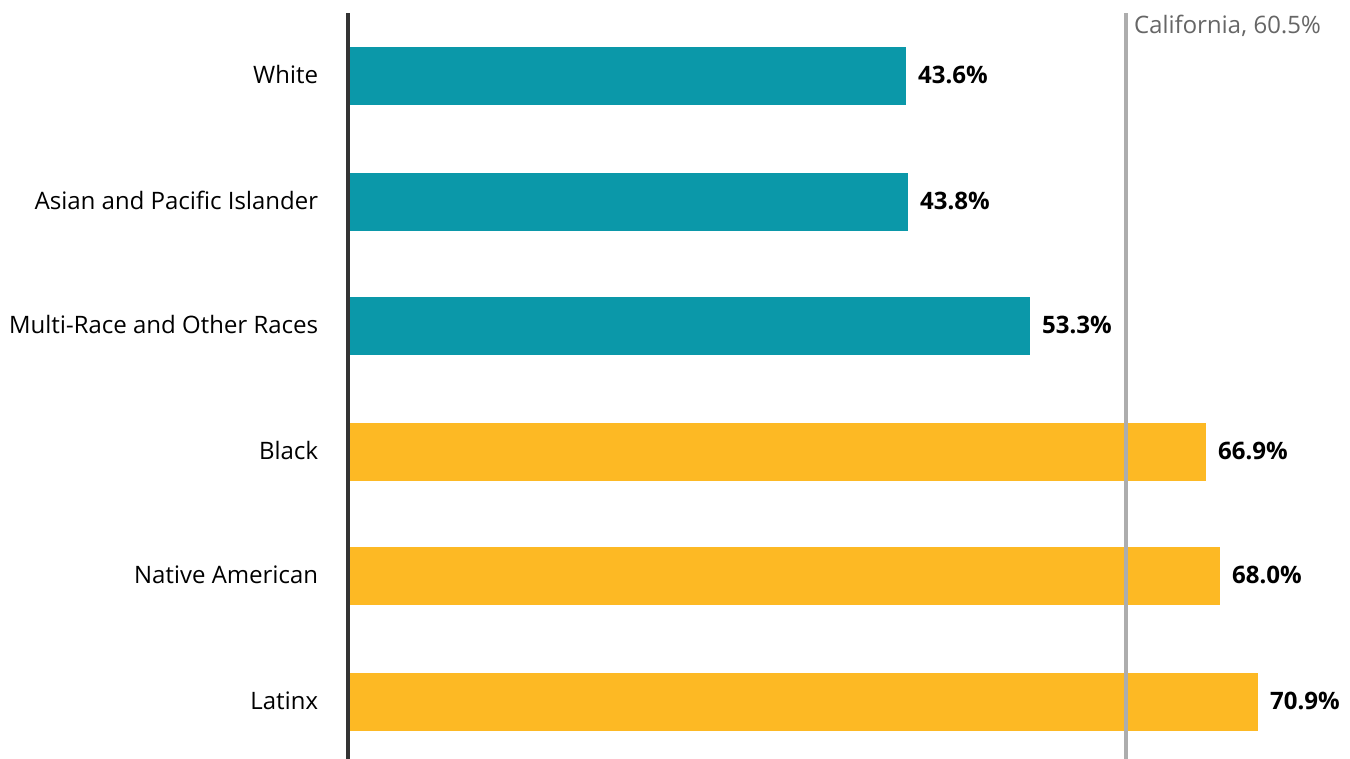




## California Women's Well-Being Index Cost of Child Care Fact Sheet

The California Women's Well-Being Index provides a comprehensive, composite measure of how women are faring in each of the state's 58 counties. The Index encompasses five "dimensions" – Health, Personal Safety, Employment & Earnings, Economic Security, and Political Empowerment – each of which is made up of six indicators. This fact sheet shows statewide data by race and ethnicity for the Cost of Child Care Indicator, as well as the value and rank for all 58 counties.

### Annual Cost of Child Care for an Infant and a School-Age Child as a Percentage of Single Mothers' Median Income



**Note:** The annual cost of child care is for a licensed center in California in 2021 (full-time for an infant and prorated according to the school year for a school-age child). Costs are based on counties' median cost of care weighted to reflect each county's population of infants and school-age children. The median income data reflect five-year estimates for 2018-2022 in 2022 inflation-adjusted dollars. The ethnicity category ("Latinx") and the race categories are mutually exclusive. Individuals who identify as Latinx are included only in that category and are not reflected in any of the race categories.

**Source:** Budget Center analysis of data from the Department of Finance; the California Department of Social Services, 2021 Regional Market Rate Survey; and US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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## Cost of Child Care: County Figures and Rankings

### Annual Cost of Child Care for an Infant and a School-Age Child as a Percentage of Single Mothers' Median Income

	VALUE	RANK 1=BEST		VALUE	RANK 1=BEST
California	60.5%		Orange	53.7%	24
Alameda	51.5%	20	Placer	42.9%	7
Alpine	42.5%	6	Plumas	58.1%	35
Amador	42.5%	6	Riverside	52.9%	23
Butte	58.5%	37	Sacramento	55.4%	27
Calaveras	48.5%	14	San Benito	65.8%	45
Colusa	73.6%	55	San Bernardino	60.8%	40
Contra Costa	52.0%	21	San Diego	54.3%	26
Del Norte	50.7%	17	San Francisco	58.5%	36
El Dorado	52.7%	22	San Joaquin	50.9%	18
Fresno	68.8%	49	San Luis Obispo	48.6%	15
Glenn	70.2%	53	San Mateo	39.0%	2
Humboldt	74.2%	57	Santa Barbara	71.1%	54
Imperial	82.8%	58	Santa Clara	47.0%	12
Inyo	47.0%	11	Santa Cruz	56.8%	31
Kern	74.0%	56	Shasta	67.4%	47
Kings	68.9%	50	Sierra	37.3%	1
Lake	57.1%	32	Siskiyou	51.5%	19
Lassen	56.1%	29	Solano	50.3%	16
Los Angeles	65.2%	44	Sonoma	48.3%	13
Madera	62.2%	42	Stanislaus	58.7%	38
Marin	45.4%	9	Sutter	57.7%	34
Mariposa	42.5%	6	Tehama	61.2%	41
Mendocino	57.5%	33	Trinity	70.1%	52
Merced	69.4%	51	Tulare	67.8%	48
Modoc	56.6%	30	Tuolumne	43.7%	8
Mono	55.5%	28	Ventura	54.2%	25
Monterey	62.7%	43	Yolo	67.3%	46
Napa	41.1%	3	Yuba	59.6%	39
Nevada	45.6%	10			

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Details on the methodology used in creating the Index are available at <https://calbudgetcenter.org/wwwj>.