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The Los Angeles County Internal Services Department has contracted with Hedderson Demographic Services to provide annual population estimates by census tract areas of children in families qualifying for child care. We describe in the following documentation the estimate data sets for July 1, 2018 and the methods used to obtain them.

**Estimation Methods**

The family working status and income data source was the Census Bureau’s annual American Community Survey (ACS), the most recent available being for 2016. Ratios from the ACS were applied to population and poverty estimates for July 1, 2018 done by Hedderson Demographic Services. The complete July 1, 2018 population and poverty estimates and their documentation are separate deliverables for this contract, which have already been delivered.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The child population estimates include subsets for children in families that met the 70% of State Median Income (SMI) and working status criteria. For total family income (annual), the qualifying standards were $48,361 for families with one to two members, $52,076 for families with three members, $58,524 for families with four members, $67,888 with families with five members, $77,252 for families with six members, $79,008 for families with seven members, $80,763 for families with eight members, $82,519 for families with nine members, $84,275 for families with ten members, $86,031 for families with eleven members, and $87,786 for families with twelve or more members. The working status criteria were that the parent be working in single parent families or both parents be working in two parent families.

For the 85% of State Median Income (SMI) qualification levels, a proposed future standard, we used the following family income criteria and work status criteria. The total family income (annual) qualifying standards were $58,724 for families with one to two members, $63,235 for families with three members, $71,065 for families with four members, $82,436 with families with five members, $93,806 for families with six members, $95,938 for families with seven members, $98,070 for families with eight members, $100,202 for families with nine members, $102,334 for families with ten members, $104,466 for families with eleven members, and $106,598 for families with twelve or more members. The working status criteria were that the parent be working in single parent families or both parents be working in two parent families.

The estimation processes are illustrated below in **Chart 1. Estimating Children Qualified by Working Parents and Family Income.**



In Tables 1 and 2 below we present variable names, labels, and County totals for these child population estimates:

**Table 1.**

**Children by Qualifying Family Income (70% State Median)**

**and Working Parents in Los Angeles County, July 1, 2018**



**Table 2.**

**Children by Qualifying Family Income (85% State Median)**

**and Working Parents in Los Angeles County, July 1, 2018**



1. Hedderson, John, Joyce Bixler and Monique Hedderson. *Population and Poverty Estimates for Los Angeles County Census Tract-City Split Areas by Age, Race-Ethnicity and Sex, July 1, 20187.* Prepared for Los Angeles County, Internal Services Department, 9150 Imperial Hwy, Downey, CA 90242, April 15, 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)