

2020 STATE OF CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

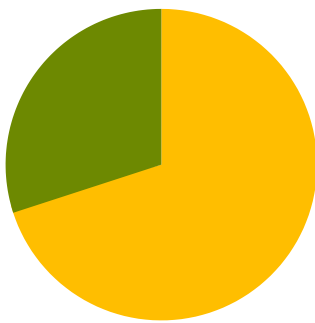
The 2020 State of Children Birth to Age 5 Report is a view into the well-being of kids in Stanislaus County. We look at how they are doing in areas like health, housing, economic security, physical security, education, and development.

At First 5 Stanislaus, we strongly believe that children are our greatest asset. For more than 20 years, we've worked alongside our community partners to be a catalyst to give children and families the best start.

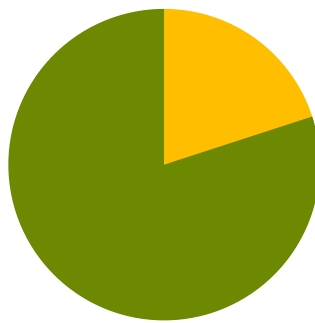


While California's annual number of births is projected to decrease between now and 2040, the number of births in Stanislaus County is projected to increase from 7,867 in 2016 to 8,384 in 2030 and to 8,507 by 2040.¹

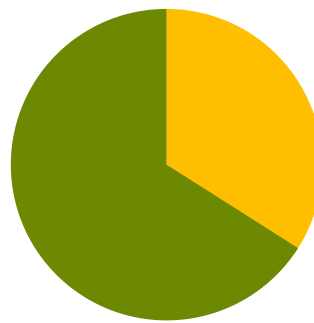
It takes our whole community to make a positive difference in the lives of our children and families. Despite the incredible assets, efforts, and strengths of our community, many of our children are being left behind:



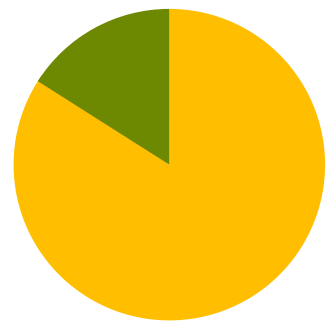
StanislausREADS! found that **70%** of kindergarteners at pilot schools were not "Ready to Go"²



More than **20%** of kids 0 - 5 live in households with **food insecurity**³



More than **34%** of children 0-5 live in households with income **below 200%** of the federal poverty level⁴



Children in Stanislaus County ages 3 to 5 **lack access to preschool**. There are **no preschool slots for 84%** of children in Stanislaus County⁵

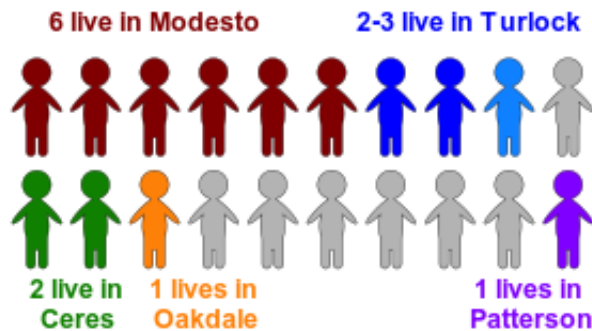
We know our community values each and every child. This document serves to inspire us to do better for our children, and informs us of the outcomes we seek to improve.

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR CHILDREN

To adequately and responsibly respond to our children's needs and foster their education, we must understand their unique identities and backgrounds.

Imagine a playground in the heart of Stanislaus County. There are 20 young children age five and under playing, learning, and interacting with one another. Of the 20 children on the playground:⁶

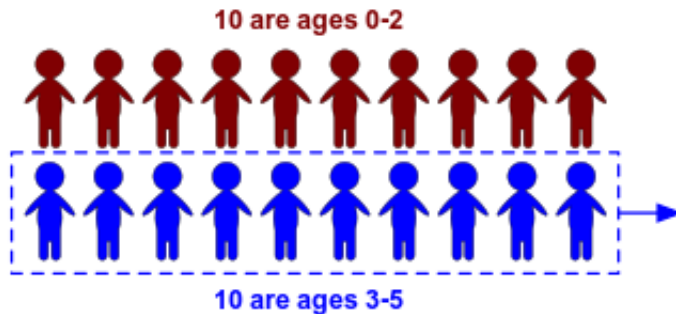
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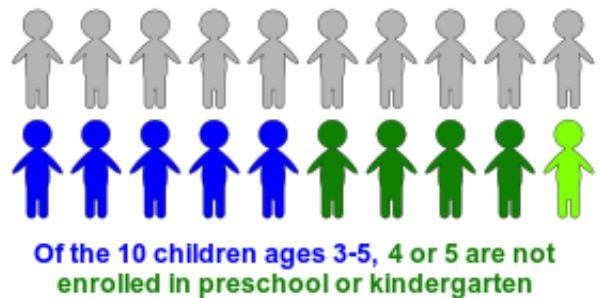
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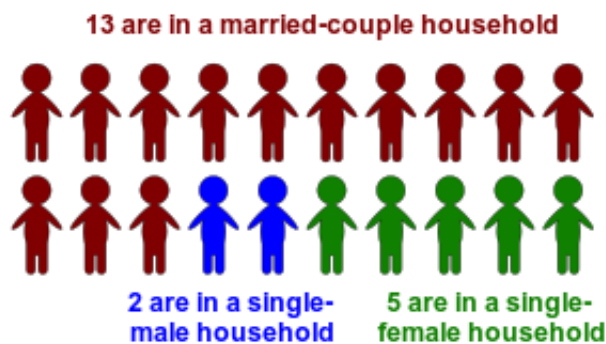
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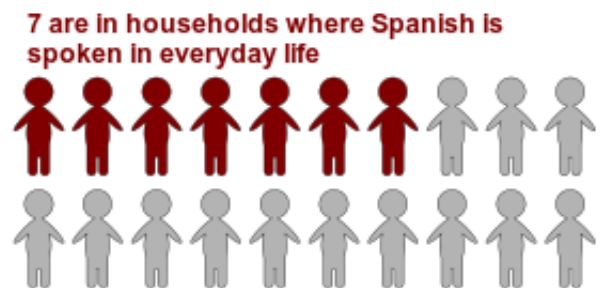
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CHILDREN IN STANISLAUS COUNTY: A DATA SNAPSHOT

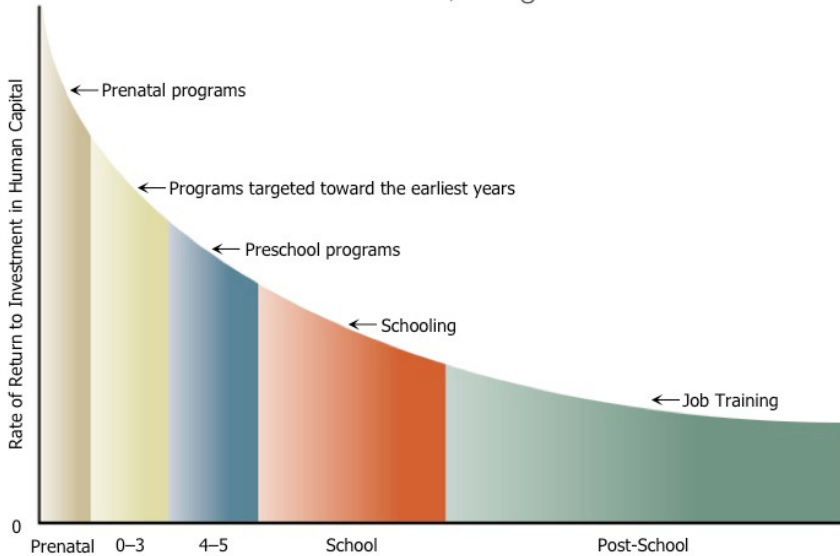
It is also important to consider how young children and their families in Stanislaus County are faring compare to the rest of the state:

	Indicator	Stanislaus County	California	
Population	Births per 1,000 Women	69.6	61.7	7
	Households with Children Ages 0-17	40.8%	34.0%	8
Health	Rate of Parents Initiating Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	80.8%	83.5%	9
	Rate of Prenatal Depression Symptoms	20.2%	14.1%	10
	Rate of Infant Mortality per 1,000 Births	5.1	4.4	11
	Rate of Preterm Births	9.3%	8.7%	12
	Rate of Low Birth Weight Births	6.7%	6.9%	13
	Prevalence of Two or More ACEs Among All Residents	50.7%	40%	14
Housing	Rent As a Percentage Of Household Income	32.4%	32.8%	15
Economic Security	Families with Income Below 200% FPL	34.2%	26.1%	16
	Women with Births in the Past 12 Months Below 100% FPL	27.4%	21.8%	17
	Children Living in Food Insecure Households	20.6%	18.1%	18
	Average Percentage Ages 0-20 Enrolled in Medi-Cal Per Month	61.6%	49.7%	19
Physical Security	Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 Children	10.7	7.5	20
	Violent Crime Reported Per 1,000 People	470	445.3	21
	Domestic Violence Calls Per 100,000 People	592	428	22
Education	Children Ages 3-5 Not Enrolled in Preschool or Kindergarten	45.6%	38.7%	23
	English Learners in Kindergarten	31.4%	27.8%	24
	3rd Graders Reading Proficiency (Meeting or Exceeding Standards)	38.9%	48.5%	25

High-quality early learning opportunities and nurturing relationships make the difference in child development. James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in economics, found a 13% return on investment for comprehensive, high-quality, birth-to-five early education. Ensuring children in Stanislaus County have access to these opportunities required investment.²⁶

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics



More than one million neural connections are made each second in the first years of a child's life.²⁷



90% of brain development happens before age 5.²⁸

Our children are our strength, they are our community's future, and they deserve the best possible start in life. In the words of Fred Rogers, "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."

Let us empower ourselves with data on how our children are doing; let us leverage the power of our partnerships; and let Stanislaus County be a county of heroes.

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