

A Child Is a Child: Asian American Children’s Health

2026 Snapshot: Data Sources

POPULATION

Indicator	Data Year(s)	Data Source	Interpretation Notes	Link
Number and percentage of children ages 0-17, by race and ethnicity.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	In the American Community Survey, race is a distinct concept from ethnicity (or Hispanic origin). Data provided for the following categories reflect non-Hispanic children: Asian American (AA) alone; AA and American Indian/Alaska Native; AA and Black; AA and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; AA and white; AA and another race; AA and at least two other races. Data for 'AA and Latine' reflect children with Hispanic ethnicity and Asian American race -- alone or in combination with other races.	[link]
Number of children ages 0-17, by ancestry.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Data are provided for children with Asian American race, alone or in combination with other races and/or Hispanic ethnicity. In the American Community Survey, up to two ancestries can be reported. Data reflect all reported ancestries -- e.g., a child with Chinese and Filipino ancestry is counted in both the Chinese and Filipino ancestry categories. Ancestry refers to a person's ethnic origin or descent, "roots," or heritage, or the place of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 living in immigrant families.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Data provided reflect children living with at least one parent who was born outside the United States.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 5-17 who are bilingual.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Data provided reflect children who speak English very well and speak a language other than English at home.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 who are U.S. citizens.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Data provided reflect children who are citizens of the United States by birth (being born in the U.S. or its territories, or born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent) or by naturalization.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 who were born in the U.S.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.		[link]

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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Number and percentage of children ages 0-17 living below the federal poverty threshold, among those whose poverty status is determined.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	A family's poverty threshold is determined by its size and composition. In 2024, the federal poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was \$31,812. Poverty status is not determined for children in some living situations, such as foster children under age 15 and children in institutional group quarters.	[link]
Percentage of adults ages 18 and older who could not afford enough food for their family in the previous year, among those living below 200% of their federal poverty threshold and in families with children.	2020-2024	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey: <i>Food security (ability to afford enough food)</i> .		[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 living in households burdened by housing costs.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Data presented reflect children in households that spend at least 30% of household income on rent or mortgage payments, taxes, insurance, utilities, and other related housing costs.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 living in households that do not own their home.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.		[link]

MENTAL HEALTH

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Percentage of adolescents ages 12-17 who in the previous year needed help for emotional or mental health problems.	2023-2024	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey: <i>Teen needed help for emotional/mental health problems</i> .	Data presented reflect adolescents who thought they needed help for emotional or mental health problems, such as feeling sad, anxious or nervous.	[link]
Percentage of adolescents ages 12-17 who in the previous year delayed or did not receive needed emotional or mental health care.	2023-2024	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey: <i>Delayed or did not get needed mental health care in past 12 months</i> .	Data presented reflect adolescents who delayed or did not get mental health care they thought they needed, such as seeing a therapist, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health professional.	[link]
Percentage of 7th and 11th grade students who in the previous year experienced chronic sadness or hopelessness.	2023-2025	California Department of Education, California Healthy Kids Survey: <i>Chronic sadness/hopelessness</i> .	Estimates are for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Data presented reflect students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities.	[link]
Percentage of 7th and 11th grade students who in the previous year seriously considered attempting suicide.	2023-2025	California Department of Education, California Healthy Kids Survey: <i>Considered suicide</i> .	Estimates are for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.	[link]

HEALTH NEEDS, COVERAGE & ACCESS

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Number and percentage of children ages 0-17 with health insurance coverage.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.		[link]
Number and percentage of children and youth ages 0-20 enrolled in Medi-Cal.	2024	Population Reference Bureau, KidsData.org: <i>Medi-Cal Average Monthly Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity</i> .	Data presented reflect average monthly enrollments.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 with special health care needs.	2022-2023	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health: <i>Does this child meet the expanded criteria for special health care needs (CSHCN)?</i>	Data presented reflect children who (a) have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally, as identified by the validated CSHCN Screener, or (b) have at least one health condition and at least one functional difficulty, among the health conditions and functional difficulties asked about in the survey.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 who do not have a usual source of health care.	2020-2024	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey: <i>Have usual place to go to when sick or need health advice</i> .		[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 who did not have a preventive care visit in the previous year.	2022-2023	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health: <i>During the past 12 months, how many times did this child visit a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional to receive a preventive check-up?</i>	Data presented reflect children receiving well-child visits, annual physicals, or other preventive health check-ups while not sick or injured.	[link]
Percentage of children in Medi-Cal turning 15 months old who received at least six well-child visits with a primary care provider.	2023	California Department of Health Care Services, <i>2024 Preventive Services Report</i> (July 2025).		[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 who do not receive care within a medical home.	2022-2023	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Survey of Children's Health: <i>Did this child receive coordinated, ongoing, comprehensive care within a medical home?</i>	A medical home is a model of delivering primary care that is accessible, family centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective. Data presented reflect children meeting criteria for adequate care on three required components: (i) personal doctor or nurse, (ii) usual source for sick care, and (iii) family-centered care. Children needing (iv) referrals to specialty care and/or (v) care coordination also must meet criteria for adequate care on those components.	[link]

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

Indicator	Data Year(s)	Data Source	Interpretation Notes	Link
Rate of children ages 0-17 entering foster care, per 1,000 children.	2025	University of California at Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project: <i>Children with Entries to Foster Care, Child Population (0-17), and Incidence Rates</i> .	Data presented are based on the number of children entering foster care (not the number of entries into care). Children under the supervision of county probation departments, out-of-state agencies, state adoptions district offices, and Indian child welfare departments are excluded.	[link]
Percentage of children ages 0-17 with access to a broadband-connected device in their household.	2020-2024	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey public use microdata.	Estimates presented reflect children living in households with a desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, or other computer connected to high-speed internet service. Data are for paid broadband subscriptions only.	[link]
Number and percentage of adults ages 18 and older who avoided applying for government benefits in the previous year due to fears related to immigration or public charge, among those born outside the U.S. and in families with children.	2020-2024	UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey: <i>Avoided government benefits in past 12 months due to concern over self or family member disqualification from green card</i> .	Data presented reflect adults who decided not to apply for one or more non-cash government benefits, such as Medi-Cal, food stamps, or housing subsidies, because they worried it would disqualify them or a family member, from obtaining a green card or becoming a U.S. citizen.	[link]

PERINATAL HEALTH

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Percentage of birthing people experiencing food insecurity during pregnancy.	2020-2022	California Department of Public Health & University of California at San Francisco, Maternal and Infant Health Assessment: <i>Food insecurity during pregnancy</i> .	Data presented reflect birthing people ages 15 and older with a live birth in 2020-2022 who sometimes or often during pregnancy (i) worried whether food would run out before they got money to buy more, or (ii) the food bought didn't last and they didn't have money to get more.	[link]
Percentage of infants delivered preterm, by birthing person's race.	2024	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC WONDER Online Database: <i>Nativity, 2016-2024 expanded</i> .	Data presented reflect infants born prior to 37 weeks of gestation, based on obstetric estimate of gestational age.	[link]
Percentage of infants born at low birthweight, by birthing person's race.	2024	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC WONDER Online Database: <i>Nativity, 2016-2024 expanded</i> .	Data presented reflect infants born weighing less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs, 8 oz).	[link]
Rate of infant mortality per 1,000 live births, by birthing person's race.	2019-2023	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC WONDER Online Database: <i>Linked Birth / Infant Death Records, 2017-2023 expanded</i> .	Data presented reflect deaths among children under age 1.	[link]

Rate of pregnancy-related death per 100,000 live births.	2020-2024	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC WONDER Online Database: <i>Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2024, Single Race; Natality, 2016-2024 expanded.</i>	Data presented reflect causes of death related to or aggravated by pregnancy, childbirth, or the puerperium (ICD-10 codes O00-O99).	[link] [link]
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SCHOOL SUCCESS & SAFETY

Indicator	Data Year(s)	Data Source	Interpretation Notes	Link
Number and percentage of public school students, by race.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade.</i>	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect public school students enrolled in grades TK-12 on Census Day (the first Wednesday in October). Data for AA students combine Asian and Filipino groups.	[link]
Percentage of students who are English learners.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade.</i>	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect English learners enrolled in grades TK-12 on Census Day (the first Wednesday in October). English learners are students who speak a language other than English at home and lack English language speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills necessary to succeed in regular instructional programs.	[link]
Primary languages spoken by English learners.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>English Learner Students by Language by Grade.</i>	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect English learners enrolled in grades TK-12 on Census Day (the first Wednesday in October). English learners are students who speak a language other than English at home and lack English language speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills necessary to succeed in regular instructional programs.	[link]
Percentage of students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade.</i>	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect public school students enrolled in grades TK-12 on Census Day (the first Wednesday in October). Data for AA students combine Asian and Filipino groups. Students are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged if they are eligible for free or reduced price school meals, or if neither parent graduated from high school.	[link]
Number of students recorded as experiencing homelessness at some point during the school year.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Homeless Student Enrollment by Dwelling Type.</i>	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect homeless public school students in grades K-12, based on cumulative enrollments within the academic year (July 1 to June 30). Data for AA students combine Asian and Filipino groups.	[link]

Percentage of 7th grade students who experienced bullying or harassment at school in the previous year.	2023-2025	California Department of Education, California Healthy Kids Survey: <i>Any harassment on school property</i> .	Estimates are for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Data presented reflect students who were harassed or bullied by other students at least once, on school property or remotely.	[link]
Percentage of students chronically absent from school.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Chronic Absenteeism Rate</i> .	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented reflect chronically absent public school students in grades K-12, based on cumulative enrollments within the academic year (July 1 to June 30). Students are considered chronically absent if they are absent for 10% or more of the instructional days they are expected to attend. Students who are expected to attend fewer than 31 days, or who are enrolled but do not attend, are excluded. Data for AA students combine Asian and Filipino groups.	[link]
Percentage of students suspended from school.	2025	California Department of Education, DataQuest: <i>2024-25 Suspension Rate</i> .	Data are for the 2024-25 school year. Data presented are based on the number of K-12 public school students suspended (not the number of suspensions), based on cumulative enrollments within the academic year (July 1 to June 30). Data for AA students combine Asian and Filipino groups.	[link]