

Fact Sheet: ACEs Aware in California

March 2022 Data Update

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the California Surgeon General are leading **ACEs Aware**, – a first-in-the-nation, statewide effort to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and treat toxic stress to improve health across the state – now and for generations to come.

ACEs Aware offers Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs.

This fact sheet provides the following information:

- Individuals who completed the ACEs Aware online training between December 4, 2019, and September 30, 2021.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.

For additional information, see the full report on [ACEsAware.org](https://acesaware.org).



Training & Certification

20,600

Individuals completed the training

96% of participants indicated that based on the training, they plan to implement changes in their practice or that the training already reinforced their current practice.

10,900

Medi-Cal providers are ACEs Aware-certified*

Before the training

34% of participants were **not screening** any patients for ACEs.



After the training

79% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated that they **planned to implement** routine ACE screening for children or adults.



Data from: December 4, 2019, to September 30, 2021



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

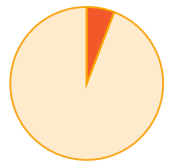
Medi-Cal providers conducted

640,700
ACE screenings

Of the **518,000**

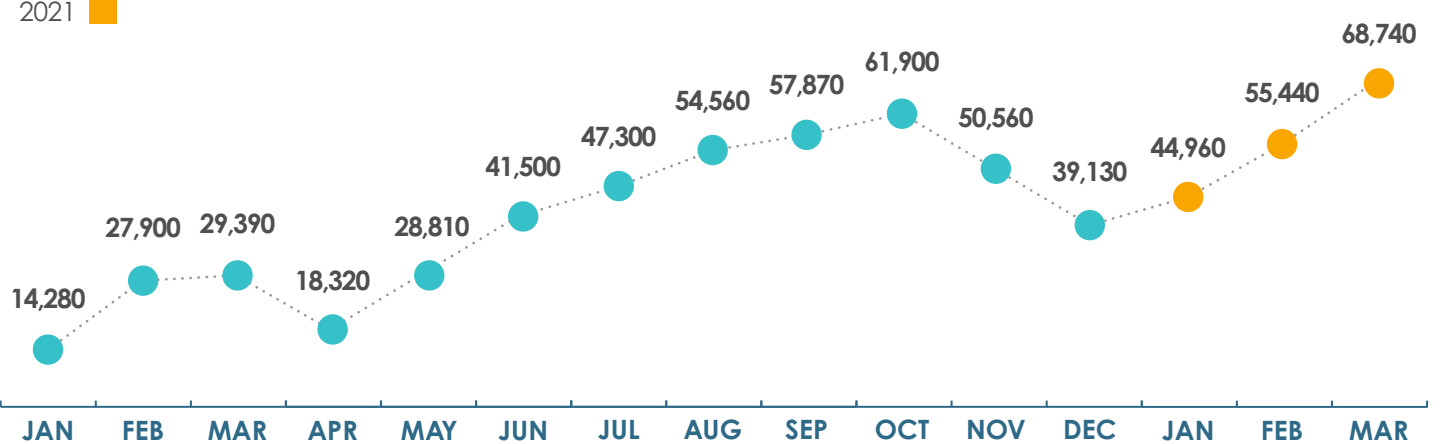
unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries screened for ACEs, **6%**

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



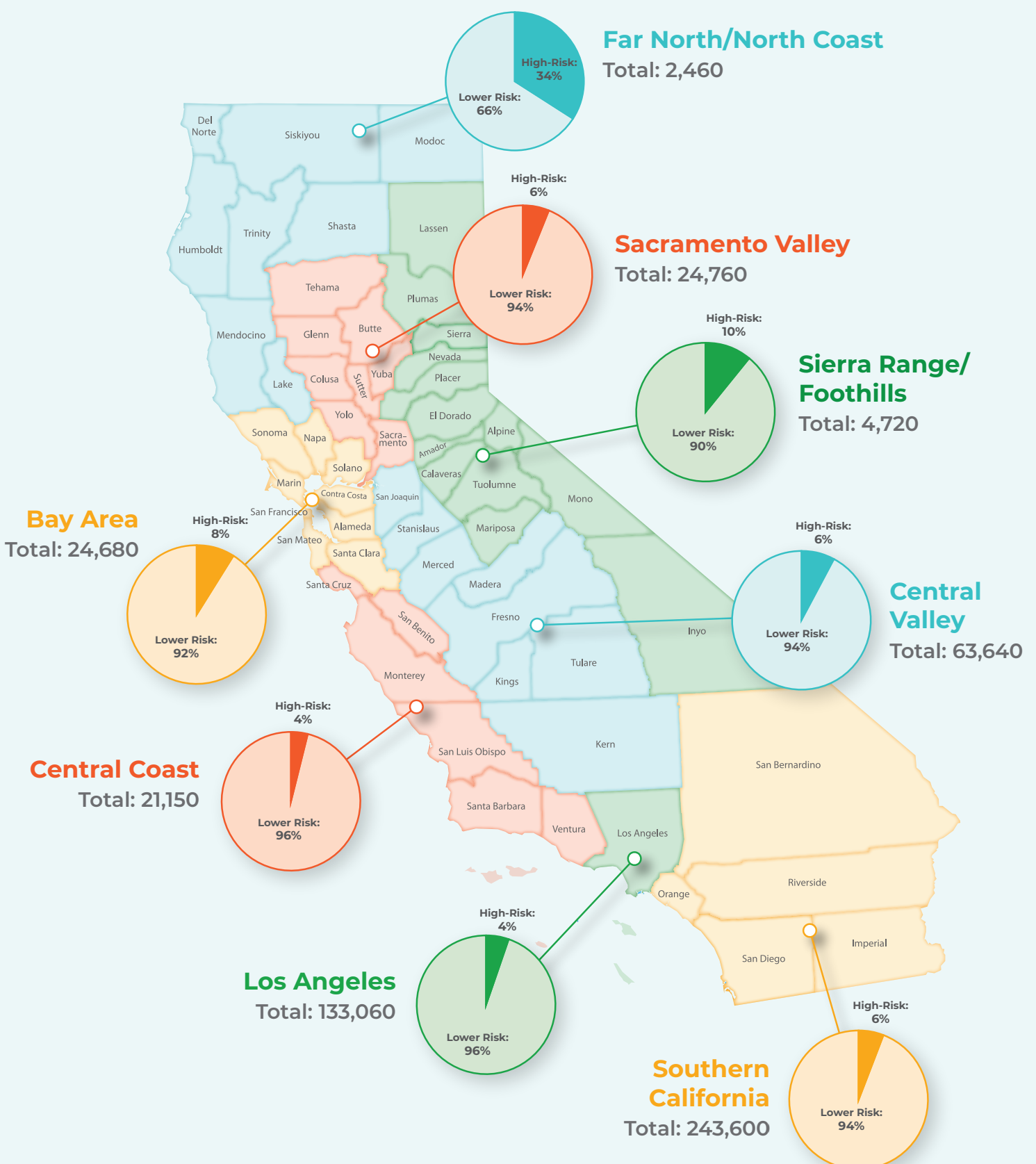
ACE Screenings by Month

2020
2021



Data from: January 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

ACE Screening Claims by Region in California



ACE Screening Claims Data from: January 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

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 October 12, 2021.

*Medi-Cal providers must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware core training to qualify for Medi-Cal payment.

**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.