

State Population (2001)¹

34,501,130*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

9,249,829*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

9.4%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

15.8%

State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)⁵

15.4%

*Estimated

C H I L D A B U S E A N D N E G L E C T

- In 2000, 243,312 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in California, a rate of 26.3 per 1,000 children—a 42% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 129,678 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in California, a rate of 14.0 per 1,000 children—a 1% decrease from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 7.9 were neglected, 2.3 were physically abused, and 1.2 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 30 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 112,807 children in California lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 117,937 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 26.3% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 18.9% were 16 or older.⁹

C H I L D P O V E R T Y A N D I N C O M E S U P P O R T

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in California declined from 1,179,133 in December 2001 to 1,154,720 in June 2002, a decrease of 2.1%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 462,179, a .80% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in California was 21% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, California spent \$6,228,123,234 in TANF funds, including 64.6% on cash assistance, 3.7% on child care, 3.3% on transportation and support activities, and 28.5% on a range of other services.¹²
- In 2000, 200,420 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in California was \$1,024 per month, or 102.4% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the state minimum wage.¹⁴

C H I L D C A R E , H E A L T H , A N D F A M I L Y S U P P O R T

- In 1999, 226,750 California children were in subsidized child care—13% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 97,667 California children were served by Head Start, a 2.4% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 81.2% of high school seniors graduated in California, compared with 80.1% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 3,438,056 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—55.5% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, California had 693,048 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 31.1% increase from 2000, when 477,615 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 46 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 123,200 adults and adolescents, as well as 619 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in California.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 563,676 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in California.²²

P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N

- Of the 50,112 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 61.7% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 112,807 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 37.6% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 8,221 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in California, a .24% increase from 2000.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 275,452 California grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.²⁶

For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.

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