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Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

Indicator	Year	CSHCN in California	CSHCN in the U.S.	Data Source
Percentage of Children Ages 0-17 with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)	2024	17.8%	22.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Four or More Chronic Conditions	2024	30.3%	30.2%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with More Complex Needs Not Managed Primarily with Prescription Medication	2024	78.0%	74.9%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Public Health Insurance Coverage Only	2024	29.8%	33.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Private Health Insurance Coverage Only	2024	57.7%	52.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Adequate Health Insurance Coverage	2024	61.6%	58.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Uninterrupted Health Insurance Coverage in the Previous Year	2024	94.0%	92.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with No Health Insurance Coverage	2024	3.8%	5.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Household Income Below the Federal Poverty Threshold	2024	11.7%	14.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with 4 or More Adverse Childhood Experiences	2022	14.2%	15.0%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Dec. 2023).
CSHCN Who Are Usually or Always Calm and in Control When Facing a Challenge	2024	47.8%	47.0%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Ages 10-17 Who Are Overweight or Obese	2024	29.3%	34.0%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Ages 3-17 with Emotional or Behavioral Conditions	2024	55.3%	59.4%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).

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CSHCN Ages 3-17 with Emotional or Behavioral Conditions Who Received Mental Health Services in the Previous Year	2024	60.1%[!]	64.5%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Ages 1-17 Who Receive Early Intervention or Special Education Services	2024	33.5%	31.9%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with a Preventive Medical Visit in the Previous Year	2024	85.5%	88.9%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Ages 1-17 with a Dental Care Visit in the Previous Year	2024	90.1%	88.5%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with a Usual Source of Sick Care	2022	79.7%	81.6%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Dec. 2023).
CSHCN with Difficulties Getting Needed Referrals in the Previous Year	2024	44.4%[!]	31.5%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Who Received Needed Specialist Care in the Previous Year	2024	88.4%	89.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Unmet Health Care Needs in the Previous Year	2024	9.2%	8.5%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Who Receive Health Care in a Well-Functioning System of Services	2024	11.4%	14.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Whose Families Felt Like Partners in Shared Decision-Making with Providers in the Previous Year	2024	79.1%	84.7%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Who Receive Care Within a Medical Home	2022	31.2%	38.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Jun. 2024).
CSHCN Who Received Family-Centered Care in the Previous Year	2024	75.4%	82.5%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Who Received Needed Care Coordination in the Previous Year	2024	42.4%	54.4%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with Conditions that Consistently Affected Their Daily Activities in the Previous Year	2024	20.6%	15.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).

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CSHCN Ages 6-17 Who Missed 11 or More School Days in the Previous Year Due to Illness or Injury	2024	11.9%	13.3%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Ages 6-17 Who Have Repeated a Grade in School	2024	5.0%	9.2%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with 1 or More Overnight Hospital Stays in the Previous Year	2024	6.8%	7.8%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with 2 or More Emergency Room Visits in the Previous Year	2024	9.7%	9.3%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN with $1,000 or More in Out-of-Pocket Health Expenses in the Previous Year	2024	25.5%	25.9%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Whose Families Provide 11 or More Hours of Health Care at Home Each Week	2024	22.5%[!]	17.2%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Whose Family Members Avoided Changing Jobs in Previous Year, in Order to Maintain Health Insurance	2024	14.9%	15.0%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Whose Family Members Cut Back or Stopped Working in the Previous Year Because of the Child's Health	2024	22.5%	19.7%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).
CSHCN Whose Parents Felt Aggravation from Parenting in the Previous Month	2024	20.5%	16.1%	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health (Nov. 2025).

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

More data on Children with Special Health Care Needs: https://www.kidsdata.org/demographic/5/children-with-special-health-care-needs/summary