

CHILDREN'S SCORE CARD - COUNTYWIDE TRENDS, 1995-1999 - DRAFT						
<i>All measures are for children 0-17 unless otherwise specified</i>	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent Change ¹
GOOD HEALTH						
Newborns with low birth weight birth (less than 2500 gm.)	11,270	10,761	10,487	10,408	10,232	-9.2
Percent of newborns with low birth weight	6.5%	6.4%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%	1.5
Infant deaths (less than 365 days)	1,176	999	950	936	841	-28.5
Infant mortality rate - (per 1,000 live births)	6.7	539.0	5.9	5.9	5.4	-19.4
Child deaths, ages 1-17	829	770	649	570	617	-25.6
Child deaths rate - (per 100,000 children ages 1-17)	33.4	30.5	25.1	21.6	23.0	-31.1
Percent of women with prenatal care in the 1st trimester	79.6%	81.0%	82.5%	83.6%	85.0%	6.8
Children with health insurance	N/A	N/A	75%	N/A	80.0%	6.7
- Percent of insured children with Medi-Cal or Healthy Families	N/A	N/A	31%	N/A	33.0%	6.5
Children adequately immunized at age 2	52.0%	55.0%	56.0%	63.0%	60.0%	15.4
Children with elevated blood lead level, ages 0-6	1,395	1,448	1,214	931	955	-31.5
Chlamydial infection, ages 15-19	5,879	6,608	7,421	7,721	8,458	43.9
Chlamydial infection rate - (per 100,000 children ages 15-19)	1181.2	1133.3	1352.4	1150.5	1359.0	15.1
SAFETY AND SURVIVAL						
Child abuse and neglect referrals to emergency response (DCFS)	185,550	197,784	179,436	157,062	146,583	-21.0
Crimes in public schools	18,343	17,627	17,797	18,267	19,702	7.4
- Drug/alcohol offenses	23.4%	23.2%	24.1%	26.1%	23.7%	1.4
- Crimes against persons	19.9%	21.5%	21.4%	24.3%	25.8%	29.4
- Possession of a weapon	7.5%	7.7%	8.5%	9.2%	7.7%	2.1
- Property crimes	49.2%	47.7%	46.0%	40.3%	43.7%	-11.2
Misdemeanor arrests, ages 10-17	22,826	26,551	29,020	28,769	27,982	22.6
Misdemeanor arrests rate - (per 100,000 children ages 10-17)	2312.0	2635.3	2831.2	2733.1	2819.5	22.0
Felony arrests - ages 10-17	25,678	24,013	22,852	20,390	17,842	-30.5
- Violent offenses	29.7%	30.4%	29.0%	30.5%	32.4%	9.1
- Property offenses	48.9%	48.8%	47.6%	46.7%	44.1%	-9.8
- Drug offenses	11.9%	11.1%	12.1%	11.4%	11.0%	-7.6
Felony arrests rate - (per 100,000 children ages 10-17)	2600.8	2383.4	2229.5	1937.1	1797.7	-30.9
Domestic violence arrests	123	179	145	115	103	-16.3
Accidents						
- Accidental injury deaths	221	201	178	140	161	-27.1
- Hospitalizations due to accidental injuries (Aged 0-24)	11,296	11,273	10,702	10,805	12,238	8.3
Assaults						
- Homicides	278	216	169	134	137	-50.7
- Hospitalizations due to assaultive injuries (Aged 0-24)	3,293	2,862	2,365	2,212	1,984	-39.8
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of children living in poverty						
- Poor children (<100% Federal Poverty Threshold)	36.8%	35.1%	31.6%	32.9%	29.0%	-21.2
- Near-poor children (<133% Federal Poverty Threshold)	47.0%	44.6%	42.1%	45.1%	33.3%	-29.1
- Low income children (<200% Federal Poverty Threshold)	63.5%	60.6%	58.1%	62.6%	53.9%	-15.1
Children supported by CalWORKs	621,037	607,875	552,357	482,079	302,217	-51.3
Public school students in subsidized school lunch programs	57.0%	59.0%	59.0%	61.0%	61.3%	7.5
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Children placed in out-of-home care						
- DCFS	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,901	48,613	-8.1
- Probation	3,168	3,340	2,460	2,198	1,228	-44.1
- Department of Mental Health	1,157	1,338	1,641	2,185	2,347	102.9
- California Youth Authority (CYA)	3,389	3,109	2,585	2,310	2,096	-38.2
Children placed in adoptive homes	1,035	1,087	1,346	1,728	2,532	144.6
Number of child and young adult library books checked out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,445,821	-
Library card registered to youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,783,710	-
Teen births, ages 10-17	8,919	8,218	7,645	7,107	6,616	-25.8
Teen birth rate - (per 1,000 females 10-17)	18.7	16.9	15.2	13.8	12.5	-33.2
Repeat births to teens, ages 15-19	4,831	4,617	4,190	3,993	3,777	-21.8
EDUCATION/WORKFORCE READINESS						
Public school enrollment (school year)	1,508,589	1,549,833	1,583,283	1,617,764	1,650,948	9.4
Private school enrollment (school year)	204,170	205,093	206,247	207,117	210,673	3.2
Student- teacher ratio in public schools	24.8	23.9	22.6	21.8	21.4	-13.7
Number of computer in public schools	N/A	N/A	127,342	152,216	175,697	38.0
Number of students per computer in public schools	N/A	N/A	12.4	10.6	9.4	-24.2
Public school teachers fully credentialed	N/A	N/A	79.1%	77.0%	75.0%	-5.2
California Spending per pupil - % of US average	80.7%	80.7%	83.0%	84.0%	87.0%	4.8
Public school children with Individualized Education Plans (**special ed)	147,086	153,764	161,585	169,890	177,761	10.0
Public school students with basic English skills	64.3%	64.1%	64.0%	64.9%	65.0%	1.6
Public school students reading at appropriate level ² - 3rd grade	N/A	N/A	N/A	29%	31%	6.9
- 9th grade	N/A	N/A	N/A	26%	26%	0.0
Public high school graduation - % of students	59.0%	61.0%	62.0%	65%	67%	13.6
Public school graduates with courses for UC/CSU admission	36.0%	40.0%	40.0%	38.0%	38.0%	5.6
Public school graduates taking SAT test	37.0%	38.0%	38.0%	38.5%	38.5%	4.1
Public school students' SAT score - average	948	957	962	965	972	2.5
Percent of young adults in school or employed, ages 18-24	N/A	N/A	80.1%	N/A	84.6%	5.6

*N/A - indicates data not available

**Special Ed. Enrollment is reported to California Department of Education (CDE) on 12/01 for every school year

¹ Percent change calculate the percentage of difference in rate, number or proportion between 1999 and the earliest available data

Readers are cautioned in interpreting the percent change for deaths due to specific causes; in 1999, there was a change in causes of death classification from International Classification of Diseases, Revision 9 (ICD 9) to ICD 10.

² California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program started in 1998