MEDI-CAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH DASHBOARD

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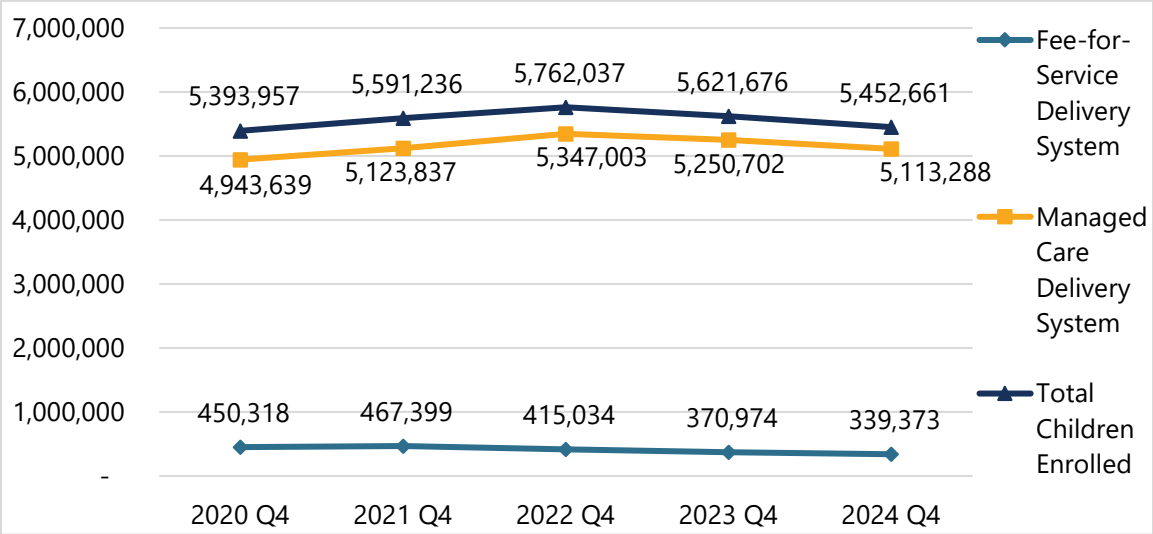
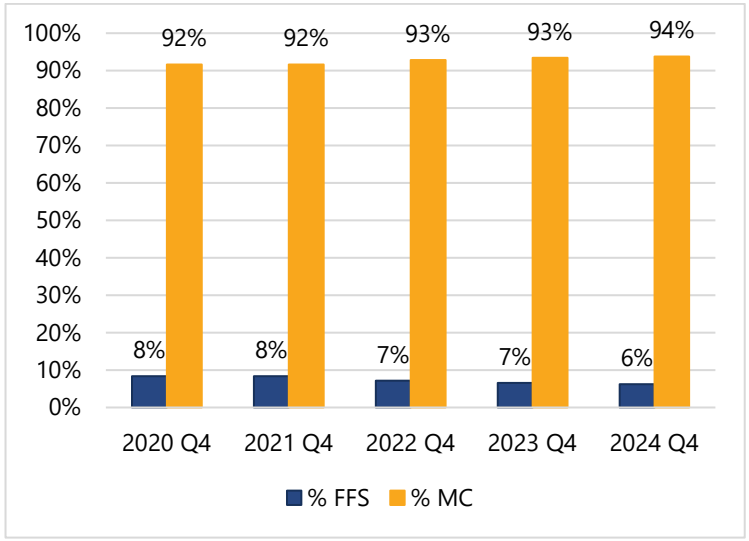
Goals

This dashboard provides an overview of children's health and demographic measures for children enrolled in Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program. Key features of this document include a broad range of measures across physical health, mental health, managed care, and key demographics, as well as updated overall enrollment data. This document was developed in partnership with the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel (MCHAP) and other stakeholders.

Figures 1 and 2: Enrollment and Delivery System Trends for Children Enrolled in Medi-Cal, by Quarter





Notes: Figure 1 shows total enrollment and enrollment by delivery system for children aged 0-20 in Medi-Cal. Figure 2 shows the percentage of children enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS) or a Medi-Cal managed care plan (MC). Enrollment data is reported through December 2024. December 2024 data extracted in March 2026 from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). The last month of each quarter is reported as the quarterly metric (i.e., 2024 Q4 is December 2024 data).

Figure 3: Primary Language of Family for Children Ages 0-20 Enrolled in Medi-Cal, by Quarter

Date	Total	English	Spanish	Other Non-English or Spanish	English	Spanish	Other Non-English or Spanish
December 2023 (Q4)	5,621,676	3,823,011	1,599,274	199,391	68.0%	28.4%	3.5%
March 2024 (Q1)	5,594,999	3,798,704	1,595,345	200,950	67.9%	28.5%	3.6%
June 2024 (Q2)	5,519,783	3,743,311	1,576,624	199,848	67.8%	28.6%	3.6%
September 2024 (Q3)	5,497,201	3,722,326	1,571,547	203,328	67.7%	28.6%	3.7%
December 2024 (Q4)	5,452,661	3,699,901	1,548,972	203,788	67.9%	28.4%	3.7%

Notes: Percentages may not sum to 100.0% due to rounding. Figures are based on enrollment data through December 2024. December 2024 data extracted in March 2026 from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). Additional data on Medi-Cal populations is available on the DHCS website.

Figure 4: Race/Ethnicity of Children Ages 0-20 Enrolled in Medi-Cal, by Quarter

	December 2023 (Q4)		March 2024 (Q1)		June 2024 (Q2)		September 2024 (Q3)		December 2024 (Q4)	
Race/ Ethnicity	**Count**	**%**	**Count**	**%**	**Count**	**%**	**Count**	**%**	**Count**	**%**
American Indian/Alaskan Native	16,119	0.3%	16,036	0.3%	15,684	0.3%	15,348	0.3%	15,175	0.3%
Asian	339,442	6.0%	338,299	6.0%	331,920	6.0%	331,014	6.0%	329,784	6.0%
Black or African-American	352,420	6.3%	349,546	6.2%	343,878	6.2%	341,242	6.2%	337,195	6.2%
Hispanic	3,332,980	59.3%	3,318,000	59.3%	3,274,979	59.3%	3,250,367	59.1%	3,213,366	58.9%
White	645,469	11.5%	639,248	11.4%	622,324	11.3%	614,610	11.2%	606,665	11.1%
Other/Not Reported	935,246	16.6%	933,870	16.7%	930,998	16.9%	944,620	17.2%	950,476	17.4%
Total	5,621,676	100.0%	5,594,999	100.0%	5,519,783	100.0%	5,497,201	100.0%	5,452,661	100.0%

Notes: Percentages may not sum to 100.0% due to rounding. Figures are based on enrollment data through December 2024. December 2024 data extracted in March 2026 from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). Additional data on Medi-Cal populations is available on the DHCS website.

Figure 5: Children's Health Domain Statewide Medi-Cal Managed Care Weighted Average Performance Measure Results, by Measurement Year

Measure	Measurement Year 2021	Measurement Year 2022	Measurement Year 2023
Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits – Total	47.51%	47.02%	49.50%
Childhood Immunization Status – Combination 10	36.63%	34.69%	30.64%
Immunizations for Adolescents – Combination 2	39.23%	39.97%	41.36%
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Body Mass Index (BMI) Percentile Documentation – Total	85.02%	--	--
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Counseling for Nutrition – Total	80.65%	--	--
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Counseling for Physical Activity – Total	78.99%	--	--
Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life – Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months – Six or More Well-Child Visits	40.23%	49.56%	53.56%
Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life – Well-Child Visits for Age 15 Months to 30 Months – Two or More Well-Child Visits	60.28%	64.33%	66.65%
Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life – Total	28.83%	32.33%	40.34%

Data Source: Medi-Cal Managed Care External Quality Review Technical Reports.
Notes: Rates reflect Measurement Year data submitted Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of a given year. Due to changes in methodology between study periods, caution should be exercised when comparing Measurement Year results. Additional data on Medi-Cal Managed Care – Quality Improvement & Performance Measurement Reports is available on the DHCS website.
-- Denotes that data was not reported for the study period.

Figure 6: Beneficiaries Ages 0-20 with At Least One Dental Visit in the Dental Managed Care (DMC) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

DMC Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
Numerator	166,575	122,843	138,540	153,591
Denominator	379,772	357,483	365,643	374,612
Percentage	43.9%	34.4%	37.9%	41.0%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

Notes: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports. The numerator is the number of members with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received any dental procedure (D0100-D9999 and CPT Code 99188) or dental encounter at a Safety Net Clinic (SNC) (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs); Rural Health Clinics (RHCs); and Indian Health Services/Memorandum of Agreement Clinics (community health centers) during the measurement period. The denominator is the number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement year.

Figure 7: Beneficiaries Ages 0-20 Who Received Any Preventive Dental Service in the Dental Managed Care (DMC) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

DMC Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
Numerator	146,497	104,034	117,782	134,842
Denominator	379,772	357,483	365,643	374,612
Percentage	38.6%	29.1%	32.2%	36.0%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

Notes: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports. The numerator is the number of members with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received any preventive dental service (D1000-D1999 and CPT Code 99188) or dental encounter at a SNC ICD 10: K023 K0251 K0261 K036 K0500 K0501 K051 K0510 K0511 Z012 Z0120 Z0121 Z293 Z299 Z98810 in the measurement period. The denominator is the number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement year.

Figure 8: Beneficiaries Ages 6-14 Who Received a Dental Sealant on At Least One Permanent Molar in the Dental Managed Care (DMC) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

DMC Measure	2019		2020		2021		2022	
Age Group	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**
Numerator	11,480	7,381	7,096	4,363	6,718	4,314	7,578	4,896
Denominator	75,703	98,742	71,207	93,199	72,190	94,182	73,622	95,262
Percentage	15.2%	7.5%	10.0%	4.7%	9.3%	4.6%	10.3%	5.1%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

Notes: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports. The numerator is the number of members ages 6-9 and 10-14, respectively, with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received a dental sealant (D1351) on a permanent first molar (tooth number = 3, 14, 19, 30) or a SNC dental encounter with ICD 10: Z98810) or (Number of members ages 10-14 with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received a dental sealant (D1351) on a permanent second molar (tooth number=2,15,18,31) or a SNC dental encounter with ICD 10: Z98810. The denominator is the number of beneficiaries ages 6-9 and 10-14, respectively, with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement year.

Figure 9: Beneficiaries Ages 0-20 with At Least One Dental Visit in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

FFS Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
Numerator	2,588,846	2,108,143	2,427,110	2,530,998
Denominator	5,170,195	5,100,790	5,235,417	5,303,863
Percentage	50.1%	41.3%	46.4%	47.7%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

Notes: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports. The numerator is the number of members with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received any dental procedure (D0100-D9999 and CPT Code 99188) or dental encounter at a Safety Net Clinic (SNC) (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs); Rural Health Clinics (RHCs); and Indian Health Services/Memorandum of Agreement Clinics (community health centers)) during the measurement period. The denominator is the number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment within the measurement year.

Figure 10: Beneficiaries Ages 0-20 Who Received Any Preventive Dental Service in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

FFS Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
Numerator	2,422,981	1,941,126	2,276,444	2,381,316
Denominator	5,170,195	5,100,790	5,235,417	5,303,863
Percentage	46.9%	38.1%	43.5%	44.9%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

Notes: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports. The numerator is the number of members with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement period who received any preventive dental service (D1000-D1999 and CPT Code 99188) or dental encounter at a SNC ICD 10: K023 K0251 K0261 K036 K0500 K0501 K051 K0510 K0511 Z012 Z0120 Z0121 Z293 Z299 Z98810 in the measurement period. The denominator is the number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment within the measurement year.

Figure 11: Beneficiaries Ages 6-14 Who Received a Dental Sealant on At Least One Permanent Molar in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Delivery System, by Calendar Year

FFS Measure	2019		2020		2021		2022	
Age Group	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**	**6-9**	**10-14**
Numerator	182,986	140,948	132,752	105,255	163,828	128,000	177,220	138,663
Denominator	1,017,797	1,324,393	1,003,587	1,312,052	1,029,192	1,338,616	1,041,605	1,340,463
Percentage	18.0%	10.6%	13.2%	8.0%	15.9%	9.6%	17.0%	10.3%

Data Source: DHCS High Level Dental Performance Measures.

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Figures 12 and 13: Unique Count of Beneficiaries Ages 0-20 Who Received Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), by State Fiscal Year and Geographic Region

State Fiscal Year (SFY)*	Unique Count Receiving SMHS**	Year-Over-Year % Change	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles	Year-Over-Year % Change
SFY 18-19	271,279	N/A	5,967,779	N/A
SFY 19-20	260,146	- 4.1%	5,786,310	- 3.0%
SFY 20-21	245,823	- 5.5%	5,666,873	- 2.1%
SFY 21-22	245,502	- 0.1%	5,825,899	2.8%
Compound Annual Growth Rate	N/A	- 2.5%	N/A	- 0.6%

Region	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY 20-21	SFY 21-22
Rural (15 counties)	3,144	2,919	2,897	2,993
Small (15 counties)	14,519	13,215	12,251	12,923
Medium (15 counties)	28,975	26,937	24,927	25,876
Large (12 counties)	125,095	120,654	116,557	118,062
Very Large (1 county)***	99,546	96,421	89,191	85,648

Notes: The table describes the statewide number of children and youth under age 21 who are receiving Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) through county mental health programs, based on approved claims for Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries, as of April 2023. Note that the Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles is the total number of individuals under the age of 21 that were eligible for Medi-Cal in any month of a given state fiscal year, and exceeds the total number of children in Medi-Cal in a given month for that fiscal year. Visits for Non-Specialty Mental Health Services for all ages for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries are available on the Medi-Cal Managed Care Dashboard.

* SFY = State Fiscal Year, or July 1 through June 30. Additional data in MHS Dashboard Children and Youth Demographic Datasets and Report Tool

** SMHS = Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services

*** Los Angeles County is the one "Very Large County."