

# Santa Cruz County

## Demographics

60,678 children live in this county.

**Latinx**  
53%

**Black**  
1%

**Other**  
4%

**White**  
40%

**Asian**  
2%

## Key

Numbers and percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

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**23,451** with one or more immigrant parents

**39%** are living at or below 2X the poverty level

**3,174** students experiencing homelessness

Indicator	Total	California Average	Rank	Latinx	White	Black	Asian	Other
12th-graders who graduate high school on time	85	83	27	82	89	80	93	63
Students who were not chronically absent from school	82	89	48	77	86	83	87	86
Student suspensions not due to "defiance/disruption"	93	80	2	96	90	100	100	89
3rd-graders who read near or above grade-level standards	54	61	43	41	75	60	77	70
8th-graders who met or exceeded grade-level standards in math	30	36	33	15	51	17	50	51
Students who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	29	32	26	16	44	33	44	49
Students who were college- or career-ready	52	41	10	44	60	36	46	68
Students who reported feeling connected to their school	56	50	11	52	64	42	53	63
Students who reported feeling like they do things at school that make a difference	34	34	29	30	40	42	33	41
English language learners who gained proficiency in English	38	47	44	-	-	-	-	-
Eligible students who received free or reduced-price meals during the school year	48	54	44	-	-	-	-	-
Eligible students who received free or reduced-price meals during the summer	7	8	20	-	-	-	-	-

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Children who had health insurance	96	95	7	95	98	*	*	*
7th-graders who were not overweight or obese	62	61	27	49	79	68	80	60
Kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations	90	95	45	-	-	-	-	-
Children who were not food insecure	82	81	19	-	-	-	-	-
Children, birth-5, of low-income families who had visited a dentist in the last year	33	26	21	39	28	19	20	24
Adolescents in the child welfare system who were placed in family-like settings	59	73	53	53	71	64	100	100
Youth in foster care who graduated high school on time	60	51	17	-	-	-	-	-
Children in the child welfare system who had a timely dental exam	34	62	53	30	42	36	38	-
Children in the child welfare system who had a timely medical exam	54	75	53	50	62	24	75	-
Children in the child welfare system who exited to permanency within one year	46	36	16	38	58	100	-	100
Children in the child welfare system who had been in one placement after 24 months in care	22	27	22	43	33	100	-	-
18-25-year-olds registered to vote	46	48	17	-	-	-	-	-
Children, birth-5, who were read to everyday by an adult	67	64	-	44	100	-	-	100
Newborns who were not low birthweight	95	93	5	95	96	87	85	96
3- and 4-year-olds enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten	*	51	-	*	*	100	*	*
Pregnant women who received prenatal care beginning the first trimester	82	84	20	75	91	79	93	84
Newborns who were exclusively breastfed while in the hospital	92	70	1	90	95	*	92	96
Children with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot was available	29	23	11	-	-	-	-	-