Children's Health Care in California

What It Is

Kidsdata.org’s health care measures include:

- Children ages 0-18 with and without health insurance, by type of coverage, age group, and race/ethnicity
- Children and young adults ages 0-21 with means-tested public health insurance; also, for California and the U.S. only, coverage by age group and race/ethnicity
- Total yearly enrollment in Medicaid (Medi-Cal) and CHIP among children ages 0-18 (California and U.S. only)
- Average monthly enrollment in Medi-Cal among children and young adults ages 0-20, by age group, and, for California only, by race/ethnicity and most common written languages
- Children ages 0-17 uninsured at any point in the previous 12 months
- Children ages 0-17 for whom needed health care was delayed or not received in the previous 12 months, and, for California only, by main reason for delaying or forgoing care
- Youth ages 12-17 by the length of time since their last routine health check-up
- The usual source of health care for children ages 0-17, by income level and race/ethnicity
- Children ages 0-17 who receive health care within a medical home
- The number of school-based or -linked health centers serving public schools
- The extent to which students are provided adequate health services at school, as reported by staff

Why This Topic Is Important

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, every child should receive high-quality health care that is accessible, family centered, culturally effective, coordinated, continuous, compassionate, and comprehensive. This care is best delivered through a medical home—a primary care model in which all of a child’s health needs are met through partnerships between the family, clinical professionals, and community resources. This model is associated with better health outcomes and lower costs, as children who receive care in the context of a medical home...
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