



THE NUMBERS: CHILD MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Pew report demonstrates child marriage is an issue that affects California.

Applying the ratio found by Pew to American Community Survey census data of California, we found **8,612 married minors** ages 15 to 17 in California as of 2015.

American Community Survey

total population of California = 39,144,818

15 - 17 year olds represent 4% of the total CA population

total population of 15 -17 year olds in California = 1,565,792.72

Pew Report found 5.5 per 1,000 15 -17 year olds were married in California.

Total Population of Married 15 -17 Year Olds = 8,611.85

Census Bureau estimates project nearly 100,000 kids will marry in California by 2030.

Projecting from the 2015 American Community Survey, we estimate **48,575 girls and 38,994 boys** will be married before they are 19 years old.

Total Population of Children Married in California By 2030 = 87,569

total female population of California = 19,704,260

5 - 9 year olds represent 6.3% of the total CA population = 1,241,368.38 girls

10 - 14 year olds represent 6.2% of the total CA population = 1,221,664.12 girls

total number of girls ages 5 - 14 = 2,463,032.5

total number of girls ages 15 - 19 = 1,273,502

1.3% of girls ages 15 -19 report ever being married.

Total Population of Girls Married By 2030 = 48,574.95

total male population of California = 19,440,558

5 - 9 year olds represent 6.6% of the total CA population = 1,283,076.83 boys

10 - 14 year olds represent 6.6% of the total CA population = 1,283,076.83 boys

total number of boys ages 5 - 14 = 2,566,153.56

total number of boys ages 15 - 19 = 1,333,258

1% of boys ages 15 - 19 report ever being married.

Total Population of Boys Married By 2030 = 38,994.12

"The baseline IV estimate indicates that a woman who marries young is 31 percentage points more likely to live in poverty when she is older." UC San Diego Report

"Child marriage is associated with higher rates of sexually transmitted infections and HIV, cervical cancer, unwanted pregnancies, pregnancy termination, death resulting from childbirth, and malnutrition in the offspring." American Academy of Pediatrics Report