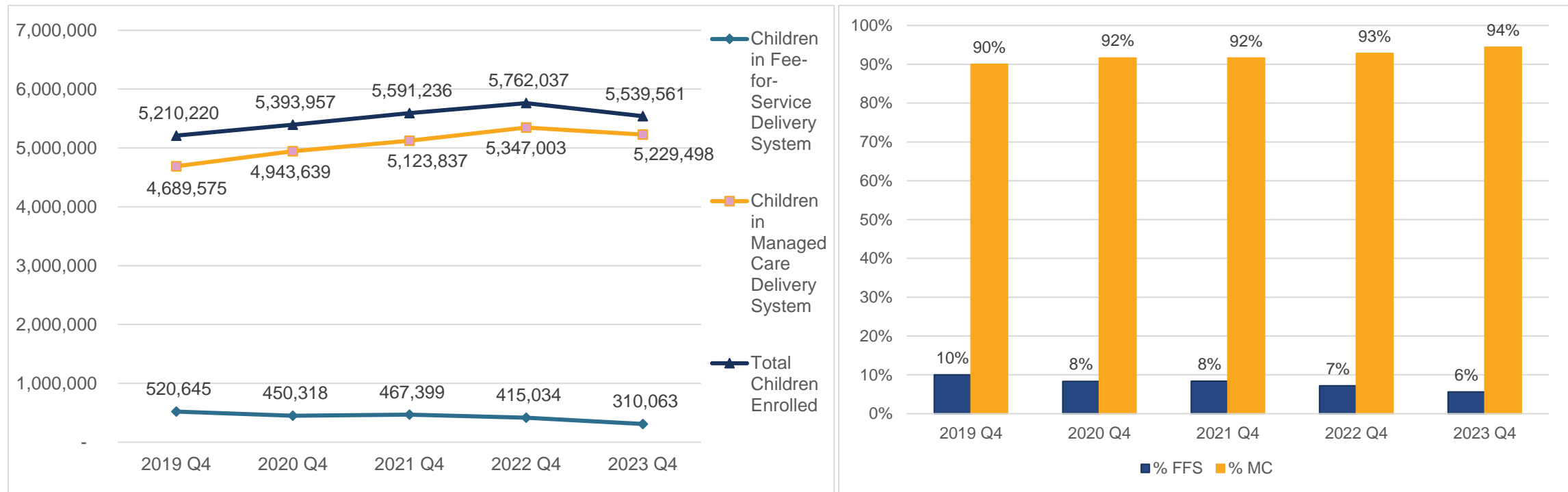


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Goals: This dashboard provides an overview of children's health and demographic measures for children enrolled in Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program. Key features of this document include a broad range of measures across physical health, mental 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 in Medi-Cal (updated quarterly)



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 2023. December 2023 data extracted in March 2024 from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). The last month of each quarter is reported as the quarterly metric (i.e., 2023 Q4 is December 2023 data).

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Figure 3: Primary Language of Family for Children Enrolled in Medi-Cal, Aged 0-20 (updated quarterly)

Date	Totals	English	Spanish	Other Non-English or Spanish	English	Spanish	Other Non-English or Spanish
December 2022 (Q4)	5,762,037	3,825,933	1,698,496	237,608	66.4%	29.5%	4.1%
March 2023 (Q1)	5,827,848	3,887,342	1,688,044	252,462	66.7%	29.0%	4.3%
June 2023 (Q2)	5,780,073	3,889,220	1,686,836	204,017	67.3%	29.2%	3.5%
September 2023 (Q3)	5,708,219	3,837,390	1,664,886	205,943	67.2%	29.2%	3.6%
December 2023 (Q4)	5,539,561	3,725,302	1,610,621	203,638	67.2%	29.1%	3.7%

Figure 4: Race/Ethnicity of Children Enrolled in Medi-Cal, Aged 0-20 (updated quarterly)

Race/Ethnicity	December 2022 (Q4)		March 2023 (Q1)		June 2023 (Q2)		September 2023 (Q3)		December 2023 (Q4)	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
American Indian/Alaskan Native	17,389	0.3%	16,933	0.3%	16,870	0.3%	16,446	0.3%	15,787	0.3%
Asian	349,831	6.1%	349,699	6.0%	350,260	6.1%	344,409	6.0%	332,487	6.0%
Black or African-American	365,939	6.4%	362,919	6.2%	362,917	6.3%	357,692	6.3%	347,202	6.3%
Hispanic	3,400,231	59.0%	3,432,090	58.9%	3,434,276	59.4%	3,373,633	59.1%	3,261,149	58.9%
White	675,843	11.7%	673,660	11.6%	673,175	11.6%	659,675	11.6%	636,967	11.5%
Other/Not Reported	952,804	16.5%	992,547	17.0%	942,575	16.3%	956,364	16.8%	945,969	17.1%
Total	5,762,037	100.0%	5,827,848	100.0%	5,780,073	100.0%	5,708,219	100.0%	5,539,561	100.0%

Notes: Percentages may not sum to 100.0% due to rounding. Figures are based on enrollment data through December 2023. December 2023 data extracted in March 2024 from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). Additional data on Medi-Cal populations is available on the [DHCS website](#).

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

Measure	Measurement Year 2020	Measurement Year 2021	Measurement Year 2022
Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits – Total	41.13%	47.51%	47.02%
Childhood Immunization Status – Combination 10	37.95%	36.63%	34.69%
Immunizations for Adolescents – Combination 2	43.05%	39.23%	39.97%
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Body Mass Index (BMI) Percentile Documentation – Total	81.79%	85.02%	--
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Counseling for Nutrition – Total	74.73%	80.65%	--
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents – Counseling for Physical Activity – Total	72.80%	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	37.70%	40.23%	49.56%
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	66.40%	60.28%	64.33%
Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life – Total	23.11%	28.83%	32.33%

Data Source: Data for Measurement Years 2020 and 2021 from [Medi-Cal Managed Care External Quality Review Technical Report July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022](#). Data for Measurement Year 2022 from Medi-Cal managed care health plans.

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.

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Figure 6: Dental Care in the Dental Managed Care (DMC) Delivery System, by Calendar Year – Data Source: DHCS [High Level Dental Performance Measures](#).

Annual Dental Visits	DMC Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries who had at least one (1) dental visit during the measurement year.</p> <p>Numerator: 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.</p> <p>Denominator: Number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement year.</p>	Age Group	0-20	0-20	0-20	0-20
	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%
Use of Preventive Services	DMC Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries who received any preventive dental service during the measurement year.</p> <p>Numerator: Numerator: 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.</p> <p>Denominator: Number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment in the same plan within the measurement year.</p>	Age Group	0-20	0-20	0-20	0-20
	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%

Note: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports.

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Figure 7: Dental Care in the Dental Managed Care (DMC) Delivery System, by Calendar Year – Data Source: DHCS [High Level Dental Performance Measures](#).

Use of Sealants	DMC Measure	2019		2020		2021		2022	
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries ages 6-9 and 10-14 who received a dental sealant on at least one permanent molar during the measurement year.</p> <p>Numerator: Number of members ages 6-9 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.</p> <p>Denominator: 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.</p>	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%

Note: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports.

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Figure 8: Dental Care in the Fee-For-Service (FFS) Delivery System, by Calendar Year – Data Source: DHCS [High Level Dental Performance Measures](#).

Annual Dental Visits	FFS Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries who had at least one (1) dental visit during the measurement year.</p> <p>Numerator: 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.</p> <p>Denominator: Number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment within the measurement year.</p>	Age Group	0-20	0-20	0-20	0-20
	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%
Use of Preventive Services	FFS Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries who received any preventive dental service during the measurement year.</p> <p>Numerator: 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.</p> <p>Denominator: Number of beneficiaries with at least 90 days continuous enrollment within the measurement year.</p>	Age Group	0-20	0-20	0-20	0-20
	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%

Note: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports.

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Figure 9: Dental Care in the Fee-For-Service (FFS) Delivery System, by Calendar Year – Data Source: DHCS [High Level Dental Performance Measures](#).

Use of Sealants	FFS Measure	2019		2020		2021		2022	
<p>Percentage of beneficiaries ages 6-9 and 10-14 who received a dental sealant on at least one permanent molar during the measurement period.</p> <p>Numerator: Number of members ages 6-9 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.</p> <p>Denominator: 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.</p>	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%

Note: Data for Calendar Year 2022 is not yet publicly available via the High Level Dental Performance Measure reports.

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Figures 10 and 11: Mental Health Utilization Data Rates for Children and Youth (updated annually): The table describes the number of children and youth under 21 who are receiving Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) through county mental health programs, based on approved claims for Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries. 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.

Statewide as of April 2023

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

Regional as of April 2023

Region	Unique Count Receiving SMHS (FY 18-19)	Unique Count Receiving SMHS (FY 19-20)	Unique Count Receiving SMHS (FY 20-21)	Unique Count Receiving SMHS (FY 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

*SMHS = Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services

**SFY = State Fiscal Year which is July 1 through June 30. Additional data in the [MHS Dashboard Children and Youth Demographic Datasets and Report Tool](#).

*** Los Angeles County is the 1 “Very Large County.”

Note: Visits for Non-Specialty Mental Health Services for all ages for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries are available on the [Medi-Cal Managed Care Dashboard](#).