	33
Kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations	95%	97%	-	-	-	-	-	8
Students who met at least 4 of 6 state fitness standards	70%	73%	76%	72%	58%	81%	77%	22
Students who reported they did not experience chronic sadness/hopelessness	62%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-year-olds who were vaccinated for Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	28%	36%	-	-	-	-	-	8
Students who reported they did not consider suicide	80%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with Medi-Cal who had an annual preventive check-up	43%	44%	50%	42%	52%	40%	46%	15

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Education								
Children in working families for whom a licensed child care space was available	25%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	8
Students who were college- or career-ready	38%	60%	58%	39%	38%	64%	41%	3
Students who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	31%	50%	52%	23%	20%	62%	43%	1
Students who reported feeling connected to their school	54%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
English Language Learner students who gained proficiency in English	50%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	16
3-and-4-year-olds enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten	58%	59%	68%	*	45%	66%	*	3
12th graders who graduated high school on time	81%	80%	80%	78%	73%	86%	75%	47
8th graders who met or exceeded standards in math	38%	56%	56%	31%	25%	69%	59%	2
Students who were not chronically absent from school	84%	91%	91%	87%	85%	93%	89%	7

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Education								
Young children, ages birth-to-5, who were read to everyday by an adult	75%	78%	73%	-	70%	87%	98%	11
3rd graders who read near or above standards	73%	79%	83%	69%	64%	89%	80%	5
18-to-25-year-olds registered to vote in General Elections	60%	67%	-	-	-	-	-	7
Student suspensions not due to "defiance or disruption"	85%	89%	93%	88%	88%	90%	94%	14
5th graders who met or exceeded standards in science	36%	47%	47%	27%	20%	63%	50%	3
Students who reported perceiving school as safe or very safe	53%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
High school graduates who enrolled in college	60%	76%	75%	74%	62%	82%	76%	1
Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who graduated high school	66%	65%	63%	61%	65%	69%	56%	38

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Child Welfare								
Children in foster care who had a timely dental exam	67%	69%	-	-	-	-	-	23
Children in foster care who had a timely medical exam	74%	77%	-	-	-	-	-	21
Children in foster care who were placed in family-like settings	83%	72%	-	-	-	-	-	40
Youth in foster care who graduated high school on time	56%	51%	*	43%	50%	48%	*	40
Children in foster care who exited to permanency within one year	32%	44%	63%	*	38%	56%	*	16
Children in foster care who had been in 1 or 2 placements after 24 months in care	57%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	15
3rd graders in foster care who met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts/Literacy	27%	30%	*	*	30%	*	*	8
8th graders in foster care who met or exceeded standards in math	15%	16%	*	*	12%	*	*	10
Youth in foster care who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	1%	15%	*	*	12%	*	*	3

The Children's Movement 2020 Budget Campaign



May 25, 2020



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Safeguard California's Kids in the 2020-21 State Budget

Dear Governor Newsom and State Legislators,

Thank you for your leadership in addressing this pandemic and your tireless work to support our health, our economy, our communities and our most vulnerable residents.

The spread of COVID-19 is impacting everyone, and every corner of life. It is particularly devastating for California's children and families who were already in cities before the pandemic: families with young children – the cohort of our state's population most in poverty – who couldn't access essential supports, including sufficient nutrition and quality child care and preschool; children who were abused and neglected and/or witness to domestic violence; the majority of California students who lacked the educational supports they needed to meet basic grade-level reading and math standards; many children living in immigrant or undocumented families; the unacceptably low number of children in Medi-Cal who received preventive care and health screenings; and the millions of young people experiencing mental health challenges, including many who struggled with suicidal thoughts. Vulnerable kids were not receiving the supports and services they needed as we entered 2020, requiring a significant shift in state priorities to ensure our collective future. Now this shift is essential as a result of COVID-19.

Moreover, during the last economic downturn, it was child-serving programs, including early childhood and K-12 education, that received the most dramatic funding cuts in California. We can't repeat that history.

The undersigned call on you to prioritize kids in the upcoming 2020-21 state budget – holding crucial children's programs and services harmless and increasing targeted supports as much as possible.

Specifically, we urge the following:

- Stabilize the fragile child care system by extending the hold harmless provisions for child development programs through budget year 2020-21.
- Ensure our education system has sufficient resources for the summer months to provide school meals and to address the significant learning loss that has occurred.
- Protect schools from budget reductions, mid-year cuts and funding deferrals through the next academic year, and prioritize support for our most vulnerable students as required by LCFE.
- Provide targeted funding for training programs like youth mental health first aid so that adults who care for children, including school staff, are able to de-escalate tense emotional situations and provide appropriate support.
- Ensure expedited implementation of the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) for foster youth and their caregivers who need immediate access to trauma-informed supports during moments of instability.
- Establish the Child Welfare Disaster Response Fund to provide critical resources for children and youth in foster care and their caregivers who face unique challenges when disasters strike.

We recognize the strain you are experiencing as you try to grapple with the enormity of this crisis and keep the Golden State intact. As always, prioritization is essential, and we urge you to ensure that our most precious constituency, our kids, are your top priority.

Sincerely,
The Undersigned Organizations

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January 5, 2021



Prioritize California's Kids in 2021

Dear Governor Newsom and State Legislators,

The pandemic above all is a crisis for kids. While the COVID-19 virus may be for the most part sparing children's physical health, kids are increasingly experiencing stress, social isolation, disconnectedness and serious mental health issues. The learning loss and lack of preventive health care because of the pandemic threatens a generation of kids. These outcomes are especially dire for Black and brown children, kids in poverty, students who are English learners, youth in foster care and children who are in unsafe situations, all of whom face significant systemic barriers to accessing the services and support they need.

Even before COVID-19, California was not prioritizing kids, especially kids that face systemic barriers to their well-being. Our investments lagged far behind most other states, as did most measures of educational attainment and overall children's well-being. Now the situation is mission critical.

2021 is the year to make a long-overdue, significant shift in state priorities to put children first and ensure our collective future. The undersigned call on you to take these tangible steps to make children the top priority:

- This year's state budget should prioritize every unrestricted dollar for supports for kids, across the early childhood, family and economic supports, health, K-12 and higher ed, housing and child welfare domains. Priority budget actions should include:
 - ◊ Increasing funding for child care, where providers are at a crisis point.
 - ◊ Reversing \$12.5 billion in funding deferrals for schools and providing sufficient funding to add teachers, school nurses, counselors, and other critical staff to move us from our bottom of the country ratios.
 - ◊ Keeping Proposition 56 dollars earmarked for developmental and trauma screenings, well-child check-ups and other critical kids' health services in Medi-Cal; and
 - ◊ Supporting children and youth in foster care and their caregivers by increasing access to child care, educational supports to address learning loss and stable housing for young adults.
- The state government needs to coordinate an all-hands-on-deck urgent approach across relevant state and local departments and agencies to ensure every school has the staff, PPE, frequent COVID-19 testing, and other resources needed to reopen safely and quickly, including prioritizing school staff for the vaccine when it is available.
- Any new revenue measure should truly prioritize kids, including quality early childhood education.

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The California Children's Report Card

<https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/20-report-card/>

County Scorecard of Children's Well-Being

<https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/2018scorecard/>

The 2021 Pro-Kid Agenda

<https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/the-2021-pro-kid-policy-agenda/>

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