Racial/Ethnic Distributions of Children Born in California in 2017

California by Race/Ethnicity

- **2017 Births**
  - Latino: 230,346 (49.6%)
  - White: 129,996 (28.0%)
  - Asian/PI: 75,151 (16.2%)
  - Black: 25,494 (5.5%)
  - Other*: 3,367 (0.7%)

- **Strong Start Score Distribution by Race/Ethnicity**
  - **(top 20%) Q5**
    - Latino: 17.1 (45.5%)
    - White: 34.7 (28.0%)
    - Asian/PI: 32.7 (16.2%)
    - Black: 30.1 (5.5%)
    - Other*: 20.9 (0.7%)

  - **Q4**
    - Latino: 50.1
    - White: 36.7
    - Asian/PI: 29.2
    - Black: 20.3
    - Other*: 15.2

  - **Q3**
    - Latino: 64.6
    - White: 26.1
    - Asian/PI: 14.8
    - Black: 8.2
    - Other*: 8.7

  - **Q2**
    - Latino: 70.9
    - White: 20.3
    - Asian/PI: 14.8
    - Black: 8.2
    - Other*: 8.7

  - **(bottom 20%) Q1**
    - Latino: 5.5
    - White: 3.9
    - Asian/PI: 6.3
    - Black: 5.5
    - Other*: 5.5

The top 20% of tracts by average Strong Start score? 80% white and Asian/PI.

The lowest 20% of tracts by average Strong Start score? 80% Latino and black.

- **California**
  - Q1 (bottom 20%)
  - Q2
  - Q3
  - Q4
  - Q5 (top 20%)
  - Average Score (SD)
  - **Q5**
    - Latino: 34,392 (45.5%)
    - White: 31,163 (36.7%)
    - Asian/PI: 22,185 (26.1%)
    - Black: 16,968 (28.0%)
    - Other*: 10.0

Only 1 in 20 Latino children born in California find themselves in a top quintile (Q5) community at birth based on average Strong Start score.

Nearly 40% of black children are born into communities that fall in the bottom 20% (Q1) of tracts based on average Strong Start scores.

More than one quarter of white children are born into communities that place them in the top quintile (Q5); less than 15% are born into bottom quintile communities (Q1).

1 of every 3 Asian/PI children are born into communities falling in the top quintile based on resources at birth (Q5). Another thirty percent fall in the second highest quintile (Q4).

*Other includes children coded as Native American, other race, and missing race.