

# Merced County

## Demographics

80,521 children live in this county.

**Latinx**  
71%

**Black**  
3%

**Other**  
2%

**White**  
18%

**Asian**  
7%

## Key

Numbers and percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

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**40,296** with one or more immigrant parents

**35%** are living at or below 2X the poverty level

**1,240** students experiencing homelessness

Indicator	Total	California Average	Rank	Latinx	White	Black	Asian	Other
12th-graders who graduate high school on time	89	83	8	89	91	81	96	79
Students who were not chronically absent from school	87	89	32	87	87	79	89	84
Student suspensions not due to "defiance/disruption"	77	80	32	77	80	76	69	82
3rd-graders who read near or above grade-level standards	54	61	44	50	68	43	68	62
8th-graders who met or exceeded grade-level standards in math	19	36	56	16	30	9	32	23
Students who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	19	32	49	15	30	4	36	25
Students who were college- or career-ready	36	41	40	33	46	24	53	30
Students who reported feeling connected to their school	47	50	37	45	55	34	48	50
Students who reported feeling like they do things at school that make a difference	32	34	40	30	40	38	28	37
English language learners who gained proficiency in English	48	47	9	-	-	-	-	-
Eligible students who received free or reduced-price meals during the school year	62	54	9	-	-	-	-	-
Eligible students who received free or reduced-price meals during the summer	6	8	22	-	-	-	-	-

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Children who had health insurance	96	95	7	96	95	*	*	*
7th-graders who were not overweight or obese	55	61	50	54	60	55	64	65
Kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations	97	95	11	-	-	-	-	-
Children who were not food insecure	74	81	54	-	-	-	-	-
Children, birth-5, of low-income families who had visited a dentist in the last year	48	26	3	51	16	17	20	22
Adolescents in the child welfare system who were placed in family-like settings	78	73	11	76	80	76	92	96
Youth in foster care who graduated high school on time	68	51	7	-	-	-	-	-
Children in the child welfare system who had a timely dental exam	64	62	28	65	57	71	53	78
Children in the child welfare system who had a timely medical exam	80	75	24	80	80	83	54	91
Children in the child welfare system who exited to permanency within one year	34	36	40	39	31	12	40	100
Children in the child welfare system who had been in one placement after 24 months in care	11	27	43	12	-	25	-	-
18-25-year-olds registered to vote	40	48	32	-	-	-	-	-
Children, birth-5, who were read to everyday by an adult	32	64	-	26	60	100	48	-
Newborns who were not low birthweight	94	93	15	95	95	81	92	77
3- and 4-year-olds enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten	57	51	10	*	*	*	*	*
Pregnant women who received prenatal care beginning the first trimester	68	84	50	68	72	62	55	69
Newborns who were exclusively breastfed while in the hospital	61	70	50	60	73	50	52	48
Children with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot was available	19	23	48	-	-	-	-	-