

Impacts of Federal Budget Cuts on Children and Families



Recently adopted federal budget cuts present significant threats to services and programs that serve children and families in Santa Clara County.

H.R. 1 is a federal budget bill signed into law on July 4, 2025. The bill included major cuts to Medicaid (also known as Medi-Cal in California) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (also known as CalFresh), putting at risk access to health care and food for millions of Americans. In Santa Clara County, Medi-Cal provides healthcare access for about 1 in 4 residents.

More than 100,000 children and youth in Santa Clara County are vulnerable to these federal government cuts.



1,900,000

Total Population in Santa Clara County (2024)



399,000

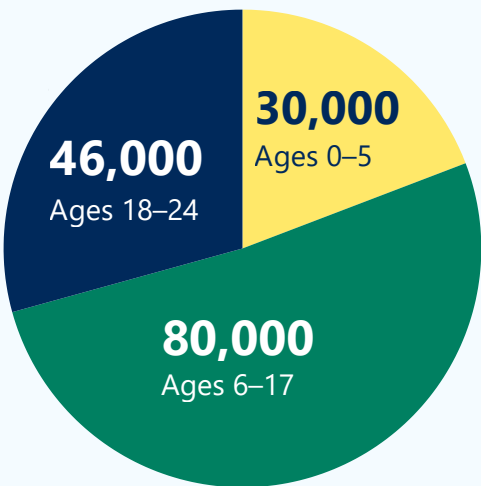
Total Child Population (Ages 0-17)



110,000

Total Child Population that Receives Public Assistance (Ages 0-17)

Nearly 30% of children and youth in Santa Clara County are served by CalFresh and/or Medi-Cal.



An estimated 26,000 children (ages 0-17) and 12,400 youth (ages 18-24) are at risk of losing access to food and/or healthcare supports provided by CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

23%

of children (0-17 years old) may lose benefits

27%

of youth (18-24 years old) may lose benefits

Federal budget cuts will impact the health and well-being of thousands of children, youth and families in our community.



Our noncitizen residents are being targeted by multiple federal actions that prevent vulnerable families from accessing basic needs services.

40% of Santa Clara County residents are immigrants

61% of K-12 students in Santa Clara County are children of immigrants

87% of immigrants speak a language other than English at home

85% of children in Santa Clara County with at least one immigrant parent were born in the United States



Every Child Healthy

Access to health care, including regular doctor and dentists visits, is a key part of growing up healthy.

Only 55% of children on Medi-Cal had a routine health check-up in the past 12 months.

Only 44% of children ages 0-18 on Medi-Cal had a dental appointment in the past 12 months.



Every Child Safe & Stable

Lack of food access increases food insecurity and impacts the healthy growth and development of children.

33,490 children under 18 in Santa Clara County are facing food insecurity

41% of children under 18 facing food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition program

What can we do to protect our social safety net?

The County is committed to working in direct and close collaboration with our state leaders to explore every opportunity to lessen impacts on our community. We are committed to working with our partners to:

- Stabilize County social safety net services and protect access to critical basic needs such as food and healthcare, especially for our Latino and Black families.
- Continue advocating for our immigrant families, particularly noncitizen residents.
- Protect our local hospitals that serve Santa Clara County's most vulnerable children, youth and families.

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