

California Children's Services: Annual Spending, by Region

THE FINDINGS

- A total of 179,800 children were served.
- Children in the Los Angeles region accounted for a disproportionate share of program costs.
- Costs from Los Angeles and Southern California were particularly large for Fee for Service (FFS) enrollees

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Understanding regional distributions of costs is important to the deliberation of program redesign.

Figure 1: Proportionate Spending, By Region (All Children)

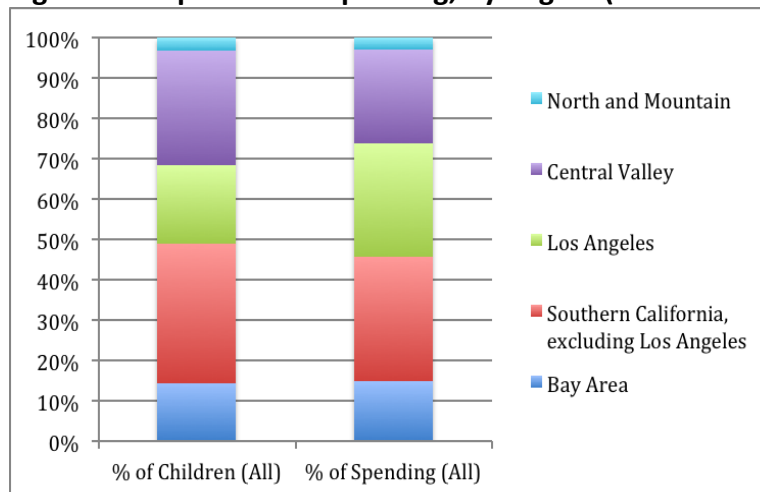
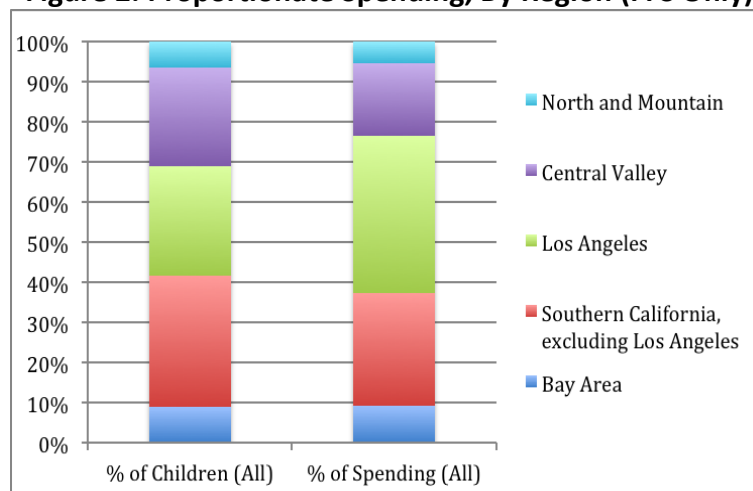


Figure 2: Proportionate Spending, By Region (FFS Only)



"CCS enrollee" is any child enrolled in California Children's Services from 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012. Data pulled January 2013. As the nation's largest Title V program, CCS provides case management each year for >150,000 children with a serious chronic medical condition and whose family has an eligible adjusted annual income. Most CCS enrollees are enrolled in MediCal. <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs>. Data analyzed were based on paid claims for these CCS enrollees, as abstracted from the state's Management Information System / Decision Support System. Regions were defined by [California Department of Social Services](#). [Link to Data Table](#)

Definition of Terms:

Regions are defined by child's county of residence, according to California Department of Social Services definitions as follows:

"North and Mountain" = Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne

"Central Valley" = Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Yolo, Yuba

"Los Angeles" = Los Angeles County

"Southern California, excluding Los Angeles" = Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura

"Bay Area" = Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma

Spending is defined as total CCS program paid claims for services rendered. This includes all services provided to children covered by fee-for-service MediCal ("FFS only") and all CCS-condition-related services provided to children covered by MediCal managed care programs. This excludes county costs or other program costs not billed to MediCal, Healthy Families, or CCS.