



## Fact Sheet: Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screening

### March 2021 Claims Report

The California Department of Health Care Services and the Office of the California Surgeon General launched ACEs Aware – a first-in-the-nation, statewide effort to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to treat the impact of toxic stress.

**ACEs Aware** offers Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs. This fact sheet provides information on claims data from screens administered between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020. For additional information, see the full report on [ACEsAware.org](https://www.acesaware.org).

More information about the providers who have completed the **ACEs Aware training** is available in the accompanying **Provider Training: March 2021 Data Update**.



Medi-Cal providers submitted claims for conducting more than

**155,000**  
**ACE screenings**

during the first half of calendar year 2020.

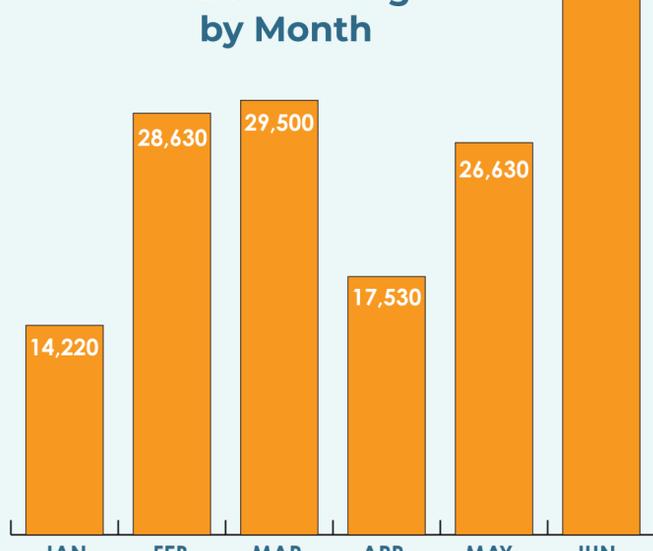
Of the **130,000**

unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries screened for ACEs, **6%**

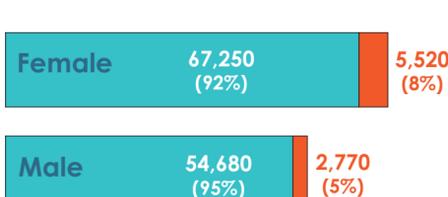
had ACE scores of **4 or more\***.

\*ACE score refers to the total reported exposure to the 10 ACE categories. An ACE score of 4 or greater indicates that a patient may be at high-risk for toxic stress.

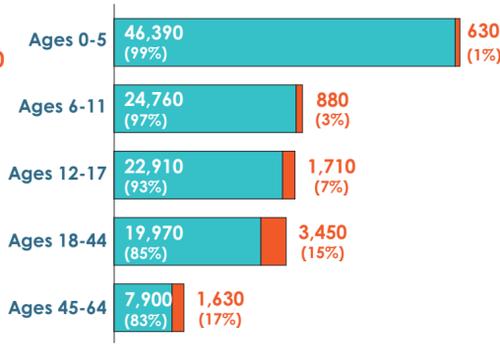
### ACE Screenings by Month



### ACE Screenings by Sex

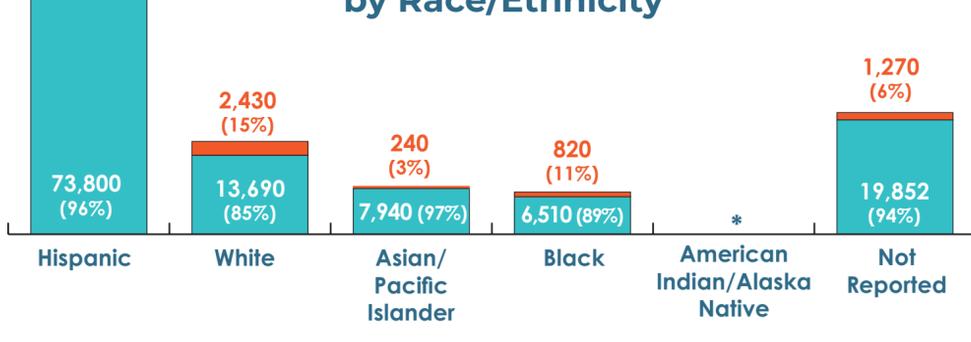


### ACE Screenings by Age Group



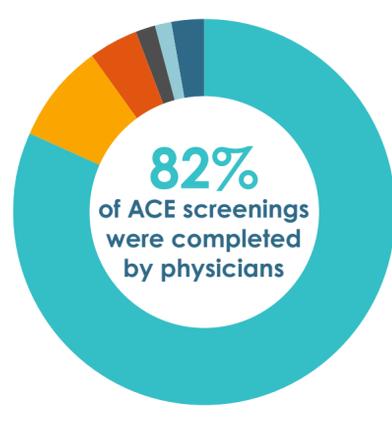
High-Risk Scores  
Lower Risk Scores

### ACE Screenings by Race/Ethnicity



\*AI/AN lower risk score: N=140 (72%), high-risk score: N=50 (28%)

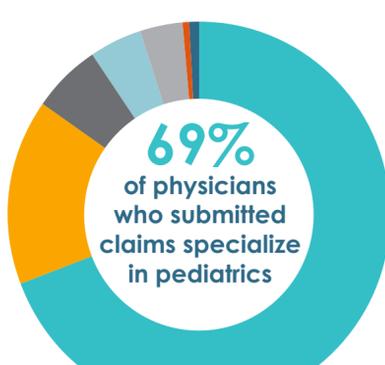
### ACE Screening Claims by Provider Type



- Physicians (82%)
- Ambulatory Health Care Facilities (9%)
- Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers (4%)
- Student, Health Care (1%)
- Behavioral Health & Social Service Providers (1%)
- Other (3%)

### ACE Screening Claims by Physician Specialty

- Pediatrics (69%)
- Family Medicine (15%)
- Internal Medicine (6%)
- Obstetrics & Gynecology (5%)
- General Practice (3%)
- Psychiatry & Neurology (1%)
- Other (1%)



### ACE Screening Claims by Region in California



Data from: January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020

Note: Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Data labels are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum to the total. Data Source is the Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) and the DHCS Medi-Cal Data Warehouse, as extracted on January 6, 2021.