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Adolescents/Teenagers in California

Indicator	Year	Adolescents	All Children & Youth	Data Source
Child Population (Ages 11-13; All Children 0-17)	2025	1,486,419	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Child Population (Ages 14-17; All Children 0-17)	2025	2,043,997	8,386,716	California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Mar. 2025).
Youth in Foster Care (Ages 16-20; All Children 0-20)	2018	4.6 *(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).
Percentage of Children in Poverty - California Poverty Measure (Ages 6-17; All Children 0-17)	2023 Q1	13.9%	13.8%	Public Policy Institute of California & Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, California Poverty Measure (Aug. 2024).
Percentage of Children in Deep Poverty - California Poverty Measure (Ages 6-17; All Children 0-17)	2023 Q1	2.3%	2.2%	Public Policy Institute of California & Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, California Poverty Measure (Aug. 2024).
Number of Public School Students Who Are Homeless (Grades 9-12; All Children Pre-K - 12)	2021	70,813	229,288	California Dept. of Education, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office custom tabulation (Feb. 2023).
Percentage of Children with Health Insurance Coverage (Ages 6-18; All Children 0-18)	2021	96.2%	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 (Ages 6-17; All Children 0-20)	2022	43.0%	41.9%	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey public use microdata (Mar. 2024).
Percentage of Students Graduating from High School	2021	83.6%	N/A	California Dept. of Education, Graduates by Race and Gender (Jun. 2017) & Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data (May 2022).
Percentage of Teens Not in School and Not Working (Ages 16-19)	2024	6.6%	N/A	Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey summary files and public use microdata (Sept. 2026).

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Rate of Reported Chlamydia Infections (Ages 15-19; All Children 10-19)	2020	1,087.8 *(Rate per 100,000)*	572.6 *(Rate per 100,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch custom tabulation (Jan. 2023); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance (Apr. 2023); U.S. Census Bureau, National Population by Characteristics & National Intercensal Tables (Apr. 2023).
Teen Birth Rate (Ages 15-19)	2021	9.3 *(Rate per 1,000)*	N/A	California Dept. of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files (Mar. 2020); CDC WONDER, Natality; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jun. 2023).
Injury Hospitalization Rate (Ages 16-20; All Children 0-20)	2015	327.3 *(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).
Firearm Injury Hospitalization Rate (Ages 15-19; All Children 0-24)	2021	20.2 *(Rate per 100,000)*	10.1 *(Rate per 100,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, EpiCenter; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jul. 2023).
Hospitalization Rate for Mental Health Issues (Ages 15-19; All Children 5-19)	2020	9.1 *(Rate per 1,000)*	4.8 *(Rate per 1,000)*	California Dept. of Health Care Access and Information custom tabulation (Feb. 2022); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jul. 2021).
Number of Self-Inflicted Injury Hospitalizations (Ages 16-20; All Children 5-20)	2015	1,949	3,136	California Dept. of Public Health, EpiCenter (Feb. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Jan. 2020); CDC, WISQARS (May 2020).
Number of Youth Suicides (Ages 15-19; All Children 5-24)	2020	174	527	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files; CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (Apr. 2022).
Death Rate (Ages 15-19; All Children 1-24)	2015-2017	36.0 *(Rate per 100,000)*	29.8 *(Rate per 100,000)*	California Dept. of Public Health, Death Statistical Master Files (Apr. 2020); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (Apr. 2020); CDC WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death (May 2020).

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