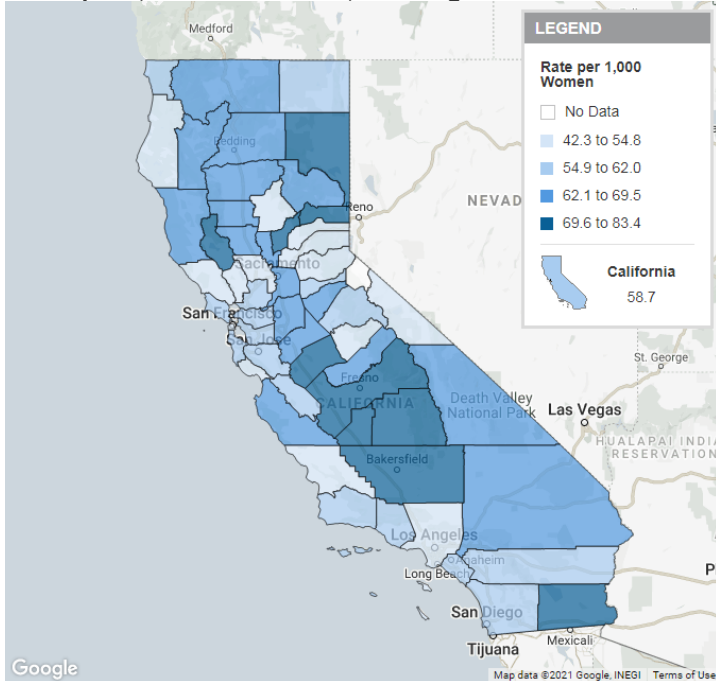


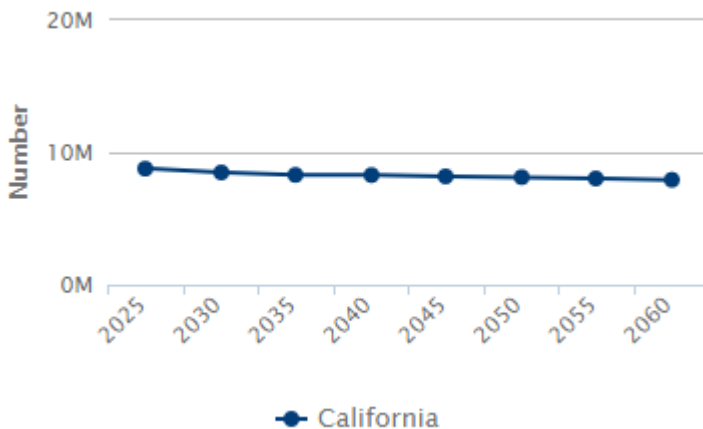
Demographics of California's Children

Births per 1,000 Women: 2017; Showing Counties



Definition: Number of live births per 1,000 women ages 15-44 (i.e., general fertility rate). E.g., in 2017, there were 58.7 births per 1,000 California women ages 15-44.
Data Source: California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files; California Dept. of Finance, [Population Estimates and Projections](#); CDC WONDER Online Database, [Natality Public-Use Data](#) (Mar. 2020).

Projected Child Population



Definition: Estimated future child population ages 0-17 (e.g., in 2060, 7,930,589 children are expected to live in California).
Data Source: California Dept. of Finance, [Population Projections](#); U.S. Census Bureau, [2017 National Population Projections](#) (Mar. 2020).

What It Is

Indicators on kidsdata.org cover a range of demographic measures from a variety of sources:

The number of births overall and per 1,000 women (the general fertility rate), and the number and percentage of births by mother's race/ethnicity, come from the California Department of Public Health.

The number and percentage of births by mother's marital status are available for California and the U.S.; these data come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and also are available by mother's race/ethnicity.

Estimates of the child population from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community survey are available overall and by race/ethnicity for counties, cities, school districts and legislative districts; also available are estimates of the number and percentage of California and U.S. children living in rural and urban areas.

County-level estimates (from 1995) and projections (to 2060) of the child population overall, by gender and age group, and by race/ethnicity, are available from the California Department of Finance; also available are estimates and projections for the total population.

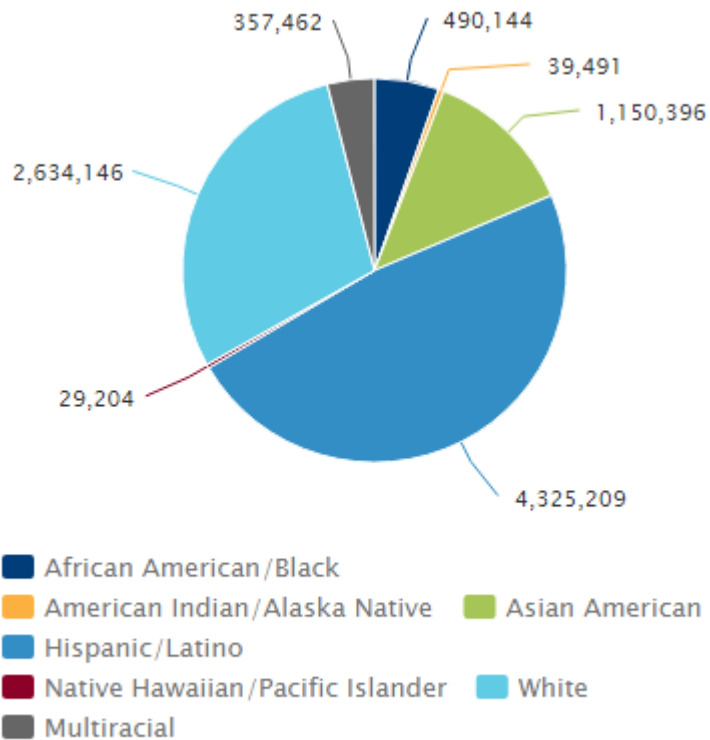
Why This Topic Is Important

Child and family demographic trends help project potential needs for education, child care, health care, and other services. Demographic projections point to an overall shortage of children relative to older populations, which will lead to workforce and taxpayer shortages in the coming decades. This means each child is more important to the future of California and the U.S. than ever before. It also means that leaders need to invest in programs and policies that nurture children and help them reach their potential, and they need to align service systems with shifting demographics. For example, leaders can ensure that culturally appropriate services are available for families and that communities with higher concentrations of children have adequate resources in place to support them.

How Children Are Faring

The number of children in California has declined since the mid-2000s, from an estimated 9.6 million in 2004 to 9 million in 2020. Population projections indicate this figure will fall to 8.3 million by 2035. The proportion

Child Population, by Race/Ethnicity: 2020 California



Definition: Estimated child population ages 0-17, by race/ethnicity (e.g., in 2020, 357,462 multiracial children lived in California).

Data Source: California Dept. of Finance, [Population Estimates and Projections](#) (May 2020); U.S. Census Bureau, [Population and Housing Unit Estimates](#) (Jul. 2020).

of children in the state's total population also is decreasing, from 28% in 1995 to 23% in 2020, with a projected drop to 18% by 2045. In line with these trends, California's birth rate has declined in recent decades, from 76 births per 1,000 women in 1995 to 59 per 1,000 in 2017, the most recent year available.

Population structure and dynamics vary widely at the local level. According to 2020 estimates, five Southern California counties are home to more than half of the state's child population—Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino—with nearly one in four children living in Los Angeles County alone. By contrast, counties in the Central Valley have among the highest birth rates and proportions of children within the population; e.g., the birth rate in Kings County in 2017 was 83 per 1,000 women (compared with 54 per 1,000 for Los Angeles and 46 per 1,000 for San Francisco), and the percentage of children in Kings County relative to the population overall in 2020 was 29% (compared with 22% for Los Angeles and 15% for San Francisco).

In 2020, Hispanic/Latino children made up nearly half (48%) of the state's child population, up from 41% in 1995, and white children made up less than one-third (29%), down from 40% in 1995. At the county level, estimates of the proportion of Hispanic/Latino children in the total child population ranged from 15% to 88%, while the proportion of white children ranged from 9% to 76%. Statewide, 13% of California children were Asian American, 5% were African American/black, 4% were multiracial, and less than 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

View references for this text and additional research on this topic:

<https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/7/demographics/summary>



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Child Population, by Age Group and Gender: 2020 (Age Group: All; Gender: Total)

California	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	1,363,692
Ages 3-5	1,465,168
Ages 6-10	2,552,574
Ages 11-13	1,570,944
Ages 14-17	2,073,674
Total for Ages 0-17	9,026,052

Alameda County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	55,542
Ages 3-5	58,159
Ages 6-10	100,010
Ages 11-13	60,983
Ages 14-17	79,518
Total for Ages 0-17	354,212

Alpine County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	20



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Ages 3-5	12
Ages 6-10	29
Ages 11-13	40
Ages 14-17	62
Total for Ages 0-17	163

Amador County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	944
Ages 3-5	980
Ages 6-10	1,380
Ages 11-13	825
Ages 14-17	1,380
Total for Ages 0-17	5,509

Butte County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	7,353
Ages 3-5	7,035
Ages 6-10	12,291
Ages 11-13	6,939
Ages 14-17	9,829



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Total for Ages 0-17	43,447
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Calaveras County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	1,055
Ages 3-5	1,172
Ages 6-10	1,620
Ages 11-13	1,133
Ages 14-17	1,522
Total for Ages 0-17	6,502

Colusa County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	720
Ages 3-5	900
Ages 6-10	1,575
Ages 11-13	1,137
Ages 14-17	1,431
Total for Ages 0-17	5,763

Contra Costa County	Number
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Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	36,449
Ages 3-5	37,812
Ages 6-10	69,256
Ages 11-13	44,122
Ages 14-17	61,523
Total for Ages 0-17	249,162

Del Norte County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	790
Ages 3-5	884
Ages 6-10	1,605
Ages 11-13	995
Ages 14-17	1,214
Total for Ages 0-17	5,488

El Dorado County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	4,647
Ages 3-5	4,924
Ages 6-10	7,893



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Humboldt County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	3,949
Ages 3-5	4,099
Ages 6-10	7,728
Ages 11-13	5,242
Ages 14-17	6,646
Total for Ages 0-17	27,664

Imperial County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	8,458
Ages 3-5	9,683
Ages 6-10	16,115
Ages 11-13	9,372
Ages 14-17	11,849
Total for Ages 0-17	55,477

Inyo County	Number
Age Group	Total



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Ages 0-2	572
Ages 3-5	598
Ages 6-10	1,013
Ages 11-13	585
Ages 14-17	766
Total for Ages 0-17	3,534

Kern County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	38,149
Ages 3-5	41,110
Ages 6-10	71,617
Ages 11-13	44,925
Ages 14-17	57,209
Total for Ages 0-17	253,010

Kings County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	7,046
Ages 3-5	7,043
Ages 6-10	12,380
Ages 11-13	7,923



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Ages 14-17	9,844
Total for Ages 0-17	44,236

Lake County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	2,096
Ages 3-5	2,460
Ages 6-10	4,196
Ages 11-13	2,603
Ages 14-17	2,967
Total for Ages 0-17	14,322

Lassen County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	906
Ages 3-5	892
Ages 6-10	1,489
Ages 11-13	808
Ages 14-17	1,144
Total for Ages 0-17	5,239



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Los Angeles County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	332,065
Ages 3-5	362,515
Ages 6-10	633,681
Ages 11-13	382,999
Ages 14-17	500,026
Total for Ages 0-17	2,211,286

Madera County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	5,753
Ages 3-5	6,674
Ages 6-10	11,225
Ages 11-13	7,507
Ages 14-17	9,809
Total for Ages 0-17	40,968

Marin County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	5,376
Ages 3-5	6,468



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Ages 6-10	14,201
Ages 11-13	9,357
Ages 14-17	13,032
Total for Ages 0-17	48,434

Mariposa County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	386
Ages 3-5	487
Ages 6-10	658
Ages 11-13	363
Ages 14-17	594
Total for Ages 0-17	2,488

Mendocino County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	2,831
Ages 3-5	3,309
Ages 6-10	5,932
Ages 11-13	3,547
Ages 14-17	4,447
Total for Ages 0-17	20,066



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Merced County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	12,032
Ages 3-5	12,877
Ages 6-10	22,253
Ages 11-13	14,039
Ages 14-17	18,601
Total for Ages 0-17	79,802

Modoc County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	257
Ages 3-5	242
Ages 6-10	454
Ages 11-13	317
Ages 14-17	406
Total for Ages 0-17	1,676

Mono County	Number
Age Group	Total



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Ages 0-2	401
Ages 3-5	452
Ages 6-10	651
Ages 11-13	431
Ages 14-17	548
Total for Ages 0-17	2,483

Monterey County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	17,037
Ages 3-5	18,928
Ages 6-10	33,914
Ages 11-13	20,021
Ages 14-17	25,017
Total for Ages 0-17	114,917

Napa County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	3,898
Ages 3-5	4,315
Ages 6-10	7,280
Ages 11-13	4,776



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Ages 14-17	7,034
Total for Ages 0-17	27,303

Nevada County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	2,398
Ages 3-5	2,452
Ages 6-10	4,130
Ages 11-13	2,605
Ages 14-17	3,873
Total for Ages 0-17	15,458

Orange County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	112,011
Ages 3-5	116,321
Ages 6-10	197,290
Ages 11-13	122,643
Ages 14-17	164,969
Total for Ages 0-17	713,234



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Placer County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	13,922
Ages 3-5	11,962
Ages 6-10	20,699
Ages 11-13	13,934
Ages 14-17	20,655
Total for Ages 0-17	81,172

Plumas County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	462
Ages 3-5	479
Ages 6-10	835
Ages 11-13	569
Ages 14-17	724
Total for Ages 0-17	3,069

Riverside County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	83,995
Ages 3-5	91,502



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Ages 6-10	165,031
Ages 11-13	107,915
Ages 14-17	141,721
Total for Ages 0-17	590,164

Sacramento County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	55,694
Ages 3-5	60,100
Ages 6-10	104,130
Ages 11-13	64,450
Ages 14-17	83,990
Total for Ages 0-17	368,364

San Benito County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	1,959
Ages 3-5	2,308
Ages 6-10	3,733
Ages 11-13	2,399
Ages 14-17	3,408
Total for Ages 0-17	13,807



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San Bernardino County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	86,012
Ages 3-5	91,451
Ages 6-10	152,164
Ages 11-13	97,466
Ages 14-17	129,706
Total for Ages 0-17	556,799

San Diego County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	116,700
Ages 3-5	127,965
Ages 6-10	227,213
Ages 11-13	127,678
Ages 14-17	161,233
Total for Ages 0-17	760,789

San Francisco County	Number
Age Group	Total



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Ages 0-2	27,454
Ages 3-5	26,203
Ages 6-10	39,200
Ages 11-13	19,277
Ages 14-17	23,737
Total for Ages 0-17	135,871

San Joaquin County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	28,082
Ages 3-5	30,417
Ages 6-10	54,395
Ages 11-13	34,091
Ages 14-17	47,772
Total for Ages 0-17	194,757

San Luis Obispo County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	7,074
Ages 3-5	7,739
Ages 6-10	14,034
Ages 11-13	8,855



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Ages 14-17	11,771
Total for Ages 0-17	49,473

San Mateo County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	22,932
Ages 3-5	26,625
Ages 6-10	42,519
Ages 11-13	28,555
Ages 14-17	38,215
Total for Ages 0-17	158,846

Santa Barbara County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	16,465
Ages 3-5	16,633
Ages 6-10	27,905
Ages 11-13	16,868
Ages 14-17	22,425
Total for Ages 0-17	100,296



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Santa Clara County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	63,185
Ages 3-5	71,833
Ages 6-10	124,381
Ages 11-13	78,897
Ages 14-17	103,295
Total for Ages 0-17	441,591

Santa Cruz County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	7,683
Ages 3-5	8,621
Ages 6-10	14,789
Ages 11-13	8,856
Ages 14-17	12,278
Total for Ages 0-17	52,227

Shasta County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	6,084
Ages 3-5	6,120



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Ages 6-10	11,332
Ages 11-13	6,337
Ages 14-17	8,217
Total for Ages 0-17	38,090

Sierra County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	74
Ages 3-5	76
Ages 6-10	123
Ages 11-13	74
Ages 14-17	86
Total for Ages 0-17	433

Siskiyou County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	1,289
Ages 3-5	1,286
Ages 6-10	2,280
Ages 11-13	1,394
Ages 14-17	1,890
Total for Ages 0-17	8,139



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Solano County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	15,677
Ages 3-5	16,097
Ages 6-10	27,303
Ages 11-13	16,835
Ages 14-17	23,111
Total for Ages 0-17	99,023

Sonoma County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	12,506
Ages 3-5	14,064
Ages 6-10	25,930
Ages 11-13	16,645
Ages 14-17	23,485
Total for Ages 0-17	92,630

Stanislaus County	Number
Age Group	Total



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Ages 0-2	23,266
Ages 3-5	23,435
Ages 6-10	41,440
Ages 11-13	26,377
Ages 14-17	34,819
Total for Ages 0-17	149,337

Sutter County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	3,444
Ages 3-5	4,283
Ages 6-10	6,932
Ages 11-13	4,471
Ages 14-17	6,185
Total for Ages 0-17	25,315

Tehama County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	2,232
Ages 3-5	2,578
Ages 6-10	3,981
Ages 11-13	2,665



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Ages 14-17	3,759
Total for Ages 0-17	15,215

Trinity County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	310
Ages 3-5	352
Ages 6-10	574
Ages 11-13	409
Ages 14-17	567
Total for Ages 0-17	2,212

Tulare County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	20,524
Ages 3-5	21,761
Ages 6-10	40,403
Ages 11-13	25,310
Ages 14-17	32,956
Total for Ages 0-17	140,954



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Tuolumne County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	1,490
Ages 3-5	1,428
Ages 6-10	2,169
Ages 11-13	1,240
Ages 14-17	1,848
Total for Ages 0-17	8,175

Ventura County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	27,215
Ages 3-5	29,856
Ages 6-10	55,478
Ages 11-13	34,459
Ages 14-17	47,302
Total for Ages 0-17	194,310

Yolo County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	6,202
Ages 3-5	7,026



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Ages 6-10	13,547
Ages 11-13	8,974
Ages 14-17	12,337
Total for Ages 0-17	48,086

Yuba County	Number
Age Group	Total
Ages 0-2	3,863
Ages 3-5	3,766
Ages 6-10	6,282
Ages 11-13	3,789
Ages 14-17	5,053
Total for Ages 0-17	22,753

Definition: Estimated child population ages 0-17, by age group and gender (e.g., in 2020, 666,477 girls ages 0-2 lived in California).

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