

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES BUDGET

FY 2025-27 SUMMARY

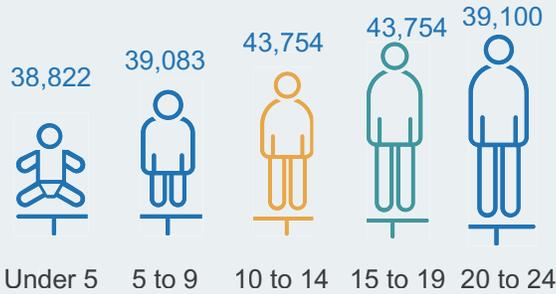


**COUNTY OF
SAN MATEO**

Community Overview



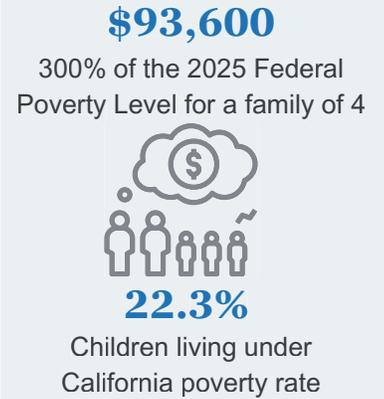
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Family Size



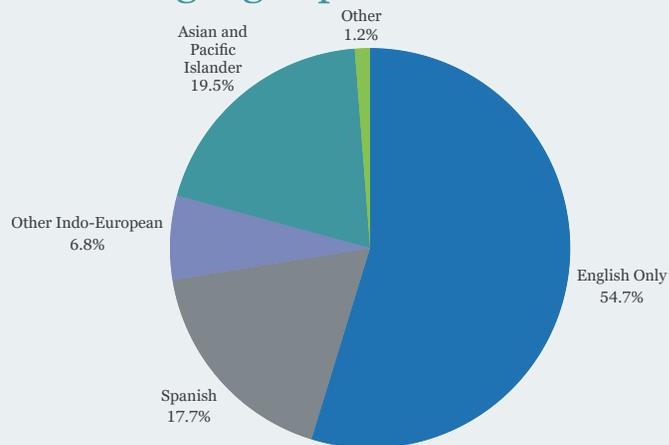
Poverty Level



Foreign Born



Language Spoken at Home



*For additional data visualizations and pillar-specific demographics, please visit the Children’s Budget website or scan the QR code.

Four Pillars



Health

Promote Freedom From Injury or Illness, Mental and Physical. Health Encompasses programs, services, preventative measures, and initiatives aimed at ensuring the physical well-being of children.



Education

Facilitate Learning in K-12 Schools and Other Knowledge Institutions. Education incorporates educational programs, and resources crucial for fostering growth.



Wellbeing

Improve Overall Quality of Life Through Social Services. Wellbeing encompasses investments in mental health, social services, and programs that enhance overall quality of life.



Engagement

Provide Assistance and Extracurricular Opportunities that will Broaden and Enrich Life Experiences. Engagement reflects the importance of recreational activities, cultural enrichment, and community involvement, recognizing the pivotal role in a child’s development.

Sponsor Messages



— **David J. Canepa**

District 5 Supervisor (2025 Board President), San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

As a father, I see every day how much our children depend on us to build the world they'll inherit. Our investments today, in their health, education, safety, and sense of belonging, are really investments in San Mateo County's future. Every child deserves a strong start which includes a healthy mind, body, and spirit, a caring adult to guide them and a community that meets their essential needs and nurtures their dreams. By working together, we can ensure that every young person in our county has the tools and opportunities to thrive and to lead us into a brighter tomorrow.

As a parent and community member, I'm honored to share the Children, Youth, and Families Budget for FY 2025-27. This budget reflects our promise to give every child in San Mateo County the strong start they deserve. Our investments in early learning, child and family health, behavioral health supports, youth enrichment, and library services are really investments in their future, and in ours. Even with state and federal uncertainties, we remain committed to protecting essential programs that help children learn, grow, and thrive. In FY 2025-26, we dedicate \$492 million to services that directly support children, youth, and families, with room to expand as new impactful programs emerge. Behind these numbers are stories of young people who gain confidence, discover their strengths, and overcome barriers because their community believes in them. By investing in our children today, we strengthen the foundation for a brighter, more successful tomorrow for everyone.

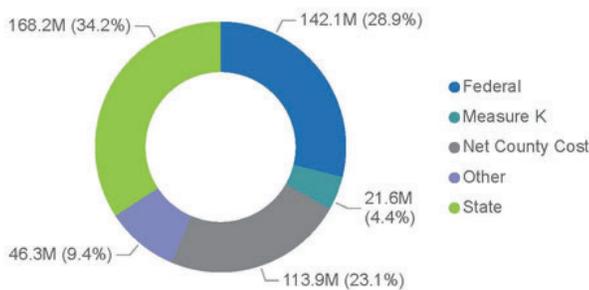


— **Mike Callagy**
County Executive,
San Mateo County

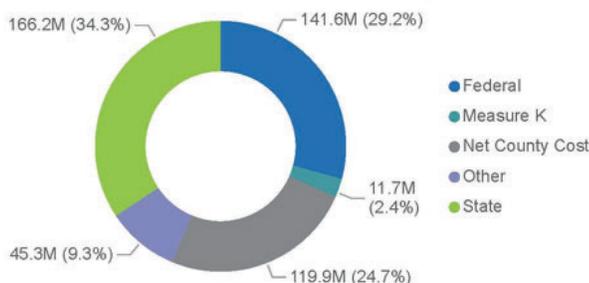
Budget Summary

The allocations summarized below represent the total budget for programs and services for children, youth, and families for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. *Note: Measure K is not fully funded in FY 2026-27.*

FY 2025-26 Funding Sources



FY 2026-27 Funding Sources



FY 2025-26

Category	Budget	Departments	Estimated Number Served
Education	24,740,313.32	7	92,878
Engagement	5,355,148.00	4	22,730
Health	198,553,785.71	6	70,212
Wellbeing	263,475,574.00	6	107,872
Total	492,124,821.03	18	293,692

FY 2026-27

Category	Budget	Departments	Estimated Number Served
Education	14,685,771.68	7	93,001
Engagement	5,443,191.00	4	22,690
Health	198,623,375.47	6	70,132
Wellbeing	265,755,191.00	6	104,478
Total	484,507,529.15	18	290,301

Totals

Category	Total Requirements	Total Served
Education	39,426,085.00	185,879
Engagement	10,798,339.00	45,420
Health	397,177,161.18	140,344
Wellbeing	529,230,765.00	212,350
Total	976,632,350.18	583,993

HEALTH HIGHLIGHT



Black Infant Health

Black Infant Health works to improve African American birth outcomes by providing culturally equitable Case Management, Health Education, Client Support Groups and other supportive services, to mitigate the historical and systemic racism and inequities that has contributed to disparities like higher Maternal and Infant death rates. Briana Spotwood, a native of East Palo Alto, has had 2 children in Black Infant Health and has participated in both our Prenatal and Post Partum Groups. She has also had numerous friends and family who participated in the program. Briana credits Black Infant Health with helping her better understand her role as a Black mother.

"What I love about the Black Infant Health Program is the love and support everyone gives. It is a great feeling to have such an amazing village of ladies I can relate to and grow with. Also having the access of resources and knowledge on various topics to help myself and other Black moms be better mothers and women. I appreciate all the BIH Case Managers and Supervisor. Thank you all!"

WELLBEING HIGHLIGHT



Therapy Animals and Music

At the heart of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League (SAL) is a mission to strengthen bonds between local youth and deputies. San Mateo County SAL partnered with @NationalPAL to host an engaging and informative workshop for more than 25 local teens at Cañada College in Redwood City, as part of the Orgullo y Educación (OYE) Conference. The session highlighted how animals (including our very own Therapy K-9s), stuffed animals and music can offer comfort, support emotional well-being and provide therapeutic benefits.

San Mateo County SAL was honored to collaborate with Dr. Galen Duncan from National PAL who led an informative discussion about how music can be a form of therapy. Each participant went home with a new stuffed animal of their own and tangible ways they can incorporate music into their daily routine to help calm stressors.



EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Youth Climate Ambassadors

Emma Kim joined the Youth Climate Ambassadors program in October 2024, eager to take part in local climate action. Over seven months, she engaged in readings, discussions, and a student-led Community Impact Project. Knowing buildings and transportation are major greenhouse gas sources in San Mateo County, Emma helped design a clean energy workshop for young children. Her team created educational materials, secured a venue, and taught hands-on activities to inspire sustainable living. Through the program, Emma built confidence, leadership, and public speaking skills, culminating in two successful workshops in Pacifica. In recognition of her work, she presented her project to the County Board of Supervisors for Earth Day 2025. The experience has deeply influenced Emma's interest in sustainability and shaped her vision for future climate advocacy.

ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHT



Junior Naturalist Camp

San Mateo County Parks provides two (2) day summer camps at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for local Community Based Organizations serving youth in underserved areas of San Mateo County. Youth attending these trips are between 7 and 12 years old and experience a variety of activities and lessons over the course of camp to explore and learn about the marine and coastal environment.

"The kids had a wonderful time. They talked about [camp] right away and were very proud showing us their photos and their wood necklaces. The kids created memorable experience and all because of you!"

Acknowledgments

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Budget Publications:

smcgov.org/ceo/budget-publications

Sources

U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



Use the QR code to view the Children's Budget website