

2008 Los Angeles County Children's ScoreCard

Data Definitions and Sources

The number for each item listed refers to the Los Angeles County Trends 2002–2006 page.

When sources are available on the Internet, the URL for each item is provided.

Youth Population: 2006 estimate of persons ages 0–17 by race and Service Planning Area. Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Service Integration Branch, Urban Research.

GOOD HEALTH

- 1 Total live births:** Number of live births by ZIP Code of mother's residence. California Department of Public Health, Health Statistics Center.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 2 Newborns with low birthweight (less than 5.5 pounds):** Newborns with a birthweight below 5.5 pounds. California Department of Public Health, Health Statistics Center.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 3 Newborns with very low birthweight (less than 3.3 pounds):** Newborns with a birthweight below 3.3 pounds. California Department of Public Health, Health Statistics Center.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 4 Births with prenatal care in the first trimester:** Live births where the mothers received prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy. California Department of Public Health, Health Statistics Center.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 5 Children ages 0–17 with health insurance:** Children ages 0–17 with private or publicly funded health care coverage. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website. http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 6 Young adults ages 18–24 with health insurance:** Young adults ages 18–24 with private or publicly funded health care coverage. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website. http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 7 Children adequately immunized at age 2:** Estimated percent of children who completed the 4:3:1 vaccination series: four doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccine, three doses of polio vaccine, and one dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Immunization Program, Kindergarten Retrospective Survey.
http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/dcp/ip/KRS_2005.pdf

- 8 Child obesity in 5th, 7th, 9th grades:** Children with Body Mass Index-for-age at or greater than the 95th percentile as measured in California Department of Education Physical Fitness Testing Program. Body Mass Index (BMI) categories were determined using CDC growth charts to obtain gender-specific BMI-for-age percentile rankings. Children with BMI-for-age between the 85th and 95th percentile were defined as "overweight," children with BMI-for-age at or greater than the 95th percentile were defined as being "obese," and children with BMI-for-age at or greater than 99th percentile were defined as being "severely obese." Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey.
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Childhood_Obesity_final.pdf
- 9 Children exposed to tobacco smoke at home:** Children ages 0–17 who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke at home. In 2007, new methods were utilized to determine children's exposure to smoke in the home, so 2007 data are not comparable to previously published estimates of smoke exposure. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website.
http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 10 Children with current asthma:** Children ages 10–17 with current asthma; including those ever diagnosed with asthma by a health care provider and those who report still having asthma and/or having had an asthma attack in the last 12 months. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website.
http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 11 Children with special health care needs:** Percent of children ages 0–17 with special health care needs (CSHCN) Screening Tool from FACCT-Foundation for Accountability. The CSHCN screener has three "definitional domains": (1) dependency on prescription medications; (2) service use above that considered usual or routine; and (3) functional limitations. The definitional domains are not mutually exclusive; a child meeting the CSHCN screener criteria for having a chronic condition may qualify for one or more definitional domains. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website. http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 12 Child deaths (ages 1–17):** Deaths of children ages 1–17; rate per 100,000 children including all causes of death. Note: child deaths under age 1 are reported as "infant deaths" and most of these are a result of anomalies at birth. California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/DeathStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 13 Teen birth rate (per 1,000 females ages 10–17):** Rate of births to mothers ages 10–17, per 1,000 females ages 10–17. California Department of Public Health, Health Statistics Center.
<http://lapublichealth.org/mch/rep/rep.htm#FHOP%20REPORTS:#>
- 14 Rate of repeat births to teens (per 1,000 females ages 15–19):** Rate of births to mothers ages 15–19 who already have had one or more births, per 1,000 females ages 15–19. Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program, Research, Evaluation and Planning Unit. <http://lapublichealth.org/mch/rep/rep.htm#FHOP%20REPORTS:#>

SAFETY AND SURVIVAL

- 15 DCFS child abuse and neglect referrals:** Reports to DCFS in which a referral was made to an Emergency Response worker as a result of allegations of child abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation; cannot be interpreted to mean the referrals were substantiated. Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.
- 16 DCFS substantiated child abuse and neglect referrals:** Reports to DCFS in which a referral was made to an Emergency Response worker and subsequently substantiated in regards to allegations of child abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.
- 17 Violent crime incidents (total, all ages):** Reported violent crimes (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault); rate per 100,000 persons. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 18 Misdemeanor arrests (ages 10–17):** Arrests of persons ages 10–17 for misdemeanor offenses; rate per 100,000 juveniles ages 10–17. Misdemeanors are crimes punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year and/or fine. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 19 Felony arrests (ages 10–17):** Number and rate of arrests of persons ages 10–17 for felony offenses; rate per 100,000 juveniles ages 10–17; trend rates are based on population estimates from the state, while SPA and racial/ethnic rates are based on local population estimates. Felonies are the most serious offenses, punishable by imprisonment in a state prison, and generally include violent crimes, sex offenses, and various drug and property crimes. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 20 Violent offenses:** Arrests for offenses for crimes committed against people. This category includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 21 Property offenses:** Arrests for crimes against property. This category includes burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; forgery, check, and access card offenses; and arson. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 22 Drug offenses:** Arrests for possession of a state-controlled substance or immediate precursor. These would include heroin, marijuana, amphetamines, barbiturates, and psychedelics. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm#>
- 23 Domestic violence–related calls to police for assistance:** Calls to police or sheriffs for aid concerning domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence is defined by law as the willful infliction of corporal injury upon a spouse or cohabitant. California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center. <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/datatabs.htm>
- 24 Youth hospitalizations from preventable injuries:** Hospitalizations of children ages 0–17 caused by unintentional injuries. California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch. <http://www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/epicdata/default.htm#>
- 25 Homicide victims ages 0–17:** Deaths of children ages 0–17 resulting from assaultive injuries. California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch. <http://www.applications.dhs.ca.gov/epicdata/default.htm#>

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- 26 Children below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL):** Children in families with income less than 100% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL). U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table C17024. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 27 Percent of children below 100% FPL:** Percent of children in families with income less than 100% of FPL. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table C17024. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 28 Low-income children (family income <200% FPL):** Children in families with income less than 200% of FPL, including those with income less than 100% of FPL. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table C17024. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 29 Percent of low-income children (family income <200% FPL):** Percent of children in families with income less than 200% of FPL, including those with income less than 100% of FPL. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table C17024. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 30 Families below poverty level with one or both spouses employed:** Families with income below 100% of federal poverty level with householder, spouse, or both employed full-time or part-time, full-year or part of year. For the three years shown, 73% to 91% of these families had children ages 0–17. Data on the work of poverty-level spouses was not available for families with children.) U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B17016. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 31 Children supported by CalWORKs:** Number of children ages 0–17 enrolled in CalWORKs as of December 31. Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/ISS/ISS_Section.cfm#
- 32 Students enrolled in subsidized school lunch program:** Percent of students enrolled in the Federal free or reduced price meal program, grades K–12. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 33 Value of Earned Income Tax Credits claimed:** Dollar value of Earned Income Tax Credits claimed on Federal tax returns and paid to county residents. U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication.
- 34 Median income of families with children:** Median income (midpoint of income distribution) of families with children ages 0–17. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B19125. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTSUBJECTSHOWTABLES?_ts=244726492640
- 35 Percent of young adults in school or employed (ages 18–24):** Percent of young adults ages 18–24 who are in school or employed. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website. http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf

- 36 Homeless children ages 0–17 in families:** Children ages 0–17 living in families without a permanent home and sleeping in cars, tents, or other places not intended for human habitation; also those in emergency shelters, transitional shelters, or using vouchers provided to stay in a motel or hotel. Includes 2007 Homeless Count data from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, City of Long Beach, Glendale Homeless Coalition, Pasadena Community Development Commission.
<http://www.lahsa.org/2007homelesscountreport.asp>
http://www.iurd.org/images/iurd_homepage_doc/Pasadena_2007_Preliminary_Report_-_Final.pdf
http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/council_packets/Reports_100907/HA_6a_100907.pdf
<http://www.longbeach.gov/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=14778>
- 37 Homeless unaccompanied youth under age 18 (LAHSA area only):** Unaccompanied youth under age 18 living on the street, or in a vehicle, encampment, abandoned building, garage, or any other place not normally used or meant for human habitation, or in temporary or transitional shelters or motels that accept homeless vouchers. It should be noted that rehabilitation facilities, jails, and hospitals were not included in the reporting count to HUD because of current HUD guidelines for shelter reporting. The LAHSA area includes all of Los Angeles County *except* the cities of Pasadena, Glendale, and Long Beach, which did not do a separate count of homeless youth. 2007 Homeless Count, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.
<http://www.lahsa.org/2007homelesscountreport.asp>

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

- 38 Parents of children 0–5 with difficulty finding child care:** Parents with children 0–5 years old who report difficulty finding child care on a regular basis (excludes 12.7% of parents who reported that they do not need child care). Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website. http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 39 Library children's storytime attendance:** Count of children, primarily ages 3–5, who participated in children's storytime at public libraries. A child may be counted more than once. (Not all libraries reported storytime attendance.) County of Los Angeles Public Library; Los Angeles Public Library; Metropolitan Cooperative Library System.
- 40 Children who watch television 3 or more hours per day:** Children ages 6 months to 17 years who watch television three hours or more in a typical day. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit, Los Angeles County Health Survey. 2007 Health Survey data not yet published. For prior years, many topics are covered in the "Key Indicators of Health" report available on the department's website.
http://lapublichealth.org/wwwfiles/ph/hae/ha/Key05Report_FINAL.pdf
- 41 DCFS children in out-of-home care (foster and kin):** DCFS-supervised children in out-of-home foster or relative care as of December 31. Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.
- 42 DCFS children placed in adoptive homes during the calendar year:** Children in DCFS caseload placed in adoptive homes. Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.
- 43 Probation youth in out-of-home placement:** Youth under Probation supervision placed in group, family, or relative homes or psychiatric hospitals as of December 31. Los Angeles County Probation Department.
- 44 Probation youth living at home:** Youth at home on Probation supervision as of December 31. Los Angeles County Probation Department.

- 45 Probation youth detained in probation camps:** Youth detained in one of the 18 Probation Department camps as of December 31. Los Angeles County Probation Department.
- 46 Probation youth detained in juvenile halls:** Youth detained in one of the three county juvenile halls as of December 31. Los Angeles County Probation Department.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE READINESS

- 47 Births to mothers with 12+ years of education:** Births to mothers with 12 or more years of education. California Department of Public Health, Birth Records.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 48 Births to fathers with 12+ years of education:** Births to fathers with 12 or more years of education. California Department of Public Health, Birth Records.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/DATA/STATISTICS/Pages/CountyBirthStatisticalDataTables.aspx>
- 49 Public school enrollment:** Students enrolled in public schools, grades K–12. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 50 Private school enrollment:** Number of students enrolled in private schools, grades K–12. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 51 Students in special education:** Public school students with an Individualized Education Plan. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 52 Public school teachers who are fully credentialed:** Public school teachers who are fully credentialed. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.
<http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 53 Students who are English language learners:** Public school students enrolled in the Limited English Proficiency program, grades K–12. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/B82>
- 54 Children in households where no adult speaks English:** Children ages 0–17 in linguistically isolated households. A linguistically isolated household is one in which no member 14 years old or over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well"—in other words, where all household members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table C16003.
http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DSubjectShowTablesServlet?_ts=244726492640
- 55 English learners reclassified (passed English proficiency test):** English learners who have been reclassified as fluent English proficient based on the CELDT English language proficiency test. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 56 Students proficient or advanced in reading - 3rd grade:** Third-graders in public schools who scored at the proficient or advanced level on the English/Language Arts section of the California Standards Test (CST). California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.
<http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 57 Students proficient or advanced in math - 3rd grade:** Third-graders in public schools who scored at the proficient or advanced level on the Mathematics section of the California Standards Test (CST). California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.
<http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>

- 58 High school graduation rate (9th grade class graduating 4 years later):** Public high school students who graduate with their class (formula = total graduates / total graduates + dropouts over a four-year period). This calculation is used by the National Center for Educational Statistics as a proxy for the graduation rate. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 59 Graduates with A-G courses for university admission:** Public high school graduates who have taken and passed the academic courses required for UC/CSU admission. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 60 Students passing CAHSEE Exam - English (all grades):** Students in all grades who passed the English/Language Arts section of the California High School Exit Examination. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
- 61 Students passing CAHSEE Exam - Math (all grades):** Students in all grades who passed the Mathematics section of the California High School Exit Examination. California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit. <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>