

FIRST 5 CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S POLICY

| County | Medi-Cal County-Level Developmental Screening Rates in Quintiles Quintile 1 (lowest rates)-Quintile 5 (highest rates) (2020) [†] | Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) Operating in the County | Reporting Region Are Medi-Cal managed care plan data reported at the county level or at a regional level? See below for regions. | MCP Developmental Screening Rate (2016-17) [†] | MCP Developmental Screening Rate (2019) | MCP Developmental Screening Rate (2020) | Regional Center Serving the County | % of the 0 to 3-year-old population in the regional center catchment area served by Early Start Rate in each row reflects multiple counties except LA (2018-19) | % of the 0 to 3-year-old population in the regional center catchment area served by Early Start Rate in each row reflects multiple counties except LA (2020-21) | Does the county have HMG? |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| STATE AVERAGES | | | | | 25.42% | 23.11% | | 5.41% | 5.38% | |
| Alameda | 5 | Alameda Alliance for Health Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan | Alameda | 18% 30% | 32.67% 22.24% | 37.38% 28.02% | Regional Center of the East Bay | 3.85% | 3.99% | Yes |
| Alpine | N/A | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | No |
| Amador | 5 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Valley Mountain Regional Center | 7.26% | 6.74% | No |
| Butte | 5 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | Yes |
| Calaveras | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Valley Mountain Regional Center | 7.26% | 6.74% | No |
| Colusa | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | No |
| Contra Costa | 4 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan Contra Costa Health Plan | Contra Costa | 18% 16% | 33.79% 24.38% | 36.65% 21.68% | Regional Center of the East Bay | 3.85% | 3.99% | Yes |
| Del Norte | 2 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 5 | 2.77% | 5.76% | Redwood Coast Regional Center | 5.20% | 5.52% | No |
| El Dorado | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | Yes |
| Fresno | 3 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan CalViva Health | Fresno | 8% 65% | 32.42% 34.22% | 27.38% 20% | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | Yes |
| Glenn | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | No |
| Humboldt | 1 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 5 | 2.77% | 5.76% | Redwood Coast Regional Center | 5.20% | 5.52% | No |
| Imperial | 4 | Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. California Health & Wellness | Imperial | 5 5 | 35.82% 25.02% | 41.89% 30.47% | San Diego Regional Center | 4.91% | 5.02% | No |
| Inyo | 5 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Kern Regional Center | 2.84% | 4.22% | No |
| Kern | 2 | Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. Kern Family Health Care | Kern | 68% 33% | 55.09% 5.86% | 12.34% 10.23% | Kern Regional Center | 2.84% | 4.22% | Yes |
| Kings | 1 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan CalViva Health | Kings | 53% 54% | 4.97% 25.12% | 5 5 | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | No |
| Lake | 1 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 7% | 34.80% | 34.28% | Redwood Coast Regional Center | 5.20% | 5.52% | No |
| Lassen | N/A | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 1% | 1.99% | 5.43% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | No |
| Los Angeles | 3 | Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. L.A. Care Health Plan | Los Angeles | 68% 18% | 45.01% 15.14% | 18.71% 17.65% | Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, Harbor Regional Center, North Los Angeles County Regional Center, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, Westside Regional Center | 7.10% | 7.11% | Yes |
| Madera | 3 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan CalViva Health | Madera | 31% 69% | 49.30% 52.51% | 36.85% 13.96% | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | Yes |
| Marin | 5 | Partnership Health Plan of California Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan | Southwest | 7% 20% | 34.80% 35.17% | 34.28% 29.07% | Golden Gate Regional Center | 2.93% | 2.94% | Yes |
| Mariposa | 2 | Partnership Health Plan of California California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 4% 4% | 17.96% 17.96% | 13.59% 13.59% | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | No |
| Mendocino | 3 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 7% | 34.80% | 34.28% | Redwood Coast Regional Center | 5.20% | 5.52% | No |
| Merced | 2 | Central California Alliance for Health | Merced | 35% | 10.38% | 15.66% | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | Yes |
| Modoc | N/A | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 1% | 1.99% | 5.43% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | No |
| Mono | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Kern Regional Center | 2.84% | 4.22% | No |
| Monterey | 3 | Central California Alliance for Health | Monterey/Santa Cruz | 56% | 17.00% | 24.39% | San Andreas Regional Center | 4.34% | 3.98% | Yes |
| Napa | 3 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 9% | 32.79% | 31.39% | North Bay Regional Center | 6.20% | 6.41% | No |
| Nevada | 2 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | No |
| Orange | 4 | CalOptima | Orange | 83% | 16.35% | 24.84% | Regional Center of Orange County | 5.03% | 4.44% | Yes |
| Placer | 4 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | No |
| Plumas | N/A | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | No |
| Riverside | 3 | Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. Inland Empire Health Plan | Riverside/San Bernardino | 26% 40% | 18.83% 12.92% | 27.37% 21.72% | Inland Regional Center | 4.46% | 4.89% | Yes |
| Sacramento | 4 | Aetna Better Health of California Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. Kaiser Permanente Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. | Sacramento | -- 40% 59% 1% 34% | 28.57% 55.13% 54.50% 79.17% 32.01% | 34.78% 39.88% 36.61% 11.97% 36.27% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | Yes |
| San Benito | 5 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan | San Benito | 20% | 47.08% | 45.84% | San Andreas Regional Center | 4.34% | 3.98% | Yes |
| San Bernardino | 3 | Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. Inland Empire Health Plan | Riverside/San Bernardino | 40% 26% | 18.83% 12.92% | 27.37% 21.72% | Inland Regional Center | 4.46% | 4.89% | Yes |
| San Diego | 5 | Aetna Better Health of California Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan Community Health Group Partnership Plan Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. Kaiser Permanente Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan | San Diego | -- 59% 26% 80% 16% 41% -- | 34.94% 37.42% 41.56% 58.60% 78.72% 44.86% 23.50% | 33.33% 37.10% 43.37% 48.72% 5 49.28% 25.60% | San Diego Regional Center | 4.91% | 5.02% | Yes |
| San Francisco | 3 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan San Francisco Health Plan | San Francisco | 25% 14% | 33.25% 22.00% | 26.25% 18.97% | Golden Gate Regional Center | 2.93% | 2.94% | Yes |
| San Joaquin | 4 | Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. Health Plan of San Joaquin | San Joaquin | 14% 39% | 12.76% 17.43% | 23.16% 25.66% | Valley Mountain Regional Center | 7.26% | | Yes |
| San Luis Obispo | 2 | CenCal Health | San Luis Obispo | 13% | 19.00% | 14.60% | Tri Counties Regional Center | 9.73% | 9.54% | Yes |
| San Mateo | 4 | Health Plan of San Mateo | San Mateo | 63% | 45.28% | 24.24% | Golden Gate Regional Center | 2.93% | 2.94% | Yes |
| Santa Barbara | 4 | CenCal Health | Santa Barbara | 19% | 20.24% | 33.36% | Tri Counties Regional Center | 9.73% | 9.54% | Yes |
| Santa Clara | 4 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan Santa Clara Family Health Plan | Santa Clara | 13% 28% | 35.74% 20.51% | 26.88% 22.85% | San Andreas Regional Center | 4.34% | 3.98% | Yes |
| Santa Cruz | 5 | Central California Alliance for Health | Monterey/Santa Cruz | 56% | 17.00% | 24.39% | San Andreas Regional Center | 4.34% | 3.98% | No |
| Shasta | 1 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 1% | 1.99% | 5.43% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | Yes |
| Sierra | N/A | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | No |
| Siskiyou | 2 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 1% | 1.99% | 5.43% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | Yes |
| Solano | 2 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 9% | 32.79% | 31.39% | North Bay Regional Center | 6.20% | 6.41% | Yes |
| Sonoma | 2 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 7% | 34.80% | 34.28% | North Bay Regional Center | 6.20% | 6.41% | Yes |
| Stanislaus | 3 | Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. Health Plan of San Joaquin | Stanislaus | 68% 37% | 35.09% 12.49% | 17.48% 25.25% | Valley Mountain Regional Center | 7.26% | | No |
| Sutter | 5 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | Yes |
| Tehama | 3 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 1 | 5% 1% | 42.28% 30.14% | 29.40% 31.75% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | Yes |
| Trinity | N/A | Partnership Health Plan of California | Northwest | 1% | 1.99% | 5.43% | Far Northern Regional Center | 5.68% | 5.75% | No |
| Tulare | 1 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. | Tulare | 19% 54% | 17.81% 27.43% | 3.51% 4.46% | Central Valley Regional Center | 4.71% | 4.46% | No |
| Tuolumne | N/A | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Valley Mountain Regional Center | 7.26% | | Yes |
| Ventura | 5 | Gold Coast Health Plan | Ventura | 19% | 32.43% | 36.03% | Tri Counties Regional Center | 9.73% | 9.54% | Yes |
| Yolo | 4 | Partnership Health Plan of California | Southwest | 9% | 32.79% | 31.39% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | Yes |
| Yuba | 4 | Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan California Health & Wellness | Region 2 | 20% 4% | 35.17% 17.96% | 29.07% 13.59% | Alta California Regional Center | 4.16% | 3.80% | Yes |

[†] Quintile 1 (Below 6.56%), Quintile 2 (6.56% to 17.91%), Quintile 3 (17.92% to 23.63%), Quintile 4 (23.64% to 34.52%), Quintile 5 (34.53%+), N/A (rate had small denominator or small numerator)

⚠ DHCS allows some plans to combine data from multiple counties to form single reporting units. The reporting units made up of multiple counties are:

Partnership Health Plan and California Health & Wellness Region 1: Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, and Tehama counties

Partnership Health Plan and California Health & Wellness Region 2: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, and Yuba

Partnership Health Plan Southeast: Napa, Solano, and Yolo

Partnership Health Plan Southwest: Lake, Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma

Partnership Health Plan Northeast: Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity

Partnership Health Plan Northwest: Del Norte and Humboldt

Inland Empire Health Plan: Riverside and San Bernardino

Central California Alliance for Health: Monterey and Santa Cruz

[†]Data provided by the California Department of Health Care Services to Children Now through a public records act request.

S Data suppressed due to small sample size or large margin of error

-- No data available

APPENDIX

Medi-Cal County-Level Developmental Screening Rates in Quintiles (2020): The percent of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday in Medi-Cal managed care, in calendar year 2020. Reported by county and five screening rate range quintiles. An N/A rating indicates that either the numerator or denominator was too small for reporting. **Source:** California Department of Health Care Services [2021 Preventative Services Report](#), published June 2022, page 78.

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) Operating in the County: The California Department of Health Care Services contracts with one or more managed care plans in every county to provide Medi-Cal. The vast majority (>90%) of infants and toddlers in the Medi-Cal program receive care through Medi-Cal managed care. **Source:** California Department of Health Care Services [Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Directory](#).

Reporting Region: Medi-Cal managed care plan developmental screening rates are reported by managed care plan at the county level or in regions of multiple counties depending on county population size. **Source:** California Department of Health Care Services [Medi-Cal Managed Care External Quality Review Technical Report](#), published April 2022. The data reflected in the proceeding columns are reported by either county or reporting region. The regions are:

- > Region 1 – Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, and Tehama
- > Region 2 – Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, and Yuba
- > Northwest – Del Norte and Humboldt
- > Southwest – Lake, Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma
- > Northeast – Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity
- > Southeast – Napa, Solano, and Yolo
- > Monterey/Santa Cruz
- > Riverside/San Bernardino

MCP Developmental Screening Rate (2016–17): The percent of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday in Medi-Cal managed care, in state fiscal year 2016–17. Reported by managed care plan, and by county or reporting region. **Source:** Data provided by the California Department of Health Care Services through a public records act request to [Children Now](#) in 2018. This was prior to formal state reporting on this measure.

MCP Developmental Screening Rate (2019 & 2020): The percent of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday in Medi-Cal managed care, in calendar years 2019 and 2020, respectively. Reported by managed care plan, and

by county or reporting region. **Source:** California Department of Health Care Services *Medi-Cal Managed Care External Quality Review Technical Report*, published April 2022. The state averages are from [Volume 1 of the Technical Report](#), page 67. The individual screening rates are from [Volume 2 of the Technical Report](#) in row “Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life—Total” of each MCP’s table.

Regional Center Serving the County: Early Start, California’s early intervention program, is run primarily through 21 community-based regional centers across the state. Regional centers serve between one to 10 counties each, with the exception of Los Angeles County, which has seven. **Source:** [California Department of Developmental Services](#).

Percent of the 0 to 3-year-old population in the regional center catchment area served by Early Start, (2018–19) & (2020–21): This percent reflects the number of children ages 0 to 3 years old receiving Early Start services (“receiving purchased services”) at each regional center divided by a population estimate of children ages 0 to 3 years old in each regional center’s catchment area.

- > **Early Start data source:** Count of consumers birth to age 2 years, inclusive, at each Regional Center, receiving purchased services. California [Department of Developmental Services Purchase of Service Data](#) by regional center, for California fiscal years 2018–19 and 2020–21 respectively.
- > **Population data source:** Population estimates, children ages 0 to 3, in each county, in calendar years 2018 and 2020, respectively. California [Department of Finance Population Projections](#).

Example: Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)

| Counties Served | Number of 0 to 3-year-olds in Alameda and Contra Costa (2020) | Consumers Receiving Purchased Services at RCEB (2020–21) | Percent of Children Ages 0 to 3 Served by Early Start (2020–21) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alameda and Contra Costa | 88,697 | 3,543 | 3,543/ 88,697 = 3.99% |

Example: L.A. County L.A. County calculation is different because it has seven regional centers.

| Regional Centers in County | Number of 0 to 3-year-olds in L.A. County (2020) | Consumers Receiving Purchased Services at all L.A. County RCs (2020–21) | Percent of Children Ages 0 to 3 Served by Early Start (2020–21) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Eastern L.A. Frank D. Lanterman Harbor North L.A. San Gabriel/Pomona South Central L.A. Westside | 320,491 | 22,800 | 22,800/320,491 = 7.11% |

- > **Note:** These data are different from the state average as [reported by the Federal Department of Education](#). The data reported to the Federal Department of Education are a snapshot of state data from the fall of the identified year. The California Department of Developmental Services data represents the total count of infants and toddlers receiving Early Start by fiscal year and is reported by regional center.

Help Me Grow: The Help Me Grow column lists all counties that currently have a Help Me Grow system. **Source:** [HMG California website](#). Each county that has an active HMG website of its own is linked.