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<tr>
<td>Public School Enrollment</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>1,478</td>
<td>59,531</td>
<td>6,163,001</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, DataQuest; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (May 2020).</td>
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<td>Number of Students Suspended from School</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>2,961</td>
<td>219,446</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, Suspension Data (Dec. 2019).</td>
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<td>Number of Students Expelled from School</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>5,191</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, Expulsion Data (Jan. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Kindergarteners with All Required Immunizations</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>97.5%</td>
<td>94.8%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, Kindergarten Data and Reports (Jun. 2019).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Who Are Homeless</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office custom tabulation &amp; California Basic Educational Data System (Oct. 2019).</td>
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<td>Number of Foster Youth in Public Schools</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>427</td>
<td>33,514</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Sept. 2019).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education Services</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>12.3%</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, DataQuest &amp; Special Education Division custom tabulation; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (Jun. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of High-Needs Students (Unduplicated Pupil Count)</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>83.3%</td>
<td>79.9%</td>
<td>62.7%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), Unduplicated Pupil Count (UPC) Source Files (Sept. 2019).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>83.6%</td>
<td>77.3%</td>
<td>59.2%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, Student Poverty FRPM Data; National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics (Jul. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of English Learners in Public Schools</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>21.5%</td>
<td>23.6%</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [English Learners by Grade and Language](Jul. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Reading</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [Test Results for California’s Assessments](Jan. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in Math</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [Test Results for California’s Assessments](Jan. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of 5th Graders Meeting All Fitness Standards</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>15.8%</td>
<td>23.1%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [Physical Fitness Testing Research Files](Jan. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of 5th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>49.1%</td>
<td>41.3%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [Physical Fitness Testing Research Files](Jan. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of 7th Graders Who Were Bullied at School in the Previous Year</td>
<td>2017-2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>30.5%</td>
<td>36.0%</td>
<td>WestEd, [California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) &amp; Biennial State CHKS](Aug. 2020). California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of 9th Graders with Feelings of Depression</td>
<td>2017-2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>32.5%</td>
<td>32.6%</td>
<td>WestEd, [California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS](Aug. 2020). California Dept. of Education (Aug. 2020).</td>
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<td>Percentage of 9th Graders with High Levels of School Connectedness</td>
<td>2015-2017</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>49.4%</td>
<td>45.5%</td>
<td>WestEd, [California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS](Mar. 2019). California Dept. of Education</td>
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<td>Percentage of Students Completing College Preparatory Courses</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>35.1%</td>
<td>50.5%</td>
<td>California Dept. of Education, [Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data](Jun. 2020).</td>
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Definitions for LNE, N/A, N/R, or S can be found in the footnote section of the indicator page.