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Infants in California

Indicator	Year	Infants	All Children	Data Source
Child Population (Ages 0-2; All Children 0-17)	2025	1,203,559	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Births	2021	418,533	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files & California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; CDC WONDER Online Database, Natality Public-Use Data (Feb. 2022).
Percentage of Infants Born to Mothers Receiving First Trimester Prenatal Care	2021	86.8%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool and Birth Statistical Master Files (Jun. 2022).
Percentage of Infants Born Preterm (Based on Obstetric Estimates (OE))	2022	9.1%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, Natality Data (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Infants Born at Low Birthweight	2022	7.4%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, Natality Data (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Newborns Breastfed Exclusively in Hospital	2022	68.8%	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, In-Hospital Breastfeeding Initiation Data (Aug. 2025).
Percentage of Children Ages 0-5 Whose Parents Read with Them Daily	2017-2018	65.2%	N/A	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).
Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect (Under Age 1; All Children 0-17)	2020	9,805	61,419	California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CCWIP Reports. University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services (Oct. 2021).
Children in Foster Care (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)	2018	8.5 (Rate per 1,000)	5.3 (Rate per 1,000)	Webster, D., et al. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports. UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Rate of First Entry into Foster Care (Under Age 1; All Children 0-17)	2016-2018	12.2 (Rate per 1,000)	2.4 (Rate per 1,000)	Webster, D., et al. California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports. UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).
Percentage of Children with Health Insurance Coverage (Ages 0-5; All Children 0-18)	2021	97.4%	96.5%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Children with Medi-Cal or CHIP Coverage (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)	2022	40.6%	41.9%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey public use microdata (Mar. 2024).

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Asthma Hospitalization Rate (Ages 0-4; All Children 0-17)	2022	17.3 *(Rate per 10,000)*	8.9 *(Rate per 10,000)*	California Breathing, tabulation of data from the California Dept. of Health Care Access and Information (Aug. 2024).
Injury Hospitalization Rate (Under Age 1; All Children 0-20)	2015	284.6 *(Rate per 100,000)*	214.2 *(Rate per 100,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, EpiCenter (Feb. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jan. 2020); CDC, WISQARS (May 2020).
Infant Mortality Rate	2022	4.0 *(Rate per 1,000)*	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth and Death Statistical Master Files & California Vital Data (Cal-ViDa) Query Tool; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; CDC WONDER Online Database, Linked Birth / Infant Death Records (Apr. 2023).

Definitions for LNE, N/A, N/R, or S can be found in the footnote section of the indicator page.

More data on Infants: https://hwww.kidsdata.org/demographic/3/infants/summary