

CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN

California's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	37,691,912	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	16.6%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	9,267,436	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	21.7%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	16.6%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	24.7%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, California had 351,486 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 238,139 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 80,100 children were victims of abuse or neglect in California, a rate of 8.6 per 1,000 children, representing a 3.5% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 84.3% were neglected, 10.7% were physically abused, and 6.1% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 9.3% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 123 children in California died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 54,646 children in California lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 57,708 children in 2009. In 2010, 17,825 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 10,077 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 26.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of California children in out-of-home care in 2011, 21.4% were white, 20.8% black, 48.3% Hispanic, 0.8% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 1.8% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4.9% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 31,818 children exiting out-of-home care in California in 2011, 58.7% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 5,351 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in California, a 17.2% decrease from 6,459 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 54,646 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 13,621 or 24.9% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 316,374 California grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 54,646 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 15,512 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all California children in kinship care in 2010, 5.4% were white, 6.1% black, 14.8% Hispanic, 0.3% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.6% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 6.1% of more than one race or ethnicity.²⁰

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in California increased from 1,415,960 in 2010 to 1,474,923 in 2011, an increase of 4.2%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 602,027, a 4.5% increase from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 California families living in poverty, only 66 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$6,674,677,301 was spent in California on TANF assistance, including 56% on basic assistance, 2% on child



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care, 2% on transportation, and 37% on nonassistance.²³

- In 2011, 920,629,963 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in California, serving 1,466,564 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, California distributed \$2,161,572,162 in child support funds, a 0.5% increase from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in California, 1,579,340 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 36% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, California had a monthly average of 110,600 children served by subsidized child care; 112,300 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 105,400 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in California, a family of three could make no more than \$42,216, which is equivalent to 64% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, California had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 105,834 California children, a 8.1% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 3,562,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in California—48% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, California had 1,763,831 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 1.9% increase from 2010, when 1,731,605 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, California had 1,008,000 uninsured children, representing 11% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 34,641 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in California.³⁴
- In 2010, 2,432 infants under age 1 died in California.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in California was 16 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 53. This reflects a total rate of 32 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 167,986 adults and adolescents, as well as 705 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in California.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 258,000 children ages 12–17 and 2,716,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in California.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 3,718 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in California.³⁹
- In 2011, 193,000 California teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 700,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 151,000 children ages 12–17 in California needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 160,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 180 California children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.72 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 365 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in California, a 9% decrease from 399 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 144,768 children younger than 18 were arrested in California, a 18.0% decrease from 177,206 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 10,972 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 11,532 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in California.⁴⁷

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁴⁹
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵⁰
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵¹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 54,646 children in out-of-home care in California in 2011, only 32,099, or 58%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, California spent \$4,462,895,277 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$2,115,714,659 was from federal funds, \$1,504,127,722 from state funds, and \$843,052,896 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$2,115,714,659 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$1,597,436,989 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$68,339,719 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$114,314,745 was from Medicaid, \$120,706,733 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$211,794,571 was from TANF, and \$3,121,902 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- California received \$1,171,306,531 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$184,432,929 for maintenance payments, \$384,602,217 for administration and child placement, \$20,210,596 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$85,719,077 for training.⁵⁵
- California received \$428,672,253 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$360,020,157 for assistance payments, \$67,544,932 for administration and child placement, and \$1,068,737 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶

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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional partner training funds.