

Northcoast Children's Services



Community Needs Assessment 2023

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Executive Summary:

Northcoast Children's Services (NCS) operates both center base and home base programs across Humboldt and Del Norte counties which are primarily funded by the Office of Head Start, California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services. Services are available for eligible families of children 0-5 years of age and pregnant women. NCS staff prepared this community needs assessment to meet the requirements of 1302.11 of the Head Start Performance Standards in preparation for our Base year Head Start and Early Head Start grant for the project period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2028. The information gathered is used to help design our program to meet the evolving needs of low-income families in our community.

Major Findings for our service area:

- High level of Adverse Childhood Experiences
- There has been an increase in access to transitional kindergarten for more four-year old children
- There is an unmet need for center-based services for children under 3 years-of age
- The Fortuna and McKinleyville areas are the only communities in the service area with fewer subsidized slots than 3–5-year-old children in poverty
- There is a shortage of qualified teaching staff across the service area
- Poverty and risk of isolation are far higher than both the state and national levels across our service area

Overview of The Grantee

Northcoast Children's Services (NCS) was founded as a parent cooperative in the community of Manila in 1969 Today NCS provides services to pregnant women and children ages 0-5 and their families through both center and home based programs. The last several years of living through a pandemic have been difficult for both the community and the program. To this day we still have several open teaching positions and have been unable to open all our classrooms. In spite of these challenges NCS provided services to over 600 children and their families throughout Humboldt and Del Norte counties last year.

Methodology

Planning for the community needs assessment began during the 2021-22 program year. NCS management staff worked with the Board of Directors, Policy Council, staff and community members to identify the questions we wanted to answer beyond the minimum requirements outlined in the Head Start Act. Together we identified a wide variety of sources from which to gather internal and external data and solicit community involvement during the process. The data used is both quantitative and qualitative.

Some of examples of the data used are 2020 census data, county level birth rates, local childcare planning commission priority lists for childcare needs, expected TK enrollment projections and data from the resource and referral agency regarding hours and age of children for which parents are seeking care. Additionally, the group collaborated to design a community needs survey that was disseminated digitally and physically in English and Spanish.

General Area Description

Northcoast Children’s Services service area spans two counties and 4,574 square miles on the Northwestern California coast. The Service Area borders Oregon to the North, the Pacific Ocean to the West, Mendocino County to the South with Trinity and Siskiyou counties to the East.

Humboldt and Del Norte counties have about 147 miles of Pacific coastline bordered by the rugged Coastal and Klamath Mountain Ranges. Home to the Coast Redwood, the area is densely forested. The area is home to six major rivers. Over 1,000 square miles of the two counties is protected or conserved and includes many national, state, county and local parks and recreation areas.

Governing Structure

Humboldt County holds 7 incorporated communities Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell and Trinidad. Del Norte County holds 1 incorporated Community, Crescent City. There are numerous unincorporated communities in both counties. Humboldt County’s seat is Eureka and Del Norte’s county seat is Crescent City. Humboldt County Association of Governments, a Joint Powers Agency comprised of the seven incorporated cities and the County of Humboldt, is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Humboldt County.

Eureka is home to the College of the Redwoods community college and Crescent City holds a satellite campus of the college. Arcata is home to Cal Poly Humboldt, a California State University campus.

Humboldt encompasses 31 separate school districts while Del Norte has one unified school district. Humboldt County has 82 public schools, 23 charter schools, and 3 private schools. Del Norte has 14 public schools, 4 private and 2 charter schools.

Humboldt and Del Norte Counties have eleven Indian reservations within its borders. Six Head Start AIAN grantees provide services to children in Humboldt and Del Norte.

Population & Related Trends

Population in the service area is growing at a much slower rate than the rest of the state and nation. The population of Del Norte County has shown a decline in the population while Humboldt County showed a slight increase. According to census data, between 2000 and 2010 the population in the service area grew by 9,208 persons, a change of 5.98%; Between 2010 and 2020, the population in the service area shrank by .60%; Del

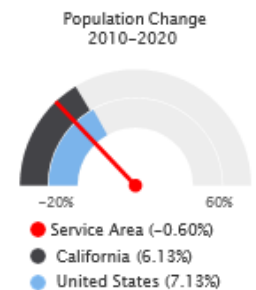
Norte County saw a -3.03% decline and Humboldt County grew 1.37%. The state of California grew over 6% and the U.S. as a whole saw an increase of 7%.

Pelican Bay maximum security prison opened outside of Crescent City, Del Norte County in 1989. The prison has a capacity of 2,380 and housed 1,654 prisoners in 2022. This prison population is included in Crescent City demographics and results in increases in the male population and may skew the results of other Del Norte County demographic data.

Report Area	Total Population	Total Land Area (Square Miles)	Population Density (Per Square Mile)
Service Area	164,669	4,574.42	36
Del Norte County, CA	27,655	1,006.23	27
Humboldt County, CA	137,014	3,568.19	38

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21.

Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
Service Area	163,232	164,206	974	0.60%
Del Norte County, CA	28,609	27,743	-866	-3.03%
Humboldt County, CA	134,623	136,463	1,840	1.37%
California	37,253,936	39,538,223	2,284,287	6.13%
United States	312,471,161	334,735,155	22,263,994	7.13%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020. Source geography: Tract

Gender & Ages

The Service area has a higher than average population percentage rate of the age groups 55-64 and 64+ and lower rates of the age groups under 18. Humboldt County has a higher than average population percentage rates of the age group 18-24 likely due to the Community College and University. Del Norte County has lower female population, likely due to the prison male population. The higher percentages of the aging population are likely contributing to the slower than average population growth.

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Service Area	83,165	81,504	50.50%	49.50%
Del Norte County, CA	14,761	12,894	53.38%	46.62%
Humboldt County, CA	68,404	68,610	49.92%	50.08%

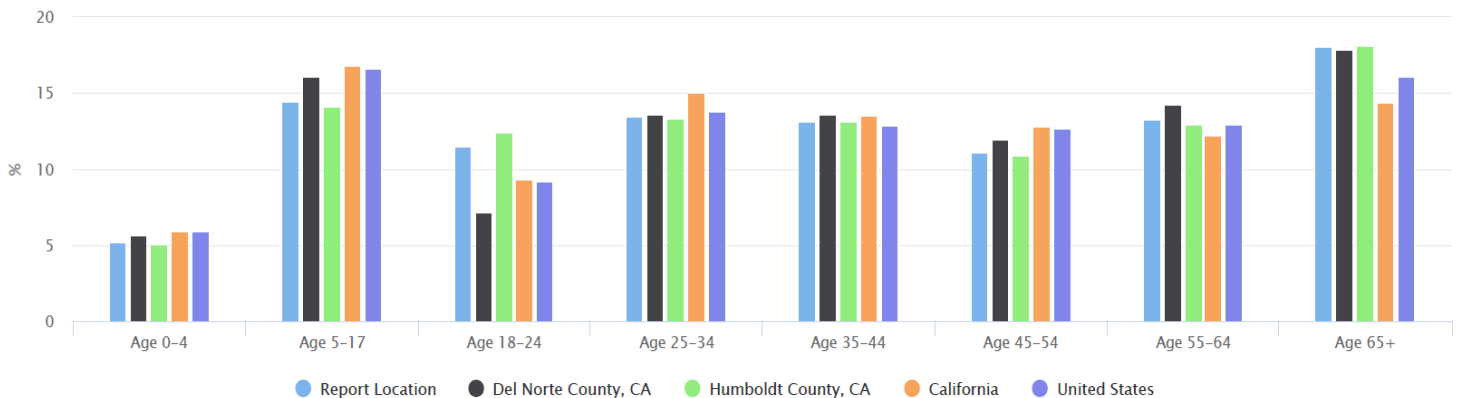
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Report Area	Age 0-4	Age 5-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Service Area	8,459	23,775	18,917	22,072	21,707	18,288	21,743	29,708
Del Norte County, CA	1,554	4,436	1,962	3,758	3,754	3,310	3,940	4,941
Humboldt County, CA	6,905	19,339	16,955	18,314	17,953	14,978	17,803	24,767
California	2,350,335	6,642,097	3,665,851	5,941,622	5,341,049	5,043,403	4,801,117	5,669,879

United States	19,423,121	54,810,954	30,339,089	45,360,942	42,441,883	41,631,458	42,829,413	52,888,621
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Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21

Total Population by Age Groups, Percent



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.

Racial & Ethnic Composition

In many ways, the north coast has much less racial diversity than the rest of California. Population by race within the service area is shown below. According to American Community Survey (ACS) 2017-2021 5-year population estimates, the white population comprised 75.13% of the report area, black population represented 1.56%, and other races combined were 5.45%. People identifying themselves as mixed race made up 9.75% of the population. The percentage of the population who identify as Native American in the service area at 4.68% is over five times higher than the both the state and the national levels. As a result, the tribal communities have a large influence on both the social and cultural values of the community as shown by the local efforts to revitalize both indigenous languages and traditions.

The Hispanic / Latino population of the service area is 13.06% and is significantly lower than the California and the national averages. The portion of the population in Del Norte County which is Hispanic is higher than that of Humboldt County. The service area is continuing to see growth in the Hispanic population as demonstrated by the 30% increase from the 2020 Census. There was a decline in the non-Hispanic population of 3.16%.

Services for the Hispanic population have increased in our communities in response to increasing community needs due to the population growth. An interagency collaboration, Latino Net, meets monthly with a mission to “improve the quality of life for Spanish-speaking families of the North Coast through networking, information, collaboration and advocacy”. Paso a Paso, an organization funded through St Joseph Health, provides childbirth education, breast-feeding support, parenting classes and support groups. Paso a Paso educates and supports Spanish speaking pregnant women and their families through classes, home visits, hospital visits and connecting clients with the resources they need. While there is still a great need for interpreting

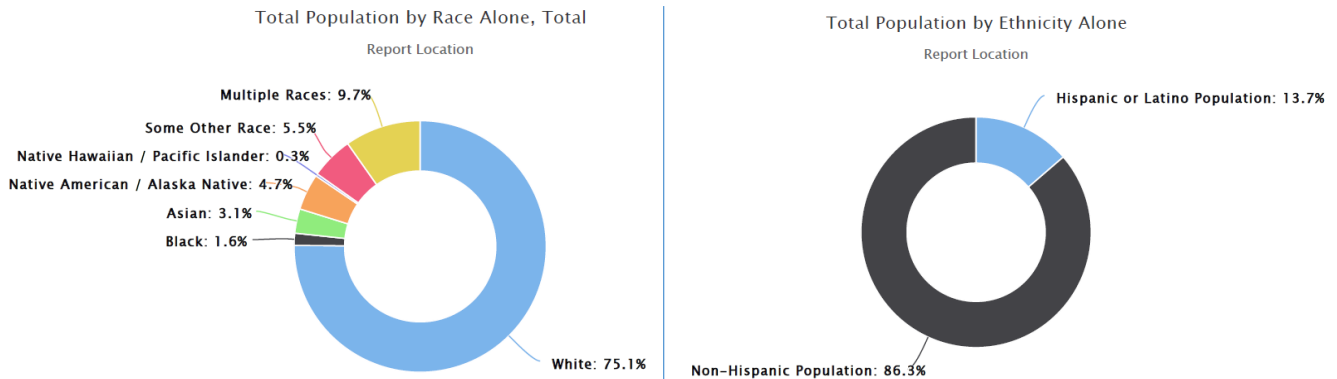
services, many community providers strive to meet the needs of the increasing Hispanic community by employing bilingual staff.

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American	Native Hawaiian or PI	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Service Area	75.13%	1.56%	3.13%	4.68%	0.30%	5.45%	9.75%
Del Norte County	69.37%	2.98%	2.98%	6.76%	0.16%	8.00%	9.76%
Humboldt County	76.30%	1.27%	3.16%	4.26%	0.33%	4.94%	9.75%
California	52.09%	5.66%	14.92%	0.91%	0.38%	15.30%	10.73%
United States	68.17%	12.55%	5.70%	0.83%	0.19%	5.58%	6.99%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21.

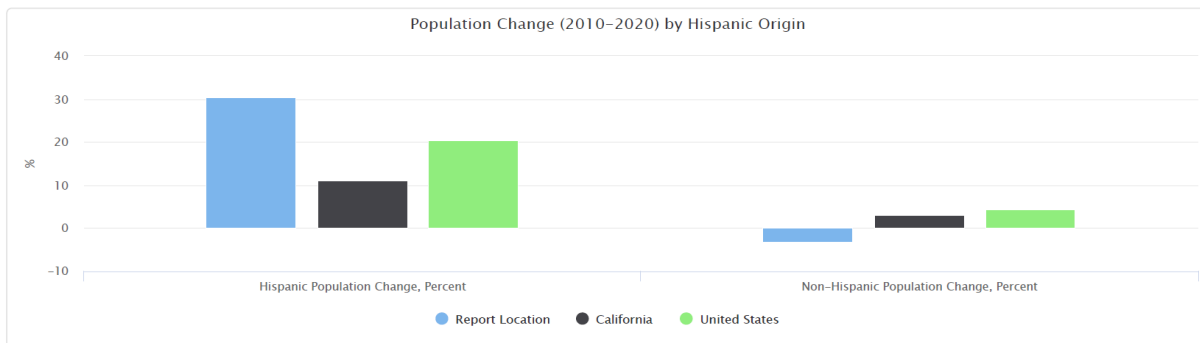
Report Area	Total Population	Hispanic or Latino Population	Hispanic or Latino Population, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population	Non-Hispanic Population, Percent
Service Area	164,669	22,540	13.69%	142,129	86.31%
Del Norte County	27,655	5,663	20.48%	21,992	79.52%
Humboldt County	137,014	16,877	12.32%	120,137	87.68%
California	39,455,353	15,593,787	39.52%	23,861,566	60.48%
United States	329,725,481	60,806,969	18.44%	268,918,512	81.56%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21.



Report Area	Hispanic Population Change, Total	Hispanic Population Change, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Total	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Percent
Service Area	5,552	30.33%	-4,579	-3.16%
Del Norte County	228	4.48%	-1,095	-4.66%
Humboldt County	5,324	40.30%	-3,484	-2.87%
California	1,565,931	11.17%	718,338	3.09%
United States	11,163,011	20.61%	11,100,922	4.30%

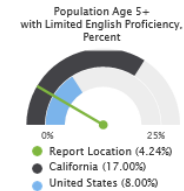
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Languages Spoken by Children & Families

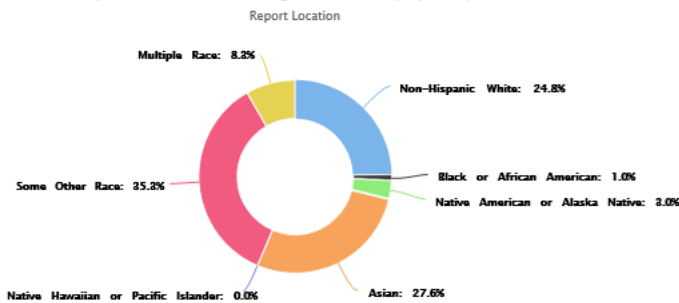
The children & families in the service area whose primary language is other than English is 4.74%, a smaller percentage of the population compared to the state & the nation. The other primary languages spoken in the service area include Spanish and Asian languages. NCS typically enrolls families who speak Spanish and Hmong languages.

Population with Limited English Proficiency			
Report Area	Population Age 5+	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency, Percent
Service Area	156,210	6,619	4.24%
Del Norte County, CA	26,101	1,361	5.00%
Humboldt County, CA	130,109	5,258	4.00%
California	37,105,018	6,377,455	17.00%
United States	310,302,360	25,535,259	8.00%



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21. Source geography: Tract

Population with Limited English Proficiency by Race, Total



Population with Limited English Proficiency by Language Spoken at Home				
Report Area	Spanish	Other Indo-European Languages	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	Other Languages
Service Area	3,869	586	1,994	170
Del Norte County, CA	814	140	362	45
Humboldt County, CA	3,055	446	1,632	125
California	4,049,098	498,040	1,699,467	130,850
United States	16,079,944	3,497,837	4,875,197	1,082,281

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.

Foreign Born Population & Citizenship

The latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show that 10,599 people, or 6.44%, of the population in the service area are of foreign birth. This is less than the national average of 13.60% and state average of 26.5%. The report area has 5,245 non-Citizens, or 3.19%, in contrast to the state average of 12.31% and the national average of 6.58% non-Citizens living in the United States.

Foreign Born Population					
Report Area	Total Population	Naturalized U.S. Citizens	Population w/o U.S. Citizenship	Total Foreign-Birth Population	Foreign-Birth Population, Percent of Total Population
Service Area	164,669	5,354	5,245	10,599	6.44%
Del Norte County	27,655	949	1,315	2,264	8.19%

Humboldt County	137,014	4,405	3,930	8,335	6.08%
California	39,455,353	5,596,122	4,858,827	10,454,949	26.50%
United States	329,725,481	23,141,369	21,703,439	44,844,808	13.60%

Data Source: Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21.

Citizenship Status						
Report Area	Born in the US	Born in a US Territory	Born Abroad to US Citizens	Naturalized	Non-Citizen	Non-Citizen, Percent
Service Area	152,502	109	1,459	5,354	5,245	3.19%
Del Norte County	25,063	0	328	949	1,315	4.76%
Humboldt County	127,439	109	1,131	4,405	3,930	2.87%
California	28,427,590	71,563	501,251	5,596,122	4,858,827	12.31%
United States	279,427,702	2,074,899	3,378,072	23,141,369	21,703,439	6.58%

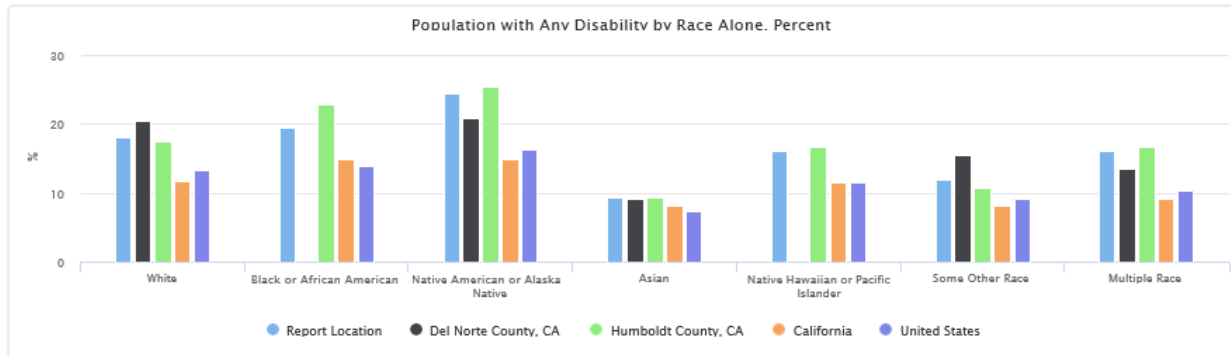
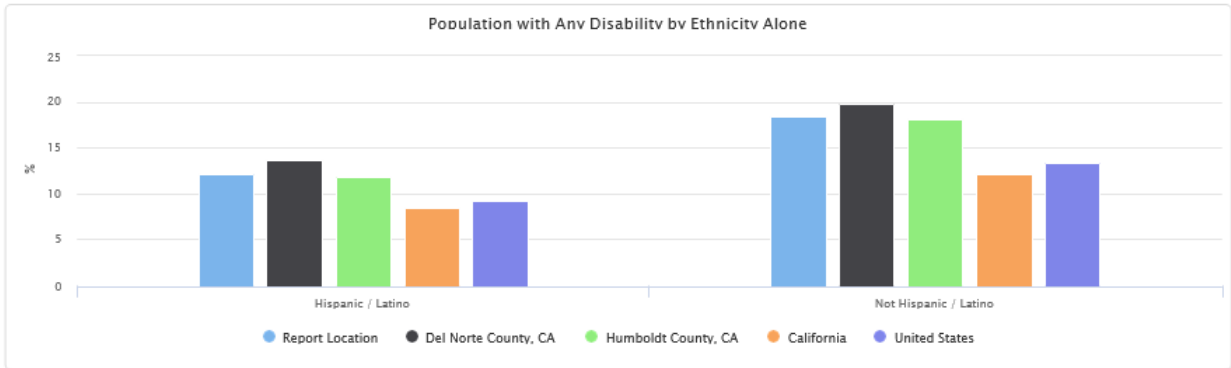
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Population with Any Disability

17.57% of the population in the service area has a disability, a higher disabled population than the state or the nation.

Report Area	Total Population (For Whom Disability Status Is Determined)	Population with a Disability	Population with a Disability
Service Area	161,042	28,296	17.57%
Del Norte County	24,975	4,681	18.74%
Humboldt County	136,067	23,615	17.36%
California	38,946,377	4,145,501	10.64%
United States	324,818,565	41,055,492	12.64%

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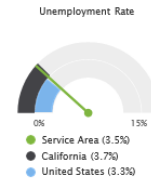


Income & Employment

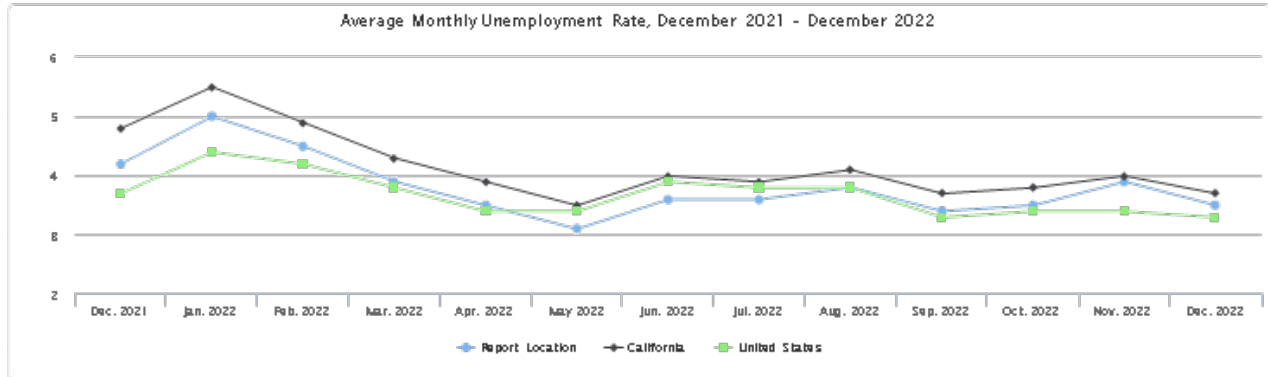
Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate of 3.4% in the service area is comparable to that of the State & the nation. The unemployment rate of Del Norte County is higher than that of Humboldt County.

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Service Area	69,781	67,311	2,470	3.5%
Del Norte County	9,244	8,805	439	4.7%
Humboldt County	60,537	58,506	2,031	3.4%
California	19,220,972	18,504,724	716,249	3.7%
United States	165,456,929	160,031,490	5,425,440	3.3%



Data Source: Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022 - December. Source geography: County

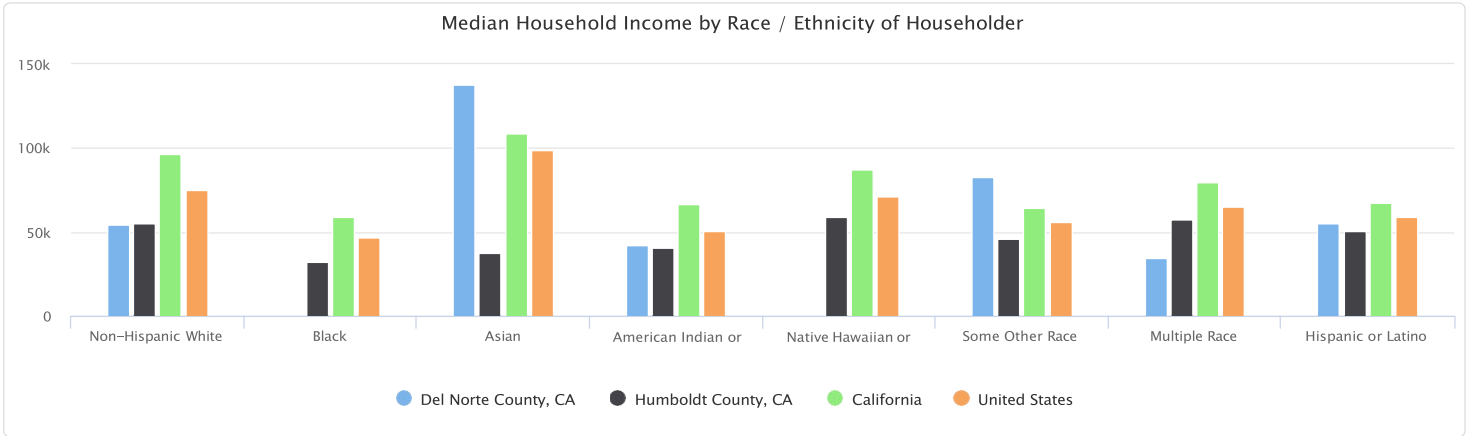


Median Household Income

The median household income in the service area is significantly lower than the state or the nation. Nearly 50% of the service area has households with income under \$50,000 per year. Income levels in the service area are lower than state & national averages across race & ethnicities with the exception of Asian and 'some other race' households in Del Norte County. Per Capita Income (PCI), the average income earned per person in a given area, is \$29,980 which is \$7,657 less than the PCI of the nation and \$11,295 less than other areas of California. Del Norte County has a lower PCI than Humboldt County.

Report Area	Total Households	Average Household Income	Median Household Income
Del Norte County, CA	9,531	\$69,915	\$53,280
Humboldt County, CA	53,729	\$75,434	\$53,350
California	13,217,586	\$119,149	\$84,097
United States	124,010,992	\$97,196	\$69,021

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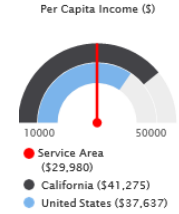


Service Area	Under \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$199,999	\$200,000+
Report Location	23.50%	23.84%	28.91%	18.49%	5.27%
Del Norte County	23.37%	23.42%	30.58%	19.06%	3.57%
Humboldt County	23.52%	23.91%	28.61%	18.39%	5.57%
California	14.41%	16.05%	27.00%	27.42%	15.11%
United States	17.18%	19.60%	29.63%	24.14%	9.46%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.

Service Area	Total Population	Total Income (\$)	Per Capita Income (\$)
Report Location	164,669	\$4,936,816,200	\$29,980
Del Norte County	27,655	\$683,312,200	\$24,708
Humboldt County	137,014	\$4,253,504,000	\$31,044
California	39,455,353	\$1,628,553,561,000	\$41,275
United States	329,725,481	\$12,410,089,038,400	\$37,637

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.



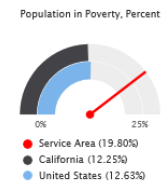
Poverty

Population below Federal Poverty Guidelines

The total population below Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) is nearly 20% while the population in poverty throughout the state & nation is just over 12%. An additional 10% of the service area population is under 150% of the FPG. Del Norte County has fewer residents living under FPG than Humboldt County.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty
Service Area	158,603	31,400	19.80%
Del Norte County	24,770	4,284	17.30%
Humboldt County	133,833	27,116	20.26%
California	38,701,352	4,741,175	12.25%
United States	321,897,703	40,661,636	12.63%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021. Source geography: Tract



Report Area	50% or Less	51% - 100%	101%-150%	151% - 200%	201% - 500%	Over 500%
Service Area	9.56%	10.24%	10.06%	10.45%	38.35%	21.34%
Del Norte County	8.96%	8.34%	10.72%	10.02%	44.22%	17.74%

Humboldt County	9.67%	10.59%	9.94%	10.53%	37.26%	22.01%
California	5.64%	6.61%	8.04%	8.24%	37.17%	34.30%
United States	5.78%	6.85%	8.11%	8.47%	40.25%	30.54%

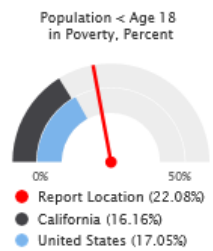
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Children below Federal Poverty Guidelines

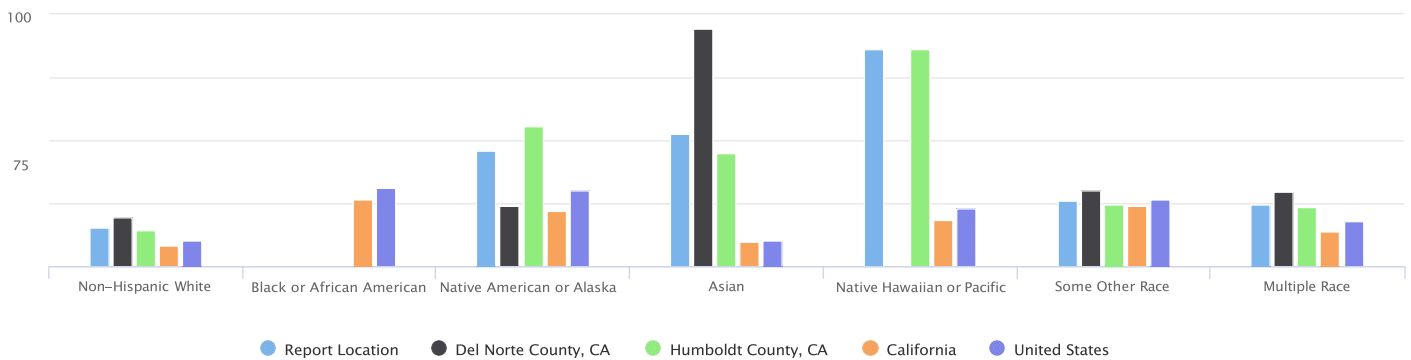
While California & the United States have 16 to 17% of children under 18 living in poverty, Humboldt County has 21.5% and Del Norte county has 25%. Non-Hispanic children in the service area experience poverty at higher rates than those in other parts of the country. The rates of Native American and Asian children living in poverty are much higher than those of the state & nation.

Report Area	Total Population	Population < Age 18	Population < Age 18 in Poverty	Population < Age 18 in Poverty
Service Area	158,603	31,417	6,937	22%
Del Norte County	24,770	5,768	1,432	25%
Humboldt County	133,833	25,649	5,505	21.5%
California	38,701,352	8,849,437	1,429,686	16%
United States	321,897,703	72,996,065	12,443,424	17%

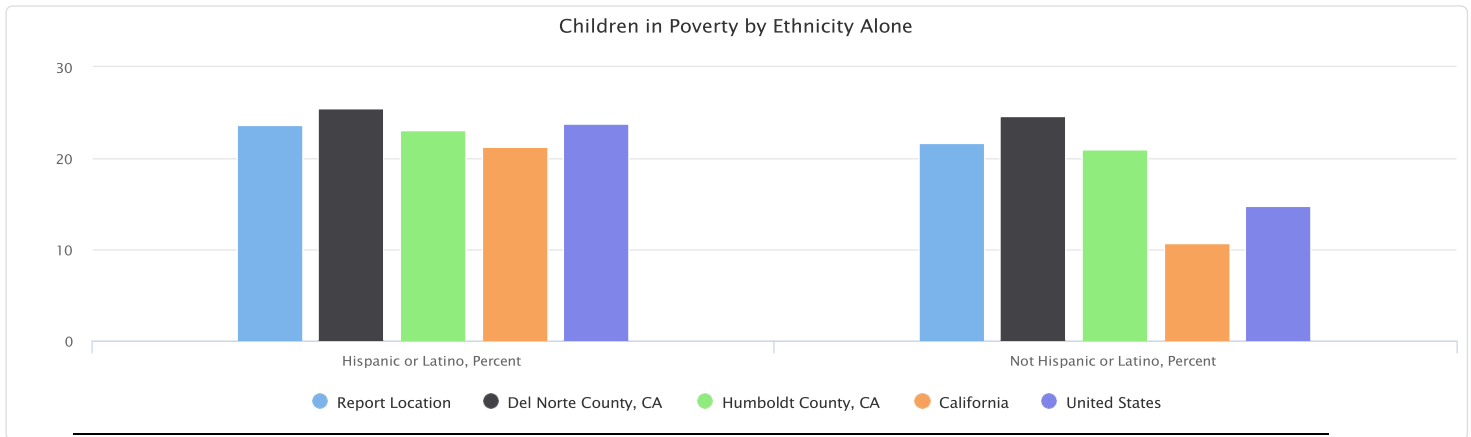
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Children in Poverty by Race, Percent



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone



Head Start Eligible Children & Families

Eligible Expectant Mothers, Infants, Toddlers, And Preschool Age Children

There are an estimated 1846 pregnant women annually in the service area with 554 living below Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). There are 4421 estimated children ages 0-3 in the service area with 1326 eligible children living under FPG. There are 2819 children ages 3-5 living in the service with an estimated 846 living under FPG. The communities with the highest numbers of eligible pregnant women and children are Eureka, Crescent City, Fortuna, Mckinleyville and Arcata.

Expectant Mothers				
EHS Pregnant Women	Annual est preg women	Annual Est <100%	23/24 101-130%	23/24 >130%
Eureka	506	152	177	177
Crescent City	242	73	85	85
Fortuna Area	225	67	79	79
Arcata/Mckinleyville	712	102	249	249
Rio Dell Area	61	18	21	21
Redway Area	46	14	16	16
Willow Creek	20	6	7	7
Trinidad	19	6	7	7
Blue Lake	16	5	5	5

Data Source: Humboldt County DHHS, Birth rates by zip code & poverty rates

Early Head Start Age Eligible Children				
EHS 0-3	23/24 EHS Age Eligible	23/24 <100%	23/24 101-130%	23/24 >130%
Eureka	1517	455	531	531
Crescent City	727	218	255	255
Fortuna Area	675	202	236	236
Mckinleyville	559	168	196	196
Arcata Area	458	137	160	160
Rio Dell Area	184	55	64	64
Redway Area	139	42	49	49
Willow Creek	59	18	21	21
Trinidad	56	17	20	20
Blue Lake	47	14	16	16

Data Source: Humboldt County DHHS, Birth rates by zip code & poverty rates

Head Start Age Eligible Children				
HS	23/24 HS Age Eligible	23/24 <100%	23/24 101-130%	23/24 >130%
Eureka	955	287	334	334
Crescent City	460	138	161	161
Fortuna Area	442	133	155	155
Mckinleyville	365	110	128	128
Arcata Area	305	92	107	107
Rio Dell Area	108	32	38	38
Redway Area	84	25	29	29
Trinidad	27	8	9	9
Blue Lake	30	9	11	11
Willow Creek	43	13	15	15
Orleans	<20	<6	<7	<7

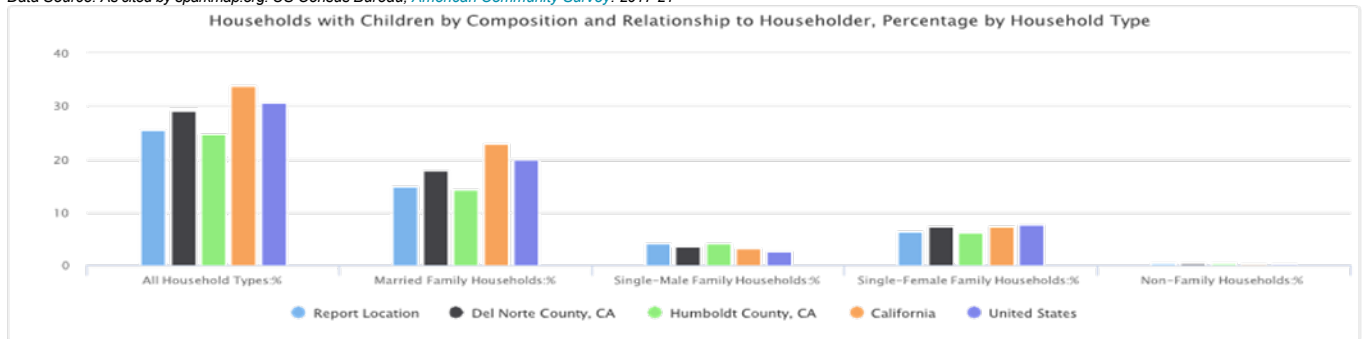
Data Source: Humboldt County DHHS, Birth rates by zip code & poverty rates

Household Composition

The service area has fewer married family households as compared to the state & nation.

Households with Children by Composition and Relationship to Householder					
Report Area	All Household Types	Married Family Households	Single-Male Family Households	Single-Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Service Area	16,149	9,348	2,598	3,997	206
Del Norte County	2,781	1,705	344	700	32
Humboldt County	13,368	7,643	2,254	3,297	174
California	4,462,011	3,030,853	420,225	978,570	32,363
United States	37,894,066	24,763,603	3,358,151	9,436,548	335,764

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21

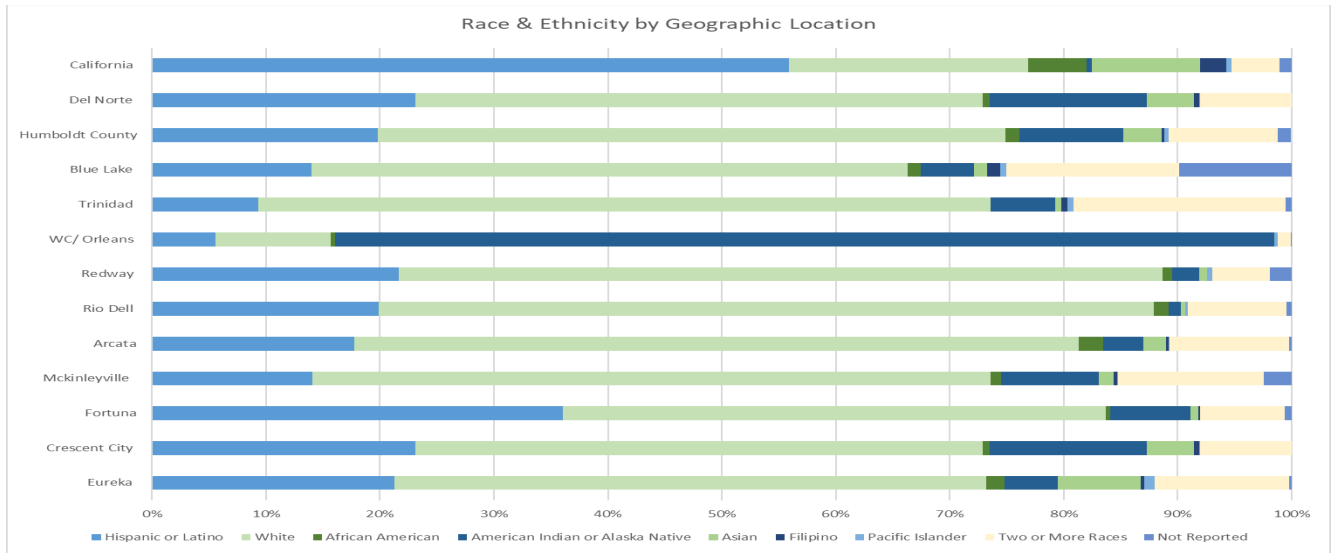


Race and Ethnicity

In most cities, NCS serves more nonwhite families than the schools in the communities. The school district that serves the communities of Willow Creek & Orleans has a very high number of Native American students; these communities are close to 3 Native American reservations for the Yurok, Karuk, & Hoopa tribes. The community of Eureka has the highest numbers of Asian students in the service area. The communities of Fortuna, Crescent City, Eureka, and Redway have the highest numbers of Hispanic students. The Hispanic population of Humboldt County has seen a dramatic increase in the last 20 years. In turn, there has been an increase in the need for Bilingual services in Spanish. NCS average enrollment for children identifying as Hispanic ranges from 20 to 30% of total enrollment each year, rates higher than the general population.

	Hispanic or Latino		White		African American		American Indian		Asian		Pacific Islander		Two or More Races		Not Reported	
	LEA H/L	NCS	LEA W	NCS	LEA AA	NCS	LEA AI	NCS AI	LEA A	NCS	LEA PI	NCS	LEA 2+	NCS	LEA NR	NCS
Eureka	21%	45%	52%	64%	2%	9%	5%	9%	7%	7%	1%	1%	12%	14%	0%	1%
Crescent City	23%	25%	50%	89%	1%	4%	14%	19%	4%	8%	0%	0%	8%	23%	0%	0%
Fortuna	36%	54%	48%	73%	0%	3%	7%	16%	1%	4%	0%	1%	7%	13%	1%	0%
Mckinleyville	14%	30%	59%	80%	1%	5%	9%	23%	1%	3%	0%	0%	13%	15%	2%	5%
Arcata	18%	24%	64%	72%	2%	14%	4%	10%	2%	3%	0%	0%	10%	16%	0%	9%
Rio Dell	20%	9%	68%	76%	1%	0%	1%	9%	0%	3%	0%	0%	9%	3%	0%	0%
Redway	22%	96%	67%	11%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	2%	0%
Willow Creek/ Orleans	6%	8%	10%	72%	0%	0%	82%	38%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	37%	0%	0%
Trinidad	9%	0%	64%	88%	0%	0%	6%	19%	1%	0%	1%	0%	19%	6%	1%	0%
Blue Lake	14%	12%	52%	88%	1%	0%	5%	18%	1%	6%	1%	6%	15%	12%	10%	0%

Data Source: CDE data quest & NCS child Plus Reports



Dual Language Learners & Languages Spoken

NCS serves higher numbers of Dual Language Learners (DLL) in our programs than are seen in local school districts. The primary language of the majority of DLL is Spanish. Additionally, there are smaller numbers of enrolled of Middle Eastern & Asian Language speakers. In the 21-22 year, 33% of NCS children were dual language learners with 24% primary Spanish Speakers, 2% primary Middle Eastern & South Asian Language Speakers & 6% Primary English speakers. The majority of DLL enrolled in NCS programs reside in Eureka, Fortuna, and Redway.

NCS has responded to this need, increasing the numbers of bilingual staff. The Fortuna area has seen a sharp increase in the number of English language learners enrolled in elementary schools. NCS currently operates with four bilingual home visitors as well as bilingual staff in classrooms, and will continue to monitor the needs of children who are dual language learners and their families.

Distribution of NCS Dual Language Learners by City												
	Eureka	Crescent City	Arcata	Fortuna	Mckinleyville	Rio Dell	Redway	Blue Lake	Trinidad	Orleans	Willow Creek	Total
Spanish	42	2	3	64	4	0	17	0	0	0	0	132
Dari	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hmong	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Punjabi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Uzbek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Farsi	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Thai	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DLL Total	54	2	6	64	4	0	17	0	0	0	0	147

Data Source: NCS Child Plus Report

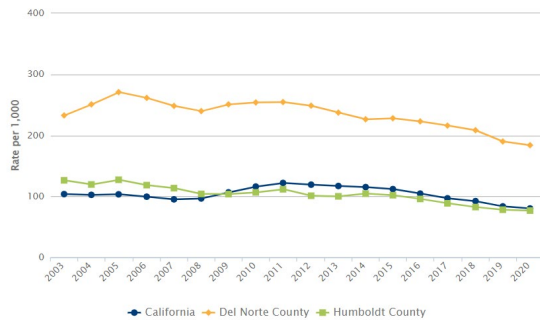
	DLL in LEA	DLL in NCS Programs
Eureka	16.8%	29.3%
Crescent City	6.0%	6.5%
Fortuna	13.5%	45.8%
Mckinleyville	3.9%	7.5%
Arcata	1.5%	16.2%
Rio Dell	11.2%	0.0%

Redway	8.0%	81.0%
Willow Creek/ Orleans	0.2%	0.0%
Trinidad	0.5%	0.0%
Blue Lake	3.5%	0.0%

Data Source: CDE data quest & NCS child Plus Reports

Number of Public Assistance Recipients

Families receive Public Assistance through the CalWorks program at a higher rate in Del Norte County than in Humboldt County. Rates of public assistance in Humboldt County were 77 per 1000 children and rates of Del Norte County were 184 per 1000 children in 2020.



Data Source: As cited by kidsdata.org, California Dept. of Social Services, CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report; California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections

Children In Foster Care

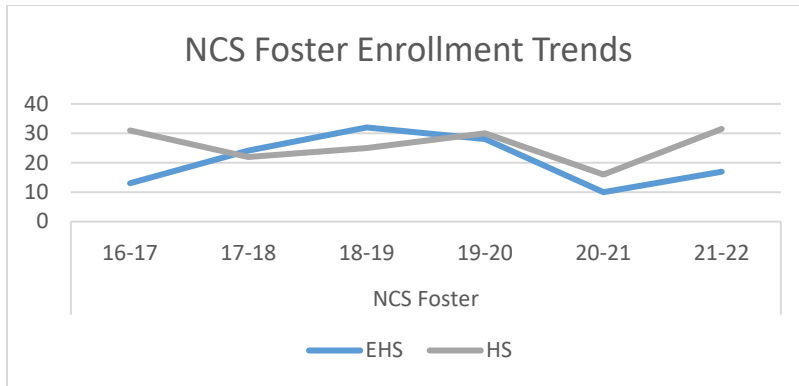
There are higher than average rates of foster children in the service area as compared to the state & national rates. In the 21-22 year, 5% of NCS children were in the foster care system during the school year.

Foster Youth Point in Time Count, Jan 2023			
	Under 1 year old	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5
Del Norte County	No Data	11	13
Humboldt County	23	51	32

Data Source: As cited by the University of California at Berkeley Child Welfare Indicators Project, California Department of Social Services, Research and Data Insights Branch.

Foster Youth				
	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
State	0.74%	0.72%	0.71%	N/A
Humboldt County	2.04%	2.17%	2.05%	1.60%
Northern	1.30%	1.30%	0.80%	1.10%
Eastern	4.60%	2.80%	2.10%	4.00%
Central	2.20%	2.60%	2.10%	1.40%
Southern	1.60%	1.10%	0.80%	0.90%

Data Source: Humboldt County Homeless & Foster Youth MV report



Source: NCS PIR reports

Children Experiencing Homelessness

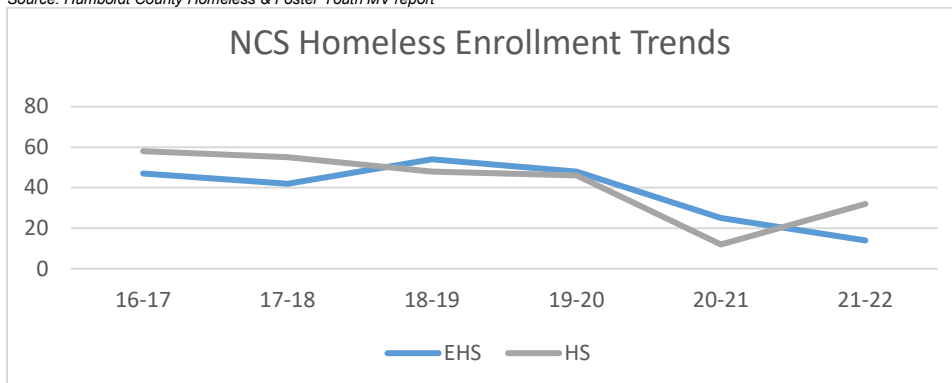
Students are considered homeless if their nighttime residence is shared housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason, a hotel or motel, a temporary shelter, or unsheltered. There are higher than average rates of homeless children on the in Humboldt as compared to the state & national rates. Del Norte county had fewer homeless students than the California average. In the 21-22 year 8% of NCS families were experiencing homelessness.

Homeless Youth in the Public School System			
	2016	2017	2018
California	4.4%	4.8%	4.5%
Del Norte County	3.9%	4.1%	3.7%
Humboldt County	7.4%	7.9%	7.9%

Data Source: As cited by kidsdata.org. California Dept. of Education, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office custom tabulation & California Basic Educational Data System

Homeless Youth				
	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
State	4.30%	3.90%	3.70%	n/a
Humboldt County	7.10%	5.70%	5.70%	5.90%
Northern	4.00%	4.10%	2.90%	3.20%
Eastern	5.90%	6.50%	12.10%	13.20%
Central	9.00%	6.80%	6.30%	7.30%
Southern	6.90%	4.80%	5.80%	4.60%

Source: Humboldt County Homeless & Foster Youth MV report



Source: NCS PIR reports

Number of children with disabilities & types of disabilities

The disabled population on the North coast is significantly higher than the state averages with the Del Norte population being over two times the state average and Humboldt's over 1.5 times the state average. In the 21-22 school year, 14% of NCS children had an IEP and 12% had an IFSP. NCS employs Special Needs and Mental Health Coordinators to support parents and program staff help these children succeed in school. Additional services are provided by local school districts and special education services through the county offices of education. The majority of children with disabilities being served by the SELPA are those with speech and language impairments & autism. NCS has strong partnerships with the Local SELPA and RCRC to coordinate services for the children in NCS programs, which continue to strive to maximize positive outcomes for this population.

SELPA Enrollment with Disability by Age													
Age	Intellectual Disability	Hard of Hearing	Deaf	Speech or Language Impairment	Visual Impairment	Emotional Disturbance	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Specific Learning Disability	Deaf-Blindness	Multiple Disability	Autism	Traumatic Brain Injury
0	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	*	0	0
1	*	*	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	*	*	0
2	*	*	*	25	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	22	0
3	*	*	0	56	*	0	*	*	0	0	*	63	0
4	*	*	0	85	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	53	0
5	*	*	*	86	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	58	0
6	13	*	*	120	0	*	*	16	11	0	0	47	*
7	*	0	0	126	*	*	*	30	35	0	0	38	*
8	13	*	0	93	0	*	*	27	65	0	0	34	0

Data Source: CDE Data Quest SELPA Enrollment * denotes numbers under 11

21-22 NCS Child Enrollment with Disability													
Under 3 w IFSP	Intellectual Disability	Hard of Hearing	Deaf	Speech or Language Impairment	Visual Impairment	Emotional Disturbance	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Specific Learning Disability	Deaf-Blindness	Multiple Disability	Autism	Traumatic Brain Injury
29	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0

Data Source: NCS PIR report

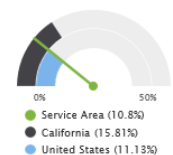
Education Needs of Eligible Families

Adult Educational Attainment

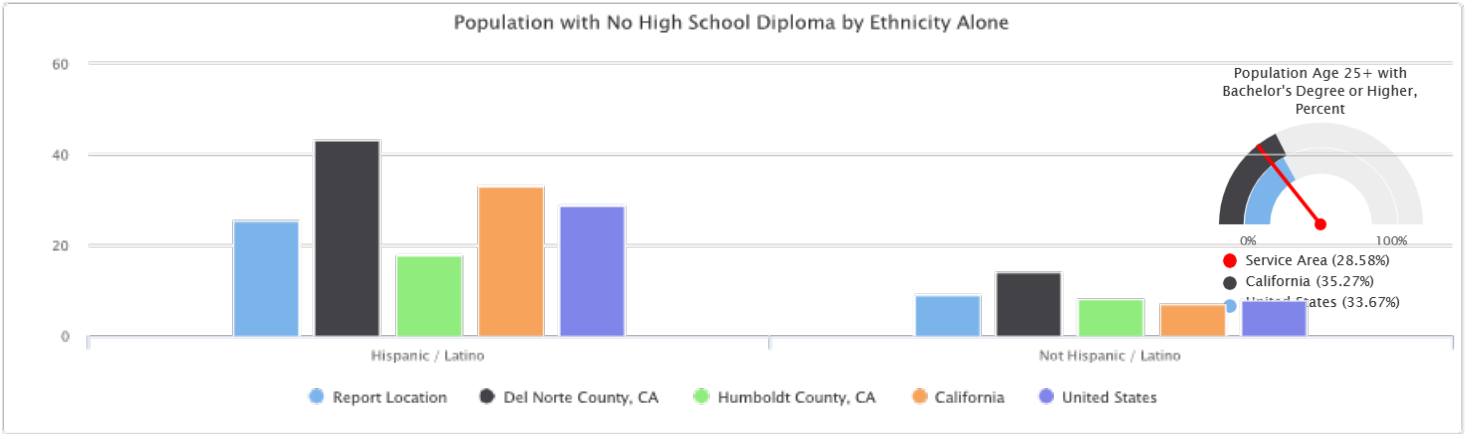
Residents of Del Norte county complete high school and college degrees at lower rates than the state while residents of Humboldt county have higher rates of completing high school and college degrees. Hispanic / Latino residents of Del Norte do not complete high school at higher rates than the state while Hispanic / Latino residents of Humboldt complete high school at higher rates. Black students in the service area are less likely to complete high school as compared to the state & nation. Native American students in the service area complete high school at higher rates. Rates of residents over the age of 25 who have completed a bachelors degree in Del Norte are very low, half that of Humboldt, the state & the nation.

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Graduate / Professional Degree
Report Location	10.8%	24.4%	26.3%	9.8%	18.9%	9.7%
Del Norte County, CA	19.41%	31.0%	25.1%	8.4%	10.5%	5.6%
Humboldt County, CA	9.01%	23.1%	26.6%	10.2%	20.7%	10.5%
California	15.81%	20.4%	20.5%	8.0%	21.9%	13.4%
United States	11.13%	26.5%	20.0%	8.7%	20.6%	13.1%

Percent Population with No High School Diploma



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.



Report Area	Total Population Age 25+	Population Age 25+ with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Population Age 25+ with Bachelor's Degree or Higher, Percent
Service Area	113,518	32,439	28.58%
Del Norte County, CA	19,703	3,176	16.12%
Humboldt County, CA	93,815	29,263	31.19%
California	26,797,070	9,451,438	35.27%
United States	225,152,317	75,808,834	33.67%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21. Source geography: Tract

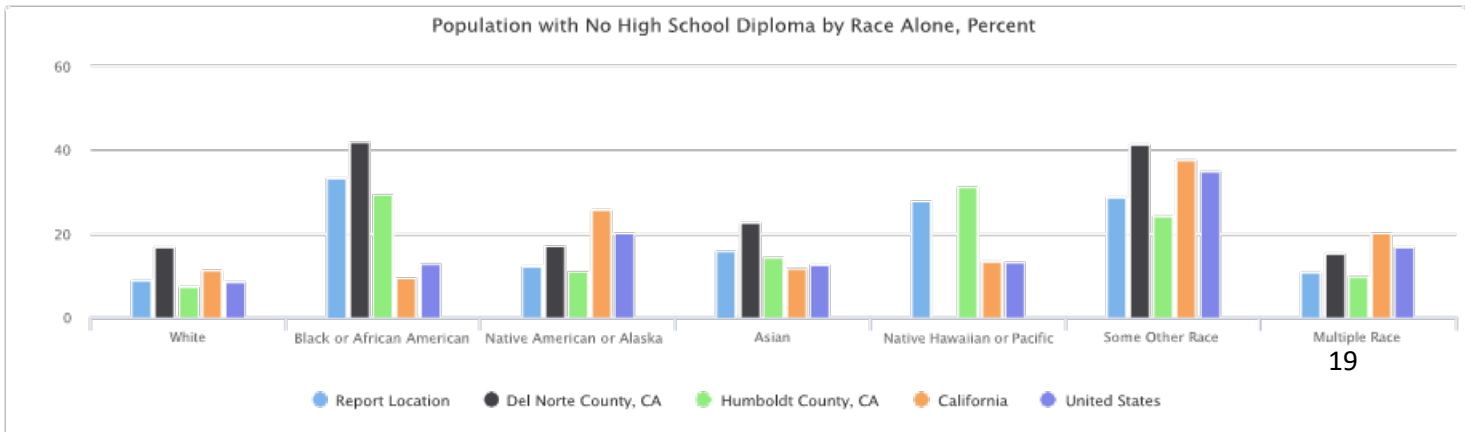
Information on functional literacy levels

Socioeconomically disadvantaged students in the Del Norte County are less likely to meet standards for literacy while students in Humboldt are more likely to meet standards as compared to the state averages.

Students Meeting or Exceeding Grade-Level Standard in English Language Arts, by Socioeconomic Status					
California	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	35.5%	37.7%	39.0%	N/A	36.4%
Non-Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	68.4%	69.3%	69.5%	N/A	64.8%
Del Norte County					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	26.7%	27.3%	31.1%	N/A	39.4%
Non-Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	47.1%	50.3%	46.9%	N/A	53.9%
Humboldt County					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	31.9%	32.7%	35.3%	N/A	30.6%
Non-Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	58.1%	59.0%	58.4%	N/A	56.8%

Data Source: As cited by kidsdata.org. California Dept. of Education, Test Results for California's Assessments

Health Needs of Eligible Families



The service area is designated as having health, mental health, and dental professional shortages, with several areas designated as Medically Underserved Areas/Populations. Access to health services continues to decrease with the loss of pediatric clinics in recent years. This results in increasing challenges for families striving to maintain preventative health services for their children as required by Head Start and the public school system. The pandemic increased the difficulties in accessing care.

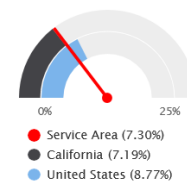
NCS employs a Health Coordinator to monitor children’s health screenings, immunizations, and concerns as well as provide support to families and staff. Follow up is provided for staff and parent education, as well as safety planning for chronic health conditions such as asthma, anemia, lead poisoning, and vision and hearing difficulties.

Health Insurance

In the service area 7.30% of the population are without health insurance coverage. Residents of Del Norte county have lower rates of uninsured people than the state while Humboldt’s rates of uninsured is slightly higher than the state.

Report Area	Total Population (For Whom Insurance Status is Determined)	Uninsured Population	Uninsured Population
Service Area	161,042	11,753	7.30%
Del Norte County	24,975	1,299	5.20%
Humboldt County	136,067	10,454	7.68%
California	38,946,377	2,800,277	7.19%
United States	324,818,565	28,489,142	8.77%

Uninsured Population, Percent



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21. Source geography: Tract

Immunization Rates Among School Children

Immunization rates for children entering Kindergarten in Humboldt County are lower than the state while rates in Del Norte are higher. Humboldt also sees higher number of immunization exemptions than the State. Exemption rates for Humboldt county are higher than that of the state; data for exemptions in Del Norte county have been suppressed due to low numbers. Rates of exemptions have lowered since the legislation SB 277 which eliminated the personal belief exemption. Humboldt continues to have higher rates of children entering Kindergarten who have overdue immunizations or are enrolled conditionally while immunizations are obtained.

Kindergartners with All Required Immunizations					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
California	92.8%	95.6%	95.1%	94.8%	94.3%
Del Norte County	88.4%	92.8%	97.8%	94.2%	97.0%
Humboldt County	82.0%	86.7%	88.4%	88.2%	88.0%

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org, California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, Reporting Data for Kindergarten and 7th Grade (Feb. 2022).

Kindergartners with Immunization Exemptions					
California	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Conditional Entrant	4.4%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%
Immunization Overdue	0.2%	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%	1.5%
Permanent Medical Exemption	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%
Personal Belief Exemption	2.4%	0.6%	S	N/A	N/A
Other Exemption	N/A	0.5%	1.1%	1.5%	1.6%
Del Norte County					

Conditional Entrant	S	S	S	S	S
Immunization Overdue	S	S	S	S	S
mPermanent Medical Exemption	S	S	S	S	S
Personal Belief Exemption	8.7%	S	S	N/A	N/A
Other Exemption	N/A	S	S	S	S
Humboldt County					
Conditional Entrant	7.0%	6.1%	3.0%	3.1%	2.7%
Immunization Overdue	S	S	S	1.5%	3.0%
Permanent Medical Exemption	S	S	4.9%	5.8%	5.6%
Personal Belief Exemption	10.4%	1.7%	S	N/A	N/A
Other Exemption	N/A	3.9%	3.0%	1.4%	S

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org, California Dept. of Public Health, Immunization Branch, Reporting Data for Kindergarten and 7th Grade (Feb. 2022).

*The notation S refers to percentages that have been suppressed because fewer than 20 kindergarteners had that type of immunization exemption, and to numbers and percentages that have been suppressed because (beginning in 2017) fewer than 20 children were enrolled in kindergarten, or (beginning in 2018) data for at least one school in the district were suppressed. N/A means that data are not available.

Oral Health

Dental health and the availability of dental health services are one of the top identified problems and needs for services by the community. Adults in the area report significant dental problems and problems accessing care. With the restoration of Denti-Cal benefits for adults, concerns have not decreased. Very few providers accept Denti-Cal leaving many families forced to drive over 100 miles to obtain care and treatment. Despite the identification of treatment needs, many children and families are unable access services so far away.

Length of Time Since Child's Last Dental Visit, by Age Group: 2017-2018. Ages 2-11			
	California	Del Norte	Humboldt
Less Than 6 Months Ago	80.4%	S	73.6%
6 to 12 Months Ago	10.7%	S	17.6%
More Than 12 Months Ago	2.9%	S	S
Never Had a Dental Visit	6.0%	S	6.6%

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (Aug. 2020).

*The notation S refers to data that have been suppressed because the sample size was lower than 50, the value was less than 0.1%, or the estimate was suppressed by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Data may have wide margins of error and should be treated with caution.

Mental Health

Mental Health of children and families remains a big concern on the North coast. The Covid 19 pandemic has exacerbated the concern. The service area consistently shows high Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) scores and indicators of risk factors as well as associated health behaviors and health outcomes corroborate the concern. 6.4% of parents on the north coast that were surveyed in the 2021 California Health Interview Survey reported that mental health had a severe impact on their family in the past 12 months and an additional 4.9% reported that it had a moderate impact on their family. Mental health also impacts mortality rate in the north coast, deaths by suicide in the service area occur at more than twice the rate of the state.

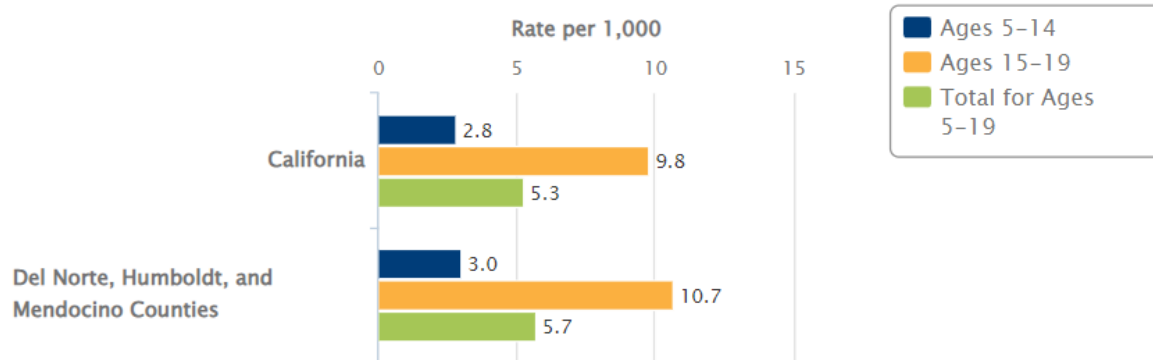
The social emotional readiness of incoming kindergarteners is the top concern from Kindergarten teachers. NCS continues to serve high numbers of children who are not eligible for services under IDEA, yet have significant social emotional development concerns. NCS employs three Mental Health Coordinators to support staff, families and

children with behavior, social emotional development and mental health concerns. NCS utilizes the Teaching Pyramid to support healthy social and emotional development. Social emotional supports, as well as parenting education, are offered in each program to increase positive mental health outcomes for children. NCS staff works with families to identify concerns and link children and families with resources.

Deaths Due to Suicide	
Locations	Rate per 100,000
California	11
Del Norte County	25
Humboldt County	23

Data Source: California Department of Public Health, County Health Profiles (2022)

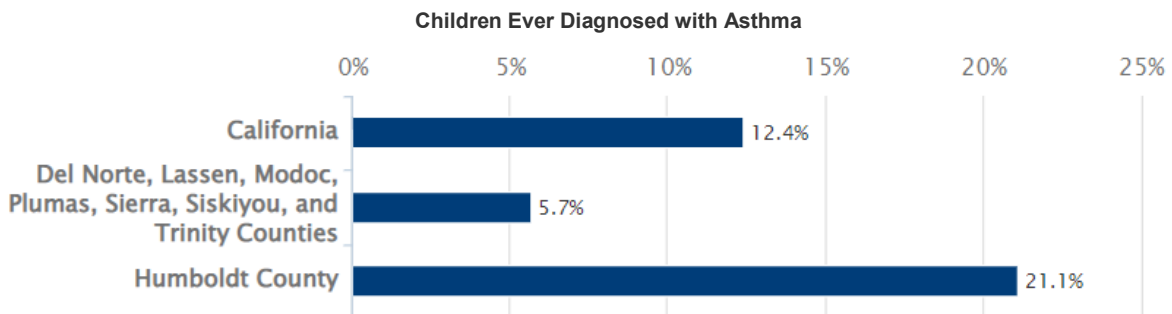
Hospitalizations for Mental Health Issues



Data Source: As cited by Kidsdata.org. California Dept. of Health Care Access and Information custom tabulation (Feb. 2022); California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections

Asthma

Humboldt County has rates of children diagnosed with asthma that are nearly double that of the state while Del Norte rates are lower. Children are exposed to lead at much higher rates than the state in Humboldt County.



Data Source: As cited by Kidsdata.org. UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey.

Exposure to Lead

Children in Humboldt county receive blood lead screenings at higher rates than the state but are less likely to receive the two screenings by 24 months as required by CHDP. Children in Del Norte county receive blood lead screenings at much lower rates

than that of the state Children under the age of 6 in Humboldt county test for elevated blood lead levels of 4.5 to 9.5 micrograms per deciliter at a rate 3 times that of the state and higher than any other county in the state. Rates of children with blood lead levels above 9.5 micrograms per deciliter occur at nearly twice the rate of the state. Data for Del Norte county were not available.

Blood Lead Levels								
	Age Group (Years)	Blood Lead Level (BLL) < 4.5 n	BLL < 4.5 %	BLL ≥ 4.5 to < 9.5 n	BLL ≥ 4.5 to < 9.5 %	BLL ≥ 9.5 n	BLL ≥ 9.5 %	Totals
California Totals	Age < 6	336,386	98.79%	3,292	0.97%	838	0.25%	340,516
	Age 6 to 21	27,497	97.17%	658	2.33%	142	0.50%	28,297
	Local Total age < 21	363,883	98.66%	3,950	1.07%	980	0.27%	368,813
Humboldt	Age < 6	1,629	95.65%	66	3.88%	8	0.47%	1,703
	Age 6 to 21	37	97.37%	1	2.63%	0	0.00%	38
	Local Total age < 21	1,666	95.69%	67	3.85%	8	0.46%	1,741

Data Source: California Department of Public Health. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch. California Blood Lead Data, 2020.

Rates of Blood Lead Screening					
	Blood Lead Screening: 12 Months	Blood Lead Screening: 24 Months	Two Tests by 24 Months of Age	Catch Up Test by 6 Years of Age	Any Lead Screening in Children
California	53.25%	53.25%	53.25%	53.25%	53.25%
De Norte	44.63%	29.03%	15.20%	20.69%	53.19%
Humboldt	72.07%	57.82%	46.01%	38.74%	76.32%

Data Source: California Department of Public Health. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch. California's Progress in Preventing and Managing Childhood Lead Exposure Report (2022).

Other Prevalent Health Problems

Preventable health issues impact mortality rates of the service area significantly. The North coast has higher than average rates of deaths due to accidents and firearms. Deaths due to liver disease, chronic respiratory illness, and lung cancer occur at nearly twice the rate of the state. Deaths due to cerebrovascular disease in Humboldt county occur nearly three times the rate of the state. Deaths due to heart disease in Humboldt county are also higher than the state rates. Deaths due to diabetes in Del Norte county occur at twice the rate of the state. The service area has lower rates of residents living with HIV/Aids as compared to the state.

Perinatal health

The number of infants born with substance exposure on the Northcoast is staggering, with estimates from DHHS that one in four babies born in Humboldt County are prenatally exposed. The rate of substance use diagnosis for hospitalizations of pregnant females is 8% in Humboldt county as compared to 2% state wide. Humboldt and Del Norte infant mortality rates remain higher than the state. Also concerning are the rates of lack of prenatal care or late access to care on the Northcoast.

NCS serves 18-30 pregnant mothers each year through the EHS home based model. The Nurse Family partnership serves 132 new mothers through DHHS. NCS utilizes the Partners for a Healthy Baby evidence based curriculum. NCS employs a Health

Coordinator and Mental Health Coordinator to support services to families during the perinatal period. NCS partners with the Postpartum Mood Disorder Task Force and the Maternal Child Adolescent Health division of DHHS to increase community capacity for supporting families in the perinatal period.

Children Born to Addicted Mothers

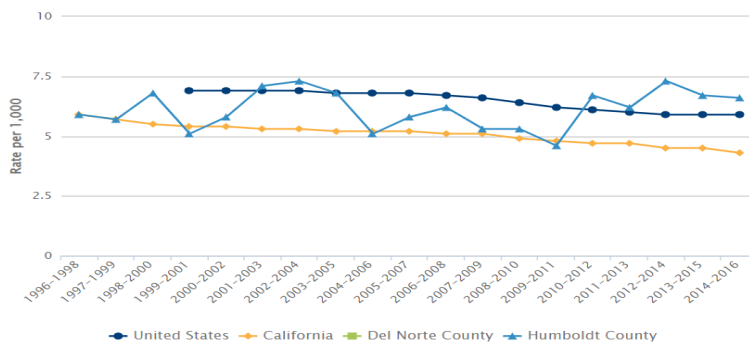
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome is a result of drug withdrawal from exposure in the womb. NAS is most often caused when a woman uses opiates during pregnancy. Humboldt County has a NAS rate of 13.5 per 1000 births while California has a NAS rate of 2.5 per 1000 births. No data is available for Del Norte County.

Locations	Rate per 1000 births
California	2.5
Del Norte County	13.5
Humboldt County	No data

Data Source: California Department of Public Health, Maternal Child Adolescent Health Division, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Dashboard.

Infant Mortality

Humboldt County has higher rates of infant mortality as compared to the state. No data was available for Del Norte County. Infant mortality occurs at a rate of 6.2% per 1000 births while the state rate is 3.9% per 1000 births. Infant mortality in the Black & Hispanic population in the service area is higher than the California average.



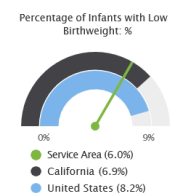
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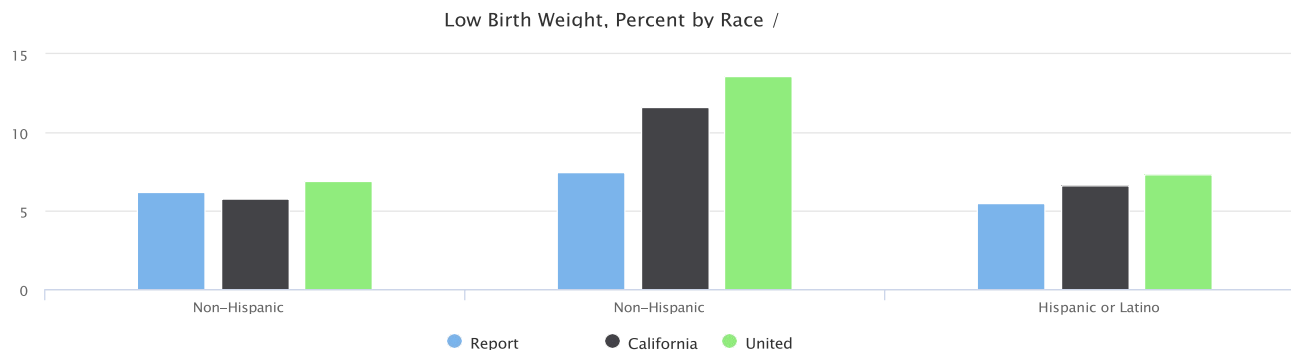
Number of low-birth weight babies

There were 711 infants in the service area born with low birth weight, 6.0% of the total live births, fewer than the state & the nation.

Report Area	Total Live Births	Low Birthweight Births	Low Birthweight Births
Service Area	11,841	711	6.0%
Del Norte County, CA	2,032	125	6.2%
Humboldt County, CA	9,809	586	6.0%
California	3,275,995	225,684	6.9%
United States	26,896,859	2,203,029	8.2%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings. 2014-2020. Source geography: County

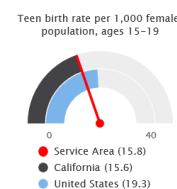




Teen pregnancy rates

Teen pregnancy rates in Del Norte county are nearly twice as high as that of the state and higher than the national rate. Teen pregnancy rates in Humboldt county are lower than the state & the nation.

Report Area	Female Population Age 15-19	Teen Births, Rate per 1,000 Female Population Age 15-19
Service Area	36,168	15.8
Del Norte County, CA	4,932	33.9
Humboldt County, CA	31,236	12.9
California	8,784,781	15.6
United States	72,151,590	19.3



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.com. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC - National Vital Statistics System. Accessed via County Health Rankings. 2014-2020. Source geography: County

Women Receiving Prenatal Healthcare

Fewer women in the service area receive prenatal care in the first trimester than those in the state of California. Women in Del Norte are more likely to receive adequate prenatal care than those in Humboldt county as compared to the state.

	Pregnant women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester	Pregnant women who received adequate prenatal care
Del Norte County, CA	77%	76%
Humboldt County, CA	80%	73%
California	87%	76%

Data Source: California Department of Health & Human Services. County Health Status Profiles, 2022.

Nutrition Needs of Eligible Families

A high number of parents on the North coast report their children drinking significantly fewer sugar sweetened beverages and higher than average reports of children eating more than five fruits and vegetables a day. Coupled with that positive data are adult reports of much lower levels of physical inactivity than the state average. Public school students are still in the average range for being overweight or obese in Humboldt and higher than average in Del Norte.

NCS employs a Nutrition Coordinator and a Registered Dietician Consultant who work with field staff to screen and assess each enrolled child's nutritional status subsequently offering personalized information and support to staff and families with any nutritional needs and concerns.

Availability of low-cost food

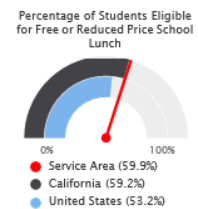
Humboldt and Del Norte have slightly higher rates of Food Insecurity as compared to the state, however enrollment in the Free and Reduced School meal program is lower than the state average in Humboldt County. Children attending NCS center based programs are served two meals daily through the CACFP program. NCS parents report Cal Fresh enrollment at 52% and WIC enrollment at 61%. NCS supports families experiencing food insecurity through community referrals to resources, emergency food, information on low cost meals, and food budgeting.

Children Receiving Free Lunch and Breakfast

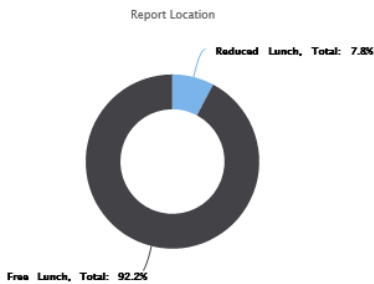
Free or reduced price lunches are served to qualifying students in families with income under 185 percent (reduced price) or under 130 percent (free lunch) of the US federal poverty threshold as part of the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP). More students in the service area qualify for free or reduced price lunch with Del Norte students qualifying at a much higher rate than the state & nation. The majority of students receiving this assistance are eligible for free lunch.

Report Area	Total Students	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch, Percent
Service Area	21,807	13,050	59.9%
Del Norte County	4,247	2,774	65.4%
Humboldt County	17,560	10,276	58.6%
California	5,958,941	3,526,048	59.2%
United States	42,378,208	22,336,198	53.2%

Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data, 2020-2021. Source geography: Address



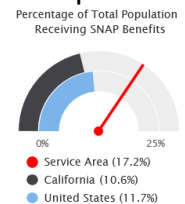
Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch by Eligibility



CalFresh/SNAP recipients

Cal Fresh / Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that provides a safety net to ensure that low income people receive adequate nutrition. Families receiving CalFresh/SNAP are categorically eligible for NCS programs. CalFresh/Snap is utilized at a higher rate in the service area than the rest of the state & nation.

Report Area	Total Population	Population Receiving SNAP Benefits	Population Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent
Service Area	163,370	28,156	17.2%
Del Norte County	27,812	5,436	19.6%
Humboldt County	135,558	22,720	16.8%
California	39,512,223	4,169,247	10.6%



United States	328,239,523	38,537,386	11.7%
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Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org, US Census Bureau, *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*, 2019. Source geography: County

Participation in Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC is a federally-funded program providing nutrition education, healthy food vouchers, breastfeeding support, and healthcare referrals to perinatal women and children ages 0-5. 25% of the pregnant women & children under 5 in the service area utilized the WIC program in 2020.

Locations	Number
California	513,479
Del Norte County	567
Humboldt County	1,686

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org, California Dept. of Public Health, *California Women, Infants and Children Program Redemption by County*.

Social Service Needs of Eligible Families

The North coast sees much higher numbers of child abuse reports as well as number of children in foster care, indicating higher rates of abuse. The Domestic Violence call for assistance and visits to the emergency room rates of Del Norte County are staggeringly high, over 10 times higher than the state as a whole. Identifying families experiencing these issues can be difficult due to lack of disclosure. NCS works to build trust and support families with family violence concerns. NCS employs Family Services Specialists to support staff and high risk families dealing with multiple stressors. NCS partners with DHHS, Family Resource Center Network, and Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council to increase community capacity for coping with these issues and continues to work towards strengthening community partnerships to address these concerns.

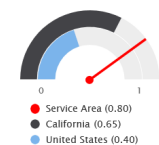
Social Vulnerability Index (SoVI)

The degree to which a community exhibits certain social conditions, including high poverty, low percentage of vehicle access, or crowded households, may affect that community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in the event of disaster. These factors describe a community's social vulnerability. The social vulnerability index is a measure of the degree of social vulnerability in counties and neighborhoods across the United States, where a higher score indicates higher vulnerability. The service area has a social vulnerability index score of 0.80, which is which is greater than the state.

Report Area	Total Population	Socioeconomic Theme Score	Household Composition Theme Score	Minority Status Theme Score	Housing & Transportation Theme Score	Social Vulnerability Index Score
Service Area	163,192	0.68	0.38	0.76	0.92	0.80
Del Norte County, CA	27,424	0.88	0.68	0.80	1.00	0.97
Humboldt County, CA	135,768	0.64	0.32	0.75	0.90	0.76
California	39,148,760	0.52	0.21	0.96	0.78	0.65
United States	322,903,030	0.30	0.32	0.76	0.62	0.40

-GRASP, 2018. Source geography: Tract

Social Vulnerability Index Score



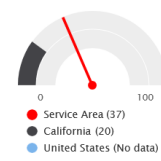
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Area Deprivation Index

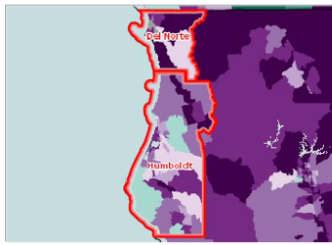
This indicator reports the average (population weighted) Area Deprivation Index (ADI) for the selected area. The Area Deprivation Index ranks neighborhoods and communities relative to all neighborhoods across the nation (National Percentile) or relative to other neighborhoods within just one state (State Percentile). The ADI is calculated based on 17 measures related to four primary domains (Education; Income & Employment; Housing; and Household Characteristics). The overall scores are measured on a scale of 1 to 100 where 1 indicates the lowest level of deprivation (least disadvantaged) and 100 is the highest level of deprivation (most disadvantaged).

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	State Percentile	National Percentile
Service Area	164,206	81	37
Del Norte County	27,743	78	46
Humboldt County	136,463	82	35
California	39,538,223	No data	20
United States	334,735,155	No data	No data

Area Deprivation Index Score (National Percentile)



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.org. University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, *Neighborhood Atlas*. 2020. Source geography: Block Group



Area Deprivation Index (2020), State Decile by Block Group, Neighborhood Atlas 2022



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Incidence of child abuse and neglect

Child Abuse		
	Report Rate per 1000	Substantiated Report Rate per 1000
Del Norte County, CA	115.7	13.1
Humboldt County, CA	77.8	7.4
California	43.5	6.8

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org. California Child Welfare Indicators Project. CCWIP Reports. University of California at Berkeley & California Dept. of Social Services

Reports of domestic violence

Both Humboldt & Del Norte county have higher rates of calls for domestic violence as compared to the state average. Del Norte rates are more than 10 times the rate of the state average.

Domestic Violence Calls for Assistance	
	Report Rate per 1000
Del Norte County, CA	71.3
Humboldt County, CA	7.4
California	6.1

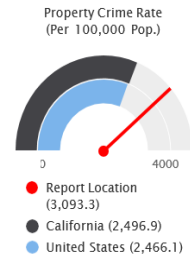
Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org. California Dept. of Justice Criminal Justice Statistics Center, *Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance (Jul. 2021)*; California Dept. of Finance, *Population Estimates and Projections*.

Rates or Property & Violent Crime

This indicator reports the rate of property crime offenses reported by law enforcement per 100,000 residents. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. This indicator is relevant because it assesses community safety.

In the service area, 5,022 property crimes occurred in 2014 and 2016. The property crime rate of 3,093.3 per 100,000 residents is higher than the statewide rate of 2,496.9 per 100,000. Rates of property crime in Humboldt county are much higher than the average rates of the state average while Del Norte have lower rates than the state average.

Report Area	Total Population	Property Crimes, Annual Average	Property Crimes, Annual Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.)
Service Area	162,362	5,022	3,093.3
Del Norte County, CA	27,335	628	2,299.3
Humboldt County, CA	135,027	4,394	3,254.2
California	39,026,245	974,446	2,496.9
United States	321,015,117	7,915,583	2,466.1

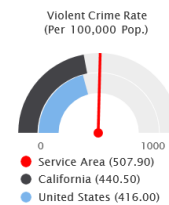


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Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Within the report area, the 2015-2017 three-year total of reported violent crimes was 2,500, which equates to an annual rate of 507.90 crimes per 100,000 people, higher than the statewide rate of 440.50. Del Norte's rates of violent crimes is significantly higher than the state average.

Report Area	Total Population	Violent Crimes, 3-year Total	Violent Crimes, Annual Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.)
Service Area	164,063	2,500	507.90
Del Norte County	27,005	478	589.90
Humboldt County	137,057	2,022	491.70
California	39,448,374	521,391	440.50
United States	366,886,849	4,579,031	416.00



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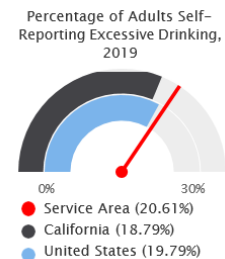
Rates of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

High mortality rates from drug overdoses as well as high misdemeanor and felony arrest rates are indicators that substance use is a community crisis. This is echoed in the results of the Community Needs Survey. Humboldt County has seen increased focus and efforts aimed to increase community capacity for prevention, intervention and treatment. The former transitional Housing unit, Multiple Assistance Center, has been transitioned into a primarily privately funded substance use inpatient center. There are increasing numbers of outpatient programs and support services through the DHHS behavioral health branch alcohol and other drugs services programs, as well as private for profit programs. The Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council has chosen Substance Use as a focus to reduce ACEs among our community's children. Identifying families dealing with substance use issues can be difficult due to the lack of disclosure. NCS works to build trust and support families with substance use concerns.

Alcohol Usage – Excessive Drinking

In the service area, 27,159, or 20.61% adults self-report excessive drinking in the last 30 days, which is greater than the state rate of 18.79%. Excessive drinking is defined as the percentage of the population who report at least one binge drinking episode involving five or more drinks for men and four or more for women over the past 30 days, or heavy drinking involving more than two drinks per day for men and more than one per day for women, over the same time period.

Report Area	Population Age 18+	Adults Reporting Excessive Drinking	Percentage of Adults Reporting Excessive Drinking
Service Area	131,773	27,159	20.61%
Del Norte County, CA	21,971	4,361	19.85%
Humboldt County, CA	109,802	22,798	20.76%
California	30,819,534	5,792,126	18.79%
United States	255,778,123	50,612,058	19.79%



Data Source: As cited by sparkmap.com. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Accessed via County Health Rankings. 2019. Source geography: County

Drug Use

Drug Use in the service area continues at higher rates than the state. The north coast has seen a sharp increase of fentanyl use in the last five years. Amphetamines are also used at high rates in the area. Prescriptions for opioids are given at much higher rates than that of the state. Drug related deaths in the service area occur almost twice as frequently as the average rate of the state. There are very few substance use disorder programs available in the area, however Humboldt county has targeted efforts to increase services in the last few years.

Prescriptions for Opioids	
Locations	Rate per 1000
California	323
Del Norte County	539
Humboldt County	494

Data Source: California Department of Health & Human Services. California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard.

Drug Related Deaths & Hospital Usage (Rate per 100,000)					
Locations	Drug Induced Deaths	Hospitalizations related to Opioid overdose	ED visits related to Opioid overdose	Hospitalizations related to Amphetamine overdose	ED visits due related to Amphetamine overdose
California	18	13	53	9	7
Del Norte County	32	22	89	7	4
Humboldt County	36	15	76	17	1

Data Source: California Department of Health & Human Services. County Health Status Profiles (2022) and California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard.

Housing and Homelessness

Low housing affordability & high rates of homelessness were rated as the top two concerns and needs rated in the Community Needs Survey completed in 2018. Subsidized housing slots are very limited and affordability is low. While very little affordable housing has been added to the community in the last 5 years, there are several projects in process and housing elements are being updated. The Agency currently provides information and support to families expressing a need in this area through connection to resources and assistance with applications, including those for

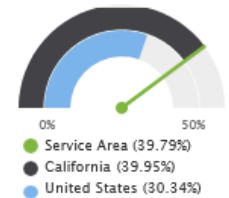
subsidized housing complexes. NCS works with families to prevent families from losing their housing and assists families who are houseless to find homes. 56% of NCS families who were homeless during the 21-22 program year found stable permanent housing.

Housing Affordability

Housing Costs - Cost Burden (30%)			
Report Area	Total Households	Cost-Burdened Households	Cost-Burdened Households
Service Area	63,260	25,172	39.79%
Del Norte County, CA	9,531	2,872	30.13%
Humboldt County, CA	53,729	22,300	41.50%
California	13,217,586	5,280,896	39.95%
United States	124,010,992	37,625,113	30.34%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21. Source geography: Tract

Percentage of Households where Housing Costs Exceed 30% of Income



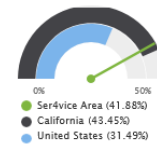
Housing Conditions

This indicator reports the number and percentage of owner- and renter-occupied housing units having at least one of the following conditions: 1) lacking complete plumbing facilities, 2) lacking complete kitchen facilities, 3) with 1 or more occupants per room, 4) selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income greater than 30%, and 5) gross rent as a percentage of household income greater than 30%. Selected conditions provide information in assessing the quality of the housing inventory and its occupants. This data is used to easily identify homes where the quality of living and housing can be considered substandard. Of the 63,260 total occupied housing units in the report area, 26,492 or 41.88% have one or more substandard conditions.

Housing Quality - Substandard Housing			
Report Area	Total Occupied Housing Units	Units with One or More Substandard Conditions	Units with One or More Substandard Conditions
Service Area	63,260	26,492	41.88%
Del Norte County	9,531	2,970	31.16%
Humboldt County	53,729	23,522	43.78%
California	13,217,586	5,743,463	43.45%
United States	124,010,992	39,049,569	31.49%

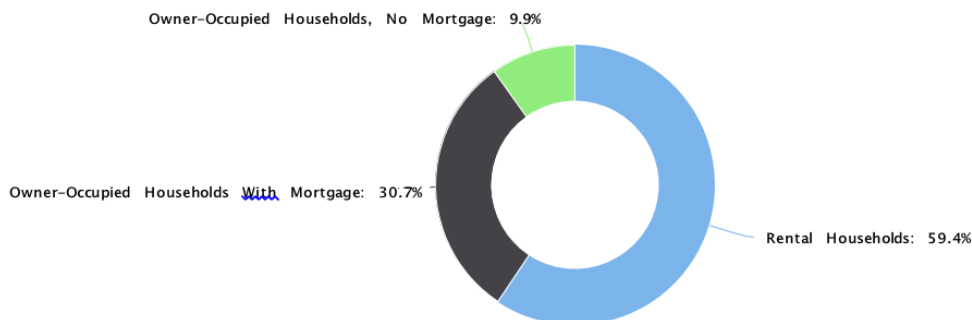
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Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions, Percent



Cost-Burdened Households by Tenure, Total

Report Location

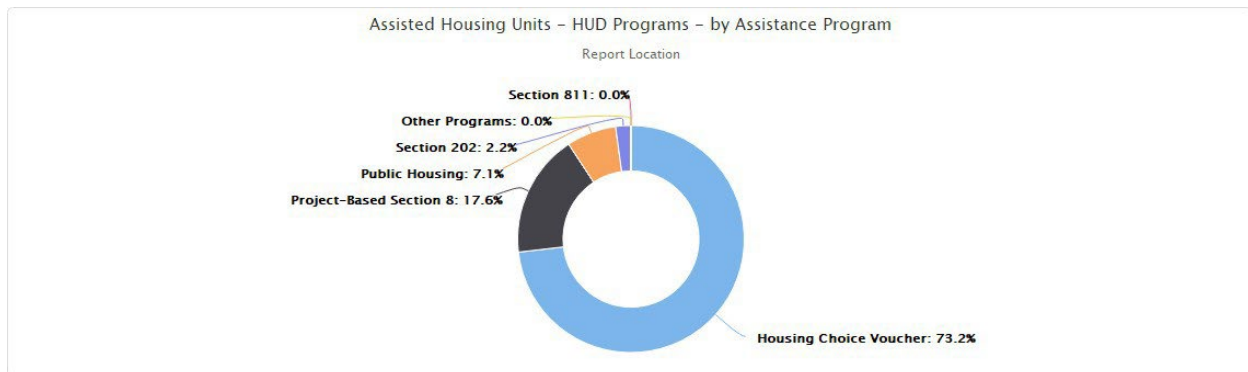
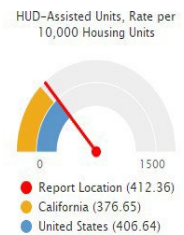


HUD Assisted Housing

HUD assisted housing provides subsidies to reduce the financial burden of rent for low income renters. Del Norte County has more HUD assisted units available than the state average while Humboldt has fewer HUD assistance units. Communities throughout the north coast are updating their housing elements and focusing on increasing the availability of housing units and subsidized housing. Several new subsidized complexes have been built in the last five years. NCS family services staff work to connect families with affordable housing including application assistance for HUD assisted housing.

Report Area	Total Housing Units (2020)	Total HUD-Assisted Housing Units	HUD-Assisted Units, Rate per 10,000 Housing Units
Report Location	63,925	2,636	412.36
Del Norte County	9,805	629	641.51
Humboldt County	54,120	2,007	370.84
California	13,103,114	493,534	376.65
United States	123,559,968	5,024,504	406.64

Data Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2021. Source geography: County

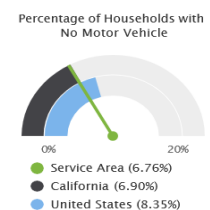


Transportation and Communication

The rural nature of the services area lends itself to infrastructure and transportation challenges. There are frequent road closures which prevent mobility throughout and out of the service area. Cell phone and internet services continue to be unavailable in some of the rural communities in the service area.

Transportation

There are higher rates of people walking and biking to school and work in the services area and lower number utilizing public transportation as compared to the state. Challenges to the provision of transportation to NCS sites include the number of program locations and distance between NCS sites. NCS does not provide bus services but does provide other transportation resources including raingear, strollers, and bus tickets as needed. NCS works with families to plan for transportation challenges. NCS also owns several vehicles to assist families in transportation to needed services such as medical and dental appointments as well as



socializations. NCS provides pedestrian and car seat safety education annually to enrolled families.

Report Area	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle	Households with No Motor Vehicle
Service Area	63,260	4,277	6.76%
Del Norte County	9,531	674	7.07%
Humboldt County	53,729	3,603	6.71%
California	13,217,586	911,655	6.90%
United States	124,010,992	10,349,174	8.35%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21. Source geography: Tract

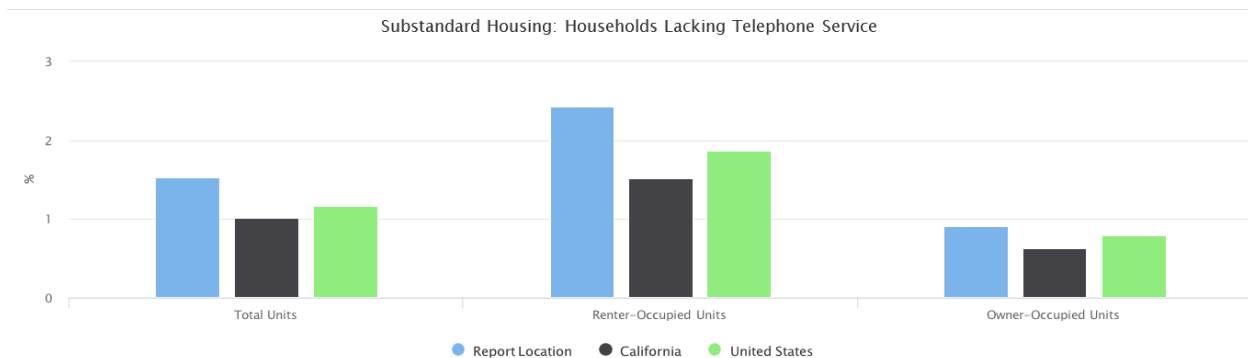
Transportation safety is a major concern in the service area with high numbers of injuries & deaths due to motor vehicle accidents.

Deaths due to motor vehicle accidents	
Locations	Rate per 100,000
California	10.3
Del Norte County	17.9
Humboldt County	20.3

Data Source: California Department of Health & Human Services. County Health Status Profiles, 2022.

Phone & Cell Service

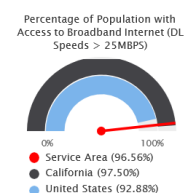
Residents in the service area are more likely to not have phone service than those in the rest of the state or nation. State & federal subsidy programs assist low income families in maintaining phone services. Cell service continues to be unreliable in much of the service area with some rural communities not having access to cell service at all. State & Federal programs to assist low income families access phone & cell service area available in the area.



Data Source: As cited by sparmap.org. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-21.

Internet Services

There are fewer households in the service area with access to high speed broadband internet services with Del Norte County having the highest portion of households without access. There are some broadband projects that have secured funding to increase the access in the coming years. Federal programs to assist low income families with the cost of internet services are available in the area.



Report Area	Total Number of Broadband Serviceable Locations	Access to DL Speeds >= 25MBPS and UL Speeds >= 3 MBPS	Access to DL Speeds >= 100MBPS and UL Speeds >= 20 MBPS
Service Area	62,868	96.56%	93.91%
Del Norte County	10,126	93.37%	89.52%
Humboldt County	52,742	97.17%	94.75%
California	9,984,633	97.50%	95.84%
United States	113,499,990	92.88%	87.63%

Child Care Availability

Child Development Centers, Child Care Centers, and Family Child Care Programs

There are 13 licensed child care facilities in Del Norte County and 55 in Humboldt county. 32% of Humboldt licensed facilities and 40% of Del Norte licensed facilities have state and/or federal funding. Additional subsidies are provided through the Parent Choice and Family Childcare Voucher programs offered through Changing Tides in Humboldt County. Services for children ages 3-5 have increased and are easily accessible through school district's Universal Transitional Kindergarten and Universal PreK programs. Additional services for preschool ages include First Five community playgroups, Special Services offered for developmentally delayed children through the office of education. Additional services for pregnancy to 3 include: First Five community playgroups; Special Services offered for developmentally delayed children through SELPA and RCRC; and Paso a Paso a program for Latino families. Additionally, Healthy Moms drug and alcohol recovery program offers free child care and parenting support.

Services for pregnant and parenting teens were cut several years ago and the need remains unmet. One center based program for parenting teen's remains in Del Norte County which has a very high rate of teen pregnancy. Supportive services for teen mother including those in the Humboldt High Schools remain unfunded.

Services for children with diagnosed developmental delay are comprehensive and easily accessed through the office of education and Regional Center programs. Special center based programs and transportation services are available for severely developmentally disabled and autistic children in Humboldt County. Services targeting the increasing numbers of autistic children have been increasing throughout the service area. HCOE has opened 2 centers serving children with special needs in Fortuna and Arcata. Additionally, Eureka city schools operates a center serving children with special needs located centrally in Eureka. NCS and the county offices of education continue to explore innovative ways to partner and serve children with diagnosed disabilities.

City	2-5 Center Capacity	0-2 Center Capacity	Family CC Home Capacity	TK Enrollment 20/21
Eureka	769	114	362	56
Crescent City	208	50	196	41
Fortuna	224	0	138	34
Mckinleyville	197	14	56	16
Arcata	332	77	42	58
Rio Dell	24	0	14	9
Redway	74	0	0	5
Willow Creek	20	0	14	7

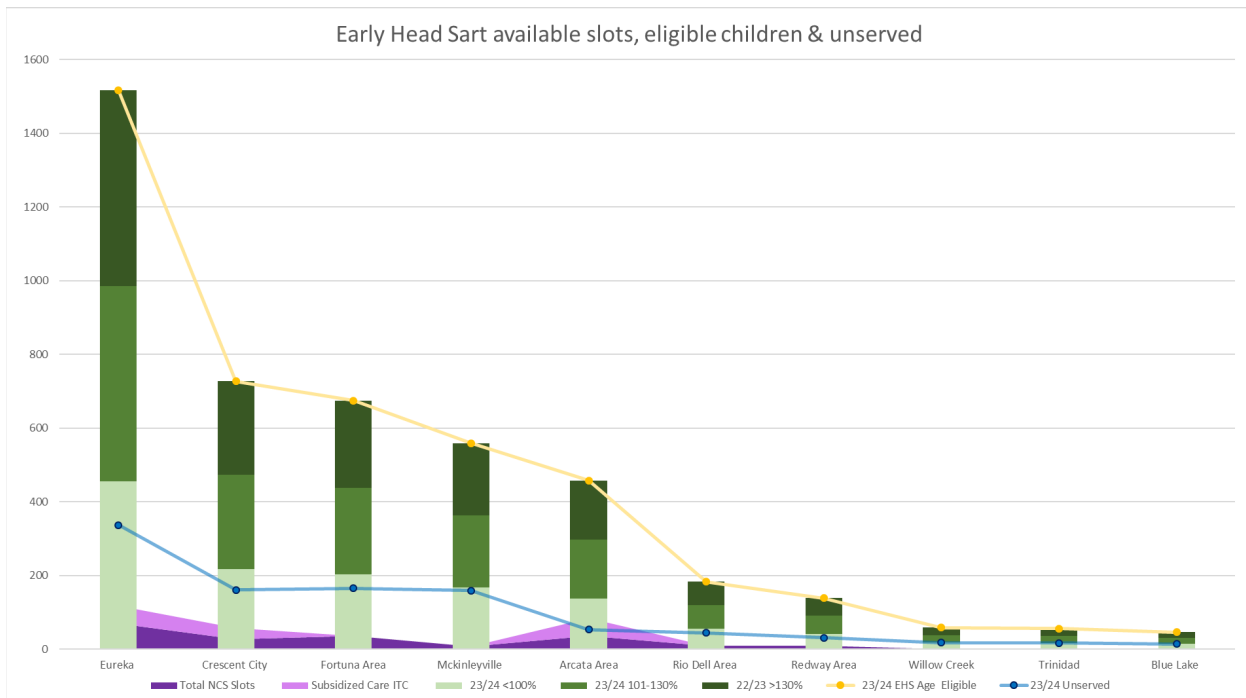
Orleans	15	0	0	0
Trinidad	20	0	0	2
Blue Lake	24	0	0	3
Total	1907	255	822	231

Data Source: CDSS child care centers & Family Child Care Home facility search & CDE 2021-22 transitional kindergarten data

Approximate Number of Head Start-Eligible Children Served

There is an overall lack of services for ages 0-3 and in particular ages 2-3 as the Nurse Family Partnership program is only for 1st time mothers and ends at age 2. NCS Early Head Start Home Base Programs serve 198 children and families age birth to 3 through 81 center based slots and 117 home based slots. NCS operates 11 EHS centers in the service area serving primarily 2 year olds. College of the Redwoods operates an EHS center in partnership with the California Department of Education. There are also Tribal EHS Grantees in Eureka, Hoopa and Wietchpec. Cal Poly Humboldt offers a State funded infant toddler program that primarily serves students enrolled in the University.

There are 8 licensed centers serving Infants and Toddlers under the age of 2 in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Two of these programs are operated by NCS, two are operated by colleges, and Del Norte office of Education operates an infant toddler center for teen parents with an EHS childcare partnership at one of the high school campuses. The remaining 3 centers are private for profit centers. Additional EHS services are provided through Changing Tides which operates EHS Child Care Partnership in Family Child Care Homes. Nurse Family Partnership serves 150 children age birth to 2 for first time mothers in Humboldt.



There are few unserved eligible families in the 3-5 age group. With the increases TK and UPK, many communities have more 3-5 slots than eligible families. NCS serves 311 children ages 3-5 in center based Head Start programs and 31 in home based programs. NCS operates 15 Head Start classrooms and partners with an additional 2

centers to provide community enhanced services through Head Start. There are Tribal Head Start Grantees in the towns of Smith River, Crescent City, Klamath, Hoopa, and Eureka. There are 9 state preschools and child care programs in Humboldt County with a licensed capacity of 328 children. Del Norte Unified School District operates 4 state preschool programs with a capacity of 130 children. Several Humboldt school districts offer additional fee for service preschool services for age 3-5. Almost every elementary school is now offering Transitional Kindergarten programs, some with multiple classrooms. Approximately 231 children were enrolled in TK programs in Humboldt County in the 2020-21 school year.



Typical work, school, or training schedules

The majority of requests for child care are for traditional hours and full time care. This indicates that the vast majority of parents with eligible children have typical M-F work, school, & job training schedules. The majority of requests for child care are for children under the age of 5 with care requests for ages 2-5 slightly higher than that of under 2.

Requests for Full Time Child Care		
Age	Humboldt	Del Norte
Under 2 years	75%	95%
2 years	85%	96%
3 years	68%	92%
4 years	78%	92%
5 years	84%	98%
Requests for nontraditional hours		
	1%	5%
Child Care Requests by Age		
	Humboldt	Del Norte
Under 2 years	32%	23%
2-5 years	40%	50%
6 years and older	28%	27%

Data Source: California Child Care Resource & Referral Network

Community Needs Survey For Northcoast Children's Services

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Responses

103:52

Average time to complete

Active

Status

1. In what zip code do you live?

149

Responses

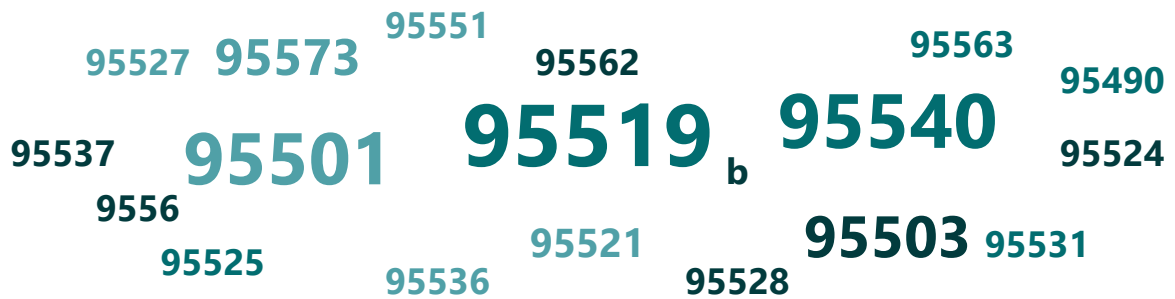
Latest Responses

"95525"

"95501"

"95501"

23 respondents (15%) answered 95519 for this question.



2. How many children under 5 live in your home?

None	74
One	45
Two	26
Three	6
Four or more	1



3. Are you or someone in your home currently pregnant?

● Yes	0
● No	78



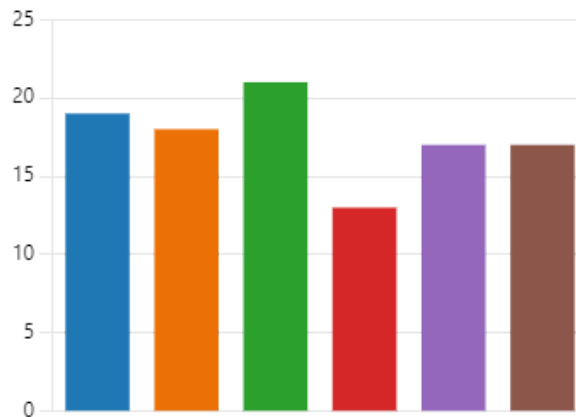
4. Are you looking for childcare or preschool services for your child or children?

● Yes	42
● No	21
● Maybe	15



5. Which of the following best describes the amount of care you are looking for? Select all that apply if you have multiple children in your care.

● Half day school year preschool f...	19
● 4-7 hours a day school year pre...	18
● Full day full year childcare for 3 ...	21
● School year care for 2-3 year ol...	13
● Full day full year care for 2-3 ye...	17
● In home childcare facility	17

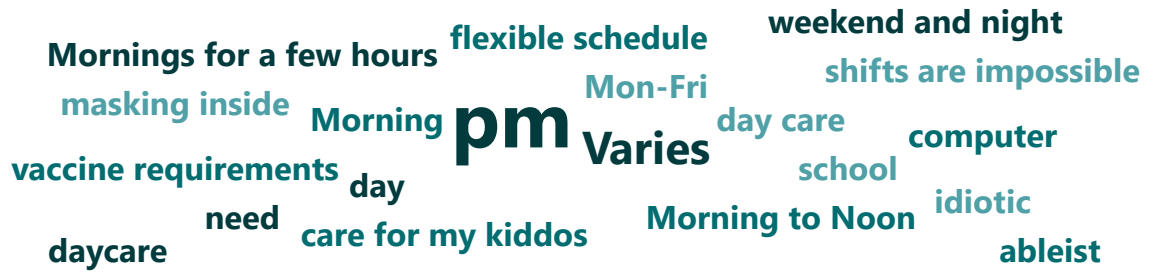


6. What are the hours of care you are needing?

60
Responses

Latest Responses
"8am-5pm"

5 respondents (8%) answered **pm** for this question.



7. Are you interested in a home based program focused on learning activities for your child and assisting you and your family in accessing health and social services in your community?

● Yes	34
● No	22
● Maybe	21

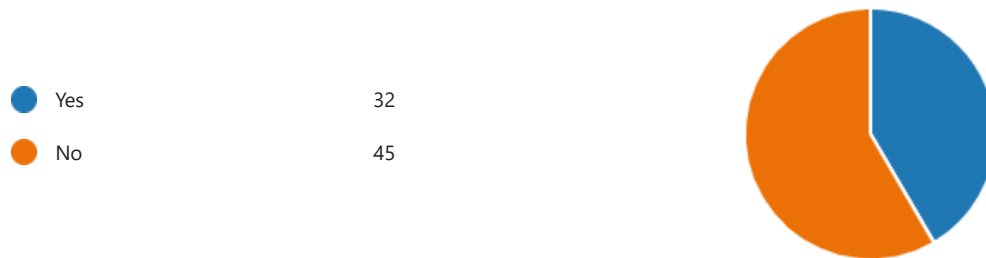


8. Has the COVID pandemic impacted your ability or desire to access childcare?

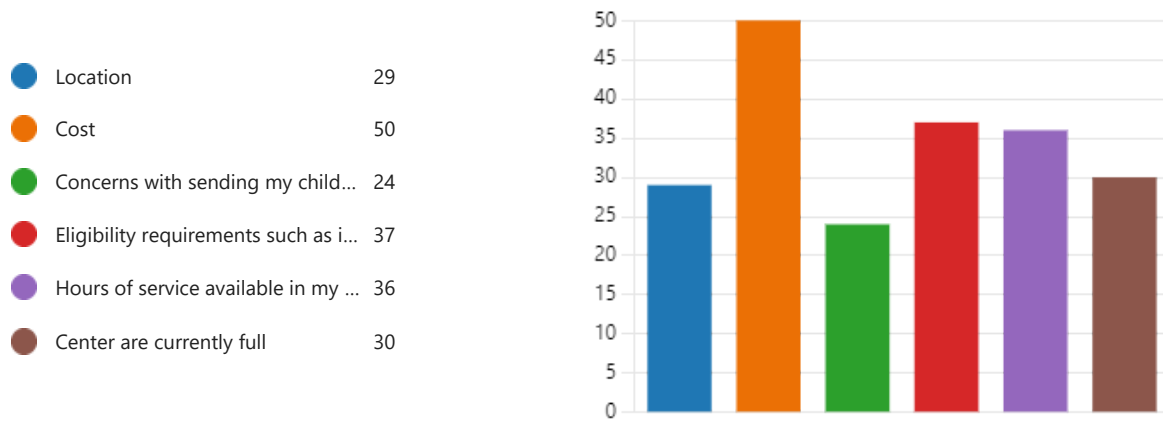
● Yes	48
● No	29



9. Have concerns about COVID vaccine requirements impact your desire to send your child to preschool or childcare?

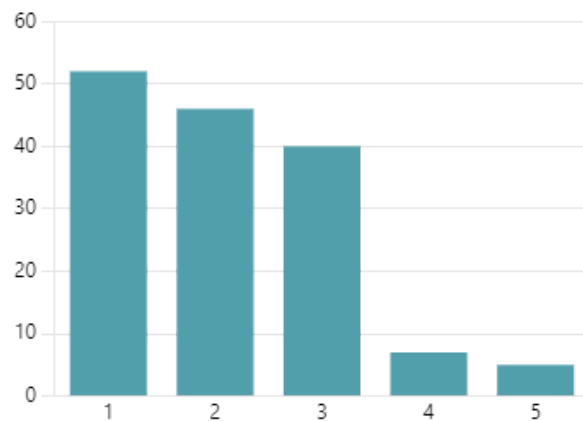


10. What barriers do you currently face in accessing preschool or childcare? Select all that apply



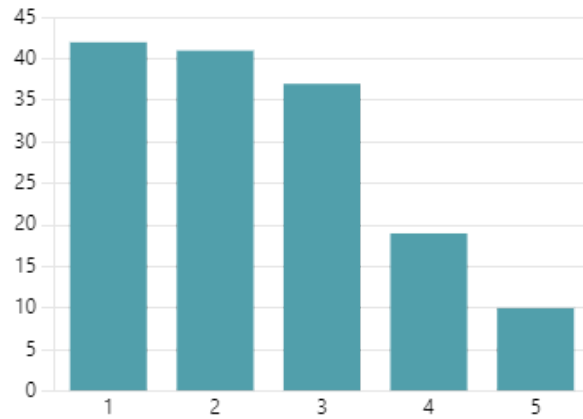
11. Please rate the availability of housing in your community?

2.11
Average Rating



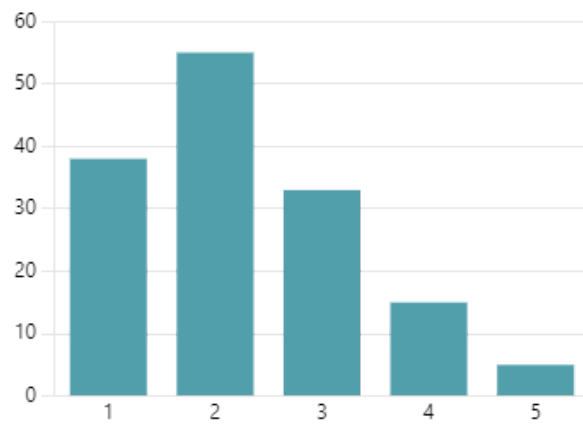
12. Please rate the availability of public transportation in your community.

2.42
Average Rating



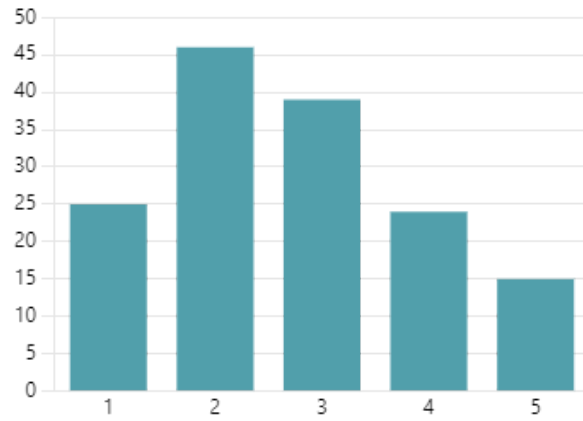
13. Please rate the availability of childcare in your community.

2.27
Average Rating



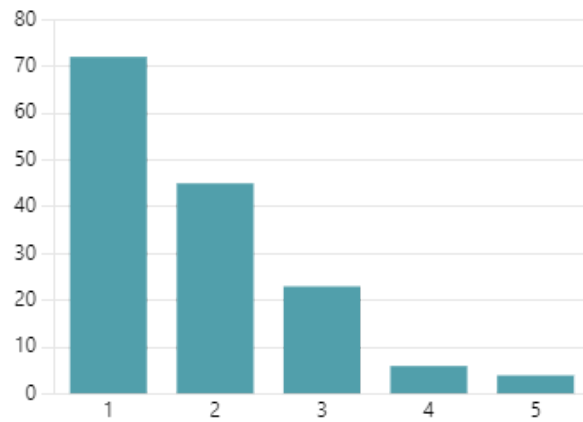
14. Please rate the availability of jobs in your community.

2.72
Average Rating



15. Please rate the availability of medical and dental services in your community.

1.83
Average Rating



16. What do you see as the biggest concern in your community for families with young children?

128
Responses

Latest Responses

"Mental health supports for families who have experienced trauma "
"Safety. When I was a kid locally, in the same neighborhood it was safe to pl..."

28 respondents (22%) answered **childcare** for this question.



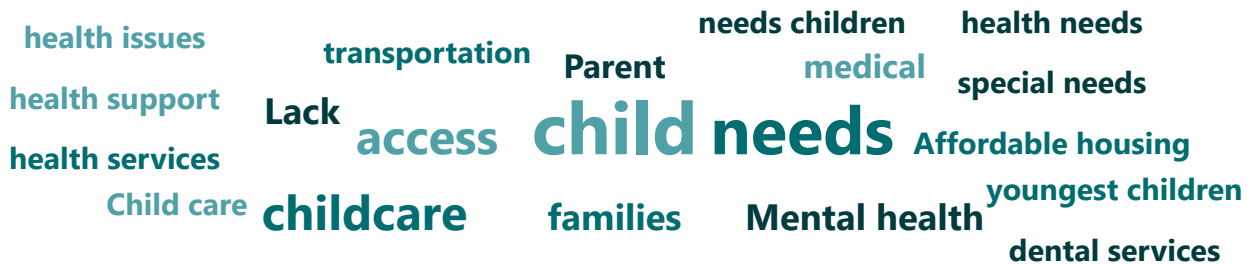
17. Are there any specific unmet needs you see in the community that you would like us to be aware of?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"I work with lots of families who live in the new apartments in Samoa. Seem..."
"Individuals with untreated mental health issues roaming the streets. People ..."

15 respondents (17%) answered **child** for this question.



18. What is your household annual income?

Under \$15,000	12
\$15,000 - \$30,000	25
\$30,001 - \$45,000	30
\$45,001 - \$50,000	19
Over \$50,000	60



19. Which of the following programs do you participate in? (select all that apply)

CalWorks	7
TANF	1
CAL Fresh	37
Foster parent	10



20. Are you currently experiencing homelessness? (This includes staying with friends or family)

Yes	3
No	147



21. Would you be willing to speak with one of our staff about the unmet needs you see in your community for families with children under 5?

Yes	23
No	125



