

## Children in Kern County

| Indicator   | Year      | Kern County | California | Data Source  |
|---|-----------|-------------|------------|--|
| Child Population Ages 0-17  | 2021      | 251,721     | 8,947,160  | California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> ; U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">Population and Housing Unit Estimates</a> (Aug. 2021).   |
| Percentage of Children Living with Two Parents                        | 2014-2018 | 58.9%       | 63.8%      | U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> (Jan. 2020).   |
| Percentage of Children Living with One or More Foreign-Born Parent    | 2014-2018 | 42.0%       | 48.3%      | U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> (Jan. 2020).   |
| Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools                      | 2021      | 16.9%       | 17.7%      | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">English Learners by Grade and Language</a> (Sept. 2021).  |
| Percentage of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold     | 2016-2020 | 27.7%       | 16.8%      | U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> (Aug. 2022).   |
| Percentage of Children Living in Low-Income Working Families          | 2016-2020 | 29.2%       | 23.0%      | Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> microdata files (Aug. 2022).   |
| Percentage of Children Living in Food Insecure Households             | 2019      | 20.7%       | 13.6%      | Feeding America, <a href="#">Map the Meal Gap</a> (Jul. 2021).   |
| Percentage of Public School Students Who Are Homeless                 | 2021      | 2.4%        | 3.8%       | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Coordinated School Health and Safety Office</a> custom tabulation & DataQuest (Feb. 2023).  |
| Percentage of Children Ages 0-18 with Health Insurance Coverage       | 2016-2020 | 96.8%       | 96.7%      | U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> (Aug. 2022).   |
| Average Monthly Enrollment in Medi-Cal Among Children/Youth Ages 0-20 | 2020      | 66.7%       | 48.7%      | California Dept. of Health Care Services, <a href="#">Eligible Individuals Under Age 21 Enrolled in Medi-Cal</a> (Apr. 2021); California Dept. of Finance, <a href="#">Population Estimates and Projections</a> (Jul. 2021). |
| Percentage of Kindergarteners with All Required Immunizations         | 2022      | 88.2%       | 94.0%      | California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, <a href="#">Reporting Data for Kindergarten and 7th Grade</a> (Nov. 2024).   |
| Percentage of Children Ages 1-17 Ever Diagnosed with Asthma           | 2019-2020 | 7.6%        | 12.4%      | UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, <a href="#">California Health Interview Survey</a> (Feb. 2022).  |
| Percentage of High-Need Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)           | 2021      | 73.9%       | 62.4%      | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files</a> (Nov. 2021).  |

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| Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education Services                    | 2020      | 11.4%                    | 13.0%                    | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">DataQuest &amp; Special Education Division custom tabulation</a> ; National Center for Education Statistics, <a href="#">Digest of Education Statistics</a> (Jun. 2021). |
| Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading    | 2021*     | 39.9%                    | 49.0%                    | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Test Results for California's Assessments</a> (Feb. 2022).   |
| Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standards in Math      | 2021*     | 21.8%                    | 33.8%                    | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Test Results for California's Assessments</a> (Feb. 2022).   |
| Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese                          | 2019      | 44.5%                    | 41.3%                    | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Physical Fitness Testing Research Files</a> (Jan. 2020).   |
| Children with Substantiated Cases of Abuse or Neglect                          | 2020      | 10.7<br>(Rate per 1,000) | 6.8<br>(Rate per 1,000)  | California Child Welfare Indicators Project, <a href="#">CCWIP Reports</a> . University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services (Oct. 2021).  |
| Children/Youth Ages 0-20 in Foster Care  | 2018      | 5.6<br>(Rate per 1,000)  | 5.3<br>(Rate per 1,000)  | Webster, D., et al. <a href="#">California Child Welfare Indicators Project Reports</a> . UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research (Jul. 2019).  |
| Students Suspended from School   | 2020      | 33.2<br>(Rate per 1,000) | 24.5<br>(Rate per 1,000) | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Suspension Data</a> (May 2021).  |
| Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year      | 2017-2019 | 32.1%                    | 36.0%                    | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) &amp; Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).  |
| Percentage of 9th Graders with Feelings of Depression                          | 2017-2019 | 33.5%                    | 32.6%                    | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).  |
| Percentage of 9th Graders with High Levels of School Connectedness             | 2017-2019 | 42.4%                    | 44.8%                    | WestEd, <a href="#">California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS</a> . California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).  |
| Percentage of Students in the Graduating Class Receiving a High School Diploma | 2021      | 83.6%                    | 83.6%                    | California Dept. of Education, <a href="#">Graduates by Race and Gender</a> (Jun. 2017) & <a href="#">Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data</a> (May 2022).  |

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

More data on Kern County: <https://alameda.kidsdata.org/region/362/kern-county/summary>