We know that when children are healthy, they are more likely to succeed in school and in life. That’s why The Children’s Partnership works to level the playing field so that children from historically marginalized communities have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

This infographic, the fourth in a series, provides an overview of key child health facts in California and nationally to inform the work ahead. Now more than ever, we must work together to make California the best state to raise healthy, thriving children.

**MASKED HEALTH INEQUITIES**

Latinx children and families represent a diverse population that includes an array of ethnic, racial, and intersecting identities. An accurate picture of the health of Latinx children in California is difficult without accurate and detailed data that highlight the experiences of Latinx subgroups and identities. For example, the outcomes of indigenous Latinx people, like Mixtecos, are often overlooked because of a lack of data that highlights their unique needs. The data in this fact sheet presents data on Latinx children as a whole because of the lack of publicly-available granular ethnicity and race data. In the future, more granular data could unmask hidden health disparities in order to inform the development and targeting of interventions that improve health.

**POPULATION**

There are **4.7 MILLION LATINX** children and youth in California, making up slightly **OVER HALF** of the state’s population under 18.

**OVER HALF** of California’s Latinx children, or **2.6 MILLION** have at least one parent who was born outside of the United States.

Of Latinx children, about **1.9 MILLION IDENTIFY WITH TWO OR MORE RACES.** Latinx children also identify as Black or African American (43,000), Native American (41,000), and Asian American (22,000).

**ECONOMIC WELLBEING**

Nearly **1 in 4** Latinx children experience **POVERTY** compared to **1 in 6** of all children.

More than **50%** of households with Latinx children are burdened by **HOUSING & UTILITY COSTS**.

**FOOD ACCESS**

Latinx households with children are **TWICE AS LIKELY** in CA to be experiencing **FOOD INSECURITY** during the **PANDEMIC** than white households with children.

**COVID-19**

Nearly **75%** of children & youth diagnosed with COVID-19 are Latinx, even though they make up just over half of the state’s population.
HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FAMILIES

HEALTH COVERAGE AND ACCESS

1 in 2
Latinx children in California are enrolled in MEDI-CAL.

Latinx children are 1.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY to be uninsured compared to other California kids.

190,000
LATINX CHILDREN REMAIN UNINSURED.

1 in 4
Latinx children did not have a PREVENTIVE CHECK-UP with a doctor in the last year, compared to 1 in 7 white children.

ORAL HEALTH

Latinx children in California experience ORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS at nearly TWICE THE RATE of white children.

Latinx children are significantly more likely to have a history of tooth decay (72%) and untreated tooth decay (33%) than white children (48% and 20%, respectively).

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Latinx children make up 4 in 5 children living in CA census tracts impacted by the highest environmental pollution burdens.

14% of Latinx children have been diagnosed with asthma, compared to 11% of white children.

Over HALF of students enrolled at schools with unsafe drinking water are Latinx.

MENTAL HEALTH

Nearly 1 in 3 Latinx youth reported DEPRESSION-RELATED feelings in the past year compared to slightly over 1 in 4 white children.

Latinx youth mental health HOSPITALIZATIONS rose 86% between 2007 and 2014, compared to a 21% increase among white youth.

La Tablita youth are more likely to consider SUICIDE than their male counterparts and white female youth. Over 1 in 3 Latina youth has considered suicide and nearly 1 in 7 Latina youth have attempted suicide. For lesbian, bisexual and queer Latina youth, the reality is even worse: NEARLY HALF has considered suicide; and 1 in 3 lesbian, bisexual, and queer Latina youth attempted suicide.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Latinx children make up 4 in 5 children living in CA census tracts impacted by the highest environmental pollution burdens.

14% of Latinx children have been diagnosed with asthma, compared to 11% of white children.

Over HALF of students enrolled at schools with unsafe drinking water are Latinx.

DIGITAL ACCESS

Almost 500,000 California Latinx children live in households WITHOUT a broadband connected device, compared to less than 150,000 white children.

All in
A PROJECT OF
The Children’s Partnership

© The Children’s Partnership, October 2020

HEALTH COVERAGE AND ACCESS

1 in 2
Latinx children in California are enrolled in MEDI-CAL.

Latinx children are 1.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY to be uninsured compared to other California kids.

190,000
LATINX CHILDREN REMAIN UNINSURED.

1 in 4
Latinx children did not have a PREVENTIVE CHECK-UP with a doctor in the last year, compared to 1 in 7 white children.

ORAL HEALTH

Latinx children in California experience ORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS at nearly TWICE THE RATE of white children.

Latinx children are significantly more likely to have a history of tooth decay (72%) and untreated tooth decay (33%) than white children (48% and 20%, respectively).

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Latinx children make up 4 in 5 children living in CA census tracts impacted by the highest environmental pollution burdens.

14% of Latinx children have been diagnosed with asthma, compared to 11% of white children.

Over HALF of students enrolled at schools with unsafe drinking water are Latinx.

MENTAL HEALTH

Nearly 1 in 3 Latinx youth reported DEPRESSION-RELATED feelings in the past year compared to slightly over 1 in 4 white children.

Latinx youth mental health HOSPITALIZATIONS rose 86% between 2007 and 2014, compared to a 21% increase among white youth.

La Tablita youth are more likely to consider SUICIDE than their male counterparts and white female youth. Over 1 in 3 Latina youth has considered suicide and nearly 1 in 7 Latina youth have attempted suicide. For lesbian, bisexual and queer Latina youth, the reality is even worse: NEARLY HALF has considered suicide; and 1 in 3 lesbian, bisexual, and queer Latina youth attempted suicide.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Latinx children make up 4 in 5 children living in CA census tracts impacted by the highest environmental pollution burdens.

14% of Latinx children have been diagnosed with asthma, compared to 11% of white children.

DIGITAL ACCESS

Almost 500,000 California Latinx children live in households WITHOUT a broadband connected device, compared to less than 150,000 white children.

All data in this fact sheet is from California. The Children’s Partnership collected California Latinx children’s data in this fact sheet from multiple sources including the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2018 American Community Survey one-year population estimates, Kids8Data.org, the 2019 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and others. All numbers in this fact sheet have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Full citations for all data can be found at bit.ly/AChildIsAChild

© The Children’s Partnership, October 2020