

Children's Defense Fund

Children in the United States



November 2008

73,901,733 children live in the United States:

- 657,922 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 1,886,089 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 3,054,841 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 10,770,371 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 15,419,469 are Hispanic
- 42,113,041 are White, non-Hispanic

In the United States:

- A child is born into poverty every 33 seconds.
- A child is abused or neglected every 35 seconds.
- A child is born uninsured every 39 seconds.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 18 minutes.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 hours.

Child Poverty in The United States

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (18.0%)	13,324,000
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (7.8%)	5,768,000
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	3,741,535

Child Hunger in The United States

Number of children who receive food stamps	12,559,379
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	30,129,883
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	8,067,728

Child Health in The United States

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (11.3%)	8.9 million
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	7,144,794
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	28,259,469
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	33.5%

Early Childhood Development in The United States

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	908,412
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	1,770,100

Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	38.8%

Education in The United States

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,044
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	61%

Child Welfare in The United States

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	905,000
Number of children in foster care	508,446
Number of children adopted from foster care	50,941
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	2,514,256

Youth at Risk in The United States

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,268,950
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	92,854
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1,972 homicides; 822 suicides; 173 accidents; and 39 undetermined	3,006

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Children in Alabama



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1,123,537 children live in Alabama:

- 4,774 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,756 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 17,914 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 47,919 are Hispanic
- 350,253 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 691,921 are White, non-Hispanic

In Alabama:

- A child is born into poverty every 31 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 56 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 6 days.

Alabama Ranks:*

- 43rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 47th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 48th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Alabama

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (24.3%)	269,086
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (11.3%)	124,561
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	40,186
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$215

Child Hunger in Alabama

Number of children who receive food stamps	276,831
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	576,954
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	126,280

Child Health in Alabama

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	78,000 (6.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	106,691

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	464,070
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.8%

Early Childhood Development in Alabama

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,374
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	28,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$4,888
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.67%

Education in Alabama

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,073
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	74%

Child Welfare in Alabama

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	9,378
Number of children in foster care	7,157
Number of children adopted from foster care	387
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	58,794

Youth at Risk in Alabama

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	9.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	66.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	11,577
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,752
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 39 homicides; 17 suicides; 7 accidents; and 1 undetermined	64

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Children in Alaska



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182,218 children live in Alaska:

- 8,086 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 8,768 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 14,678 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 14,834 are Hispanic
- 32,216 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 103,636 are White, non-Hispanic

In Alaska:

- A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Alaska Ranks:*

- 1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 9th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 14th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Alaska

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	20,439 (11.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	7,851 (4.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	8,466
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$923

Child Hunger in Alaska

Number of children who receive food stamps	25,630
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	67%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	52,884
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	25,205

Child Health in Alaska

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	20,000 (10.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	17,558
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	69,835
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	60.2%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	37.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.9%

Early Childhood Development in Alaska

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	60.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,583
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,092
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	22.4%

Education in Alaska

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,847
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	62%

Child Welfare in Alaska

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	3,481
Number of children in foster care	1,993
Number of children adopted from foster care	212
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,953

Youth at Risk in Alaska

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	66.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	18.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,136
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	363
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 5 homicides; 8 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	13

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Children in Arizona



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1,669,866 children live in Arizona:

- 37,342 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 39,657 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 67,744 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 87,460 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 701,723 are Hispanic
- 735,940 are White, non-Hispanic

In Arizona:

- A child is born into poverty every 23 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Arizona Ranks:*

- 12th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 27th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 50th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Arizona

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (20.2%)	330,910
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	152,505 (9.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	75,996
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$347

Child Hunger in Arizona

Number of children who receive food stamps	298,550
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	66%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	632,772
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	186,470

Child Health in Arizona

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (16.4%)	288,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	104,209

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	691,907
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	40.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.8%

Early Childhood Development in Arizona

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	54.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	13,175
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	30,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,390
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	23.2%

Education in Arizona

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,184
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	69%

Child Welfare in Arizona

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,469
Number of children in foster care	9,731
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,400
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	63,274

Youth at Risk in Arizona

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	9.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	70.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	14.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	50,744
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,737
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.9:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 62 homicides; 35 suicides; 2 accidents; and 3 undetermined	102

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Children in Arkansas



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700,537 children live in Arkansas:

- 5,906 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 8,648 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 15,020 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 59,396 are Hispanic
- 138,278 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 473,289 are White, non-Hispanic

In Arkansas:

- A child is born into poverty every 47 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 57 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Arkansas Ranks:*

- 37th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 37th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 38th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Arkansas

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (25.8%)	177,805
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	8,749 (10.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	18,965
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$204

Child Hunger in Arkansas

Number of children who receive food stamps	176,187
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	347,040
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	84,457

Child Health in Arkansas

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	70,000 (9.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	89,642
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	420,293

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	35.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	27.7%

Early Childhood Development in Arkansas

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	10,778
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$4,475
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	31.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	48.7%

Education in Arkansas

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,659
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	63%

Child Welfare in Arkansas

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	9,180
Number of children in foster care	3,434
Number of children adopted from foster care	395
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	40,348

Youth at Risk in Arkansas

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	11,389
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	813
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 17 homicides; 23 suicides; 5 accidents; and 1 undetermined	46

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Children in California



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9,383,924 children live in California:

- 44,574 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 302,499 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 589,781 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 960,396 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,899,141 are White, non-Hispanic
- 4,587,533 are Hispanic

In California:

- A child is born into poverty every 5 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 6 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 20 hours.

California Ranks:*

- 12th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 30th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 7th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in California

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (17.3%)	1,591,295
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	611,166 (6.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	1,195,251
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$723

Child Hunger in California

Number of children who receive food stamps	1,296,318
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	50%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	2,980,081
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	1,378,748

Child Health in California

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.8%)	1,273,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	1,538,416

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	4,270,367
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	40.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.9%

Early Childhood Development in California

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	56.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	98,353
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	175,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,477
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	26.3%

Education in California

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,905
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	77%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	70%

Child Welfare in California

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	89,500
Number of children in foster care	78,373
Number of children adopted from foster care	7,364
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	275,987

Youth at Risk in California

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	69.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	18.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	231,735
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	15,240
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 392 homicides; 54 suicides; 25 accidents; and 3 undetermined	474

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Children in Colorado



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1,192,679 children live in Colorado:

- 9,234 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 31,603 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 34,941 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 53,464 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 337,335 are Hispanic
- 726,102 are White, non-Hispanic

In Colorado:

- A child is born into poverty every 40 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 48 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 20 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 8 days.

Colorado Ranks:*

- 18th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 34th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 41st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Colorado

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (16.3%)	191,725
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	89,519 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	22,260
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$356

Child Hunger in Colorado

Number of children who receive food stamps	127,338
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	54%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	364,556
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	91,062

Child Health in Colorado

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (13.7%)	172,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	84,649

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	314,068
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	25.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.0%

Early Childhood Development in Colorado

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	59.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	9,820
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	16,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$9,765
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	28.7%

Education in Colorado

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,826
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	59%

Child Welfare in Colorado

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	10,862
Number of children in foster care	8,139
Number of children adopted from foster care	956
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	34,962

Youth at Risk in Colorado

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	44,178
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,034
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 19 homicides; 20 suicides; 4 accidents; and 1 undetermined	44

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820,216 children live in Connecticut:

- 2,315 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 18,418 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 30,058 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 94,082 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 133,204 are Hispanic
- 542,139 are White, non-Hispanic

In Connecticut:

- A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 52 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 1 month.

Connecticut Ranks:*

- 4th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 12th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Connecticut

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	89,373 (11.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	42,695 (5.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	39,204
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$636

Child Hunger in Connecticut

Number of children who receive food stamps	80,830
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	317,013
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	53,206

Child Health in Connecticut

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	60,000 (6.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	23,632
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	122,556
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	36.0%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	7.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	13.2%

Early Childhood Development in Connecticut

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	7,076
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	10,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$9,111
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.7%

Education in Connecticut

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$12,263
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	55%

Child Welfare in Connecticut

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	10,174
Number of children in foster care	6,365
Number of children adopted from foster care	649
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	20,254

Youth at Risk in Connecticut

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	15,185
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	498
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 7 homicides; 2 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	10

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Children in Delaware



November 2008

205,646 children live in Delaware:

- 540 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 5,540 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 6,044 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 21,418 are Hispanic
- 50,371 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 121,733 are White, non-Hispanic

In Delaware:

- A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 weeks.

Delaware Ranks:*

- 8th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 46th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Delaware

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	29,382 (14.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	13,095 (6.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	8,496
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$338

Child Hunger in Delaware

Number of children who receive food stamps	33,312
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	85,672
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	20,405

Child Health in Delaware

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	23,000 (10.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	11,143
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	80,785
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	45.6%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	19.7%

Early Childhood Development in Delaware

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,071
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,656
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.1%

Education in Delaware

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,911
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	60%

Child Welfare in Delaware

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,933
Number of children in foster care	1,074
Number of children adopted from foster care	94
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	8,225

Youth at Risk in Delaware

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	10.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	7,448
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	303
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 4 homicides; 3 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	7

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Children in The District of Columbia



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113,720 children live in The District of Columbia:
 251 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 2,737 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 2,824 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 11,196 are Hispanic
 21,794 are White, non-Hispanic
 74,918 are Black, non-Hispanic

In The District of Columbia:

A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
 A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 11 days.

The District of Columbia Ranks:*

3rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 49th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 51st among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is The District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in The District of Columbia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	25,597 (22.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	13,570 (12.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	11,965
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$379

Child Hunger in The District of Columbia

Number of children who receive food stamps	34,796
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	42,685
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	15,190

Child Health in The District of Columbia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	9,000 (7.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	6,566
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	77,573
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.4%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	18.4%

Early Childhood Development in The District of Columbia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,403
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	3,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,800
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	No data
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	No data

Education in The District of Columbia

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$13,348
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	86%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	86%

Child Welfare in The District of Columbia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,759
Number of children in foster care	2,378
Number of children adopted from foster care	179
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	6,164

Youth at Risk in The District of Columbia

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	No data
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	29.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	437
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	339
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	No data
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 26 homicides; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	26

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Children in Florida



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4,043,560 children live in Florida:

- 12,276 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 83,201 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 93,345 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 833,346 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 987,247 are Hispanic
- 2,034,145 are White, non-Hispanic

In Florida:

- A child is born into poverty every 12 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 4 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

Florida Ranks:*

- 29th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is The District of Columbia
 - 36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 41st among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Florida

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (17.1%)	678,038
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	276,783 (7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	77,480
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$303

Child Hunger in Florida

Number of children who receive food stamps	546,972
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	59%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,535,281
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	420,518

Child Health in Florida

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (19.1%)	816,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	323,529

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,629,328
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	54.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	19.7%

Early Childhood Development in Florida

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	35,457
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	108,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,871
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	71.1%

Education in Florida

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,215
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	60%

Child Welfare in Florida

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	134,567
Number of children in foster care	29,229
Number of children adopted from foster care	3,046
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	151,257

Youth at Risk in Florida

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	63.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	121,173
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	7,302
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 96 homicides; 46 suicides; 5 accidents; and 1 undetermined	148

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Children in Georgia



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2,531,609 children live in Georgia:

- 5,882 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 48,749 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 67,931 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 273,527 are Hispanic
- 842,422 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,293,098 are White, non-Hispanic

In Georgia:

- A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 13 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Georgia Ranks:*

27th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

42nd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

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Child Poverty in Georgia

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (19.7%)	490,381
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	225,591 (9.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	38,971
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$280

Child Hunger in Georgia

Number of children who receive food stamps	474,327
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	74%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,268,942
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	283,107

Child Health in Georgia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.2%)	325,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	356,285

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,122,660
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	61.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	30.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	20.4%

Early Childhood Development in Georgia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	23,436
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	64,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,674
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	64.9%

Education in Georgia

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,065
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	72%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	68%

Child Welfare in Georgia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	39,802
Number of children in foster care	13,175
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,250
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	100,495

Youth at Risk in Georgia

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	9.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	62.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	20.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	24,368
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,631
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 54 homicides; 21 suicides; 5 accidents; and 0 undetermined	80

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Children in Hawaii



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285,694 children live in Hawaii:

- 1,251 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,778 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 37,490 are Hispanic
- 52,709 are White, non-Hispanic
- 76,360 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 107,106 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic

In Hawaii:

- A child is born into poverty every 5 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 4 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 months.

Hawaii Ranks:*

- 19th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 20th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Hawaii

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	27,608 (9.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	13,181 (4.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	13,739
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$570

Child Hunger in Hawaii

Number of children who receive food stamps	36,989
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	70%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	101,491
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	32,612

Child Health in Hawaii

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	18,000 (5.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	23,958
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	91,521
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	43.0%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	12.5%

Early Childhood Development in Hawaii

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	58.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,049
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	8,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,480
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.6%

Education in Hawaii

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,997
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	74%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	67%

Child Welfare in Hawaii

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,045
Number of children in foster care	2,355
Number of children adopted from foster care	397
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	12,747

Youth at Risk in Hawaii

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	10,315
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	123
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 homicides; 1 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	2

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Children in Idaho



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407,712 children live in Idaho:

- 4,763 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 4,925 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 5,864 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,383 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 59,726 are Hispanic
- 322,051 are White, non-Hispanic

In Idaho:

- A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 weeks.

Idaho Ranks:*

- 9th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 16th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 49th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Idaho

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	63,591 (15.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	24,241 (6.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	2,187
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$309

Child Hunger in Idaho

Number of children who receive food stamps	44,148
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	165,320
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	38,087

Child Health in Idaho

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	52,000 (12.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	33,060
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	132,581
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	64.5%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.4%

Early Childhood Development in Idaho

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	55.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,943
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	9,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,004
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.2%

Education in Idaho

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,319
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	60%

Child Welfare in Idaho

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,651
Number of children in foster care	1,850
Number of children adopted from foster care	177
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	8,384

Youth at Risk in Idaho

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	12.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	14,339
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	522
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 5 homicides; 9 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined	16

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Children in Illinois



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3,199,159 children live in Illinois:

- 5,383 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 63,309 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 121,822 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 562,116 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 668,999 are Hispanic
- 1,777,530 are White, non-Hispanic

In Illinois:

- A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 19 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 days.

Illinois Ranks:*

- 21st among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 34th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Illinois

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (16.6%)	525,294
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	237,261 (7.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	56,473
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$396

Child Hunger in Illinois

Number of children who receive food stamps	593,394
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,120,303
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	279,982

Child Health in Illinois

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	305,000 (9.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	345,576
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,171,355

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	51.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	19.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.5%

Early Childhood Development in Illinois

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	39,640
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	82,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,802
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	31.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	44.6%

Education in Illinois

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,896
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	64%

Child Welfare in Illinois

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	27,756
Number of children in foster care	18,367
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,740
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	101,879

Youth at Risk in Illinois

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	33,775
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,631
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 111 homicides; 13 suicides; 6 accidents; and 0 undetermined	130

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Children in Indiana



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1,586,518 children live in Indiana:

- 3,437 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 21,146 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 34,949 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 116,663 are Hispanic
- 175,535 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,234,788 are White, non-Hispanic

In Indiana:

- A child is born into poverty every 29 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 25 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 6 days.

Indiana Ranks:*

- 20th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 39th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Indiana

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (17.3%)	267,610
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	129,755 (8.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	117,361
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$288

Child Hunger in Indiana

Number of children who receive food stamps	279,973
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	734,476
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	140,891

Child Health in Indiana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	132,000 (7.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	130,368
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	541,984

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	56.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	21.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.0%

Early Childhood Development in Indiana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	14,213
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	32,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,001
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.5%

Education in Indiana

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,919
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	67%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	54%

Child Welfare in Indiana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	20,925
Number of children in foster care	11,401
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,183
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	49,044

Youth at Risk in Indiana

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	27,770
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,616
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 41 homicides; 18 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined	62

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Children in Iowa



November 2008

711,403 children live in Iowa:

- 3,095 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 12,779 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 15,747 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 26,758 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 47,404 are Hispanic
- 605,620 are White, non-Hispanic

In Iowa:

- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 36 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Iowa Ranks:*

- 7th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 17th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 28th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Iowa

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	94,586 (13.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	40,368 (5.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	39,996
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$426

Child Hunger in Iowa

Number of children who receive food stamps	105,476
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	66%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	392,328
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	69,468

Child Health in Iowa

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	41,000 (5.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	50,238
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	202,979
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	51.2%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.1%

Early Childhood Development in Iowa

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	71.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	7,710
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	19,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,939
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	20.1%

Education in Iowa

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,962
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	57%

Child Welfare in Iowa

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	14,589
Number of children in foster care	9,040
Number of children adopted from foster care	984
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	12,941

Youth at Risk in Iowa

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	86.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	19,605
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,062
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 4 homicides; 10 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	15

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Children in Kansas



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696,082 children live in Kansas:

- 6,454 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 15,245 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 21,840 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 49,632 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 92,752 are Hispanic
- 510,159 are White, non-Hispanic

In Kansas:

- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Kansas Ranks:*

- 17th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 29th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Kansas

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	99,590 (14.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	42,816 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	31,002
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$429

Child Hunger in Kansas

Number of children who receive food stamps	84,800
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	343,178
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	69,067

Child Health in Kansas

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	53,000 (7.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	49,536
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	208,940
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.3%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.0%

Early Childhood Development in Kansas

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	8,178
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	22,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,292
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	33.8%

Education in Kansas

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,926
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	49%

Child Welfare in Kansas

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,630
Number of children in foster care	6,237
Number of children adopted from foster care	524
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	18,748

Youth at Risk in Kansas

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	78.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	10,036
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,053
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 11 homicides; 4 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined	18

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Children in Kentucky



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1,003,973 children live in Kentucky:

- 1,880 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,537 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 19,897 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 33,466 are Hispanic
- 94,290 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 843,903 are White, non-Hispanic

In Kentucky:

- A child is born into poverty every 34 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 27 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 23 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

Kentucky Ranks:*

23rd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

42nd among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

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Child Poverty in Kentucky

Number of poor children (and percent poor) 9%)	234,959 (23.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (10.9%)	106,618
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	58,681
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$262

Child Hunger in Kentucky

Number of children who receive food stamps	251,041
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	548,589
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	129,644

Child Health in Kentucky

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	92,000 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	68,776

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	399,268
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.8%

Early Childhood Development in Kentucky

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,070
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	28,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,720
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	60.1%

Education in Kentucky

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,132
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	67%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	69%

Child Welfare in Kentucky

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	19,833
Number of children in foster care	7,606
Number of children adopted from foster care	759
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	46,312

Youth at Risk in Kentucky

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	77.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	23.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	8,746
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,242
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 17 homicides; 16 suicides; 2 accidents; and 1 undetermined	36

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Children in Louisiana



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1,079,560 children live in Louisiana:

- 6,571 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 15,401 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 16,147 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 38,633 are Hispanic
- 413,780 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 589,028 are White, non-Hispanic

In Louisiana:

- A child is born into poverty every 30 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 42 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Louisiana Ranks:*

- 36th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 49th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 50th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Louisiana

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (26.8%)	283,350
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (11.7%)	124,373
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	22,262
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$240

Child Hunger in Louisiana

Number of children who receive food stamps	307,897
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	586,050
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	129,054

Child Health in Louisiana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.7%)	146,000
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Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	153,663
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	604,263
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	58.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	23.0%

Early Childhood Development in Louisiana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	21,592
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	39,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$4,610
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	46.7%

Education in Louisiana

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,669
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	80%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	76%

Child Welfare in Louisiana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	12,472
Number of children in foster care	5,213
Number of children adopted from foster care	466
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	60,671

Youth at Risk in Louisiana

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	10.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	59.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	22,355
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,200
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 67 homicides; 30 suicides; 12 accidents; and 1 undetermined	110

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Children in Maine



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279,467 children live in Maine:

- 1,891 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 3,461 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 5,015 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 5,353 are Hispanic
- 5,803 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 257,944 are White, non-Hispanic

In Maine:

- A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 months.

Maine Ranks:*

- 10th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 10th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 26th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Maine

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	41,973 (15.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	17,779 (6.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	23,968
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$485

Child Hunger in Maine

Number of children who receive food stamps	61,232
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	85%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	108,731
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	24,686

Child Health in Maine

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	19,000 (6.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	31,037
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	No data
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	No data

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	No data
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	27.1%

Early Childhood Development in Maine

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,871
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,020
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	40.8%

Education in Maine

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,342
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	58%

Child Welfare in Maine

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	3,548
Number of children in foster care	2,076
Number of children adopted from foster care	331
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	7,471

Youth at Risk in Maine

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	14.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	7,765
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	210
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 0 homicides; 1 suicide; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	1

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Children in Maryland



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1,358,797 children live in Maryland:
 3,348 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 38,222 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 62,501 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 115,560 are Hispanic
 439,703 are Black, non-Hispanic
 699,463 are White, non-Hispanic

In Maryland:

A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
 A child is abused or neglected every *no data*.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 16 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Maryland Ranks:*

39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 13th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 31st among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Maryland

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (10.5%)	140,058
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	67,101 (5.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	42,550
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$482

Child Hunger in Maryland

Number of children who receive food stamps	145,358
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	439,542
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	123,868

Child Health in Maryland

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	140,000 (9.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	132,887
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	361,489

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	8.7%

Early Childhood Development in Maryland

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	10,347
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	22,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,380
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	46.4%

Education in Maryland

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,031
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	60%

Child Welfare in Maryland

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	No data
Number of children in foster care	10,681
Number of children adopted from foster care	364
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	42,717

Youth at Risk in Maryland

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	49,359
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,104
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 64 homicides; 10 suicides; 0 accidents; and 1 undetermined	75

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Children in Massachusetts



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1,432,856 children live in Massachusetts:
 3,151 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 30,936 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 74,270 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 108,709 are Black, non-Hispanic
 173,458 are Hispanic
 1,042,332 are White, non-Hispanic

In Massachusetts:

A child is born into poverty every 53 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 15 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 22 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Massachusetts Ranks:*

4th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 7th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 20th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Massachusetts

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (12.9%)	182,159
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	86,554 (6.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	90,531
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$618

Child Hunger in Massachusetts

Number of children who receive food stamps	191,733
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	54%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	560,930
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	118,112

Child Health in Massachusetts

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	73,000 (4.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	184,483
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	412,012

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	36.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	19.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.1%

Early Childhood Development in Massachusetts

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,807
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	32,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$10,787
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	20.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	25.31%

Education in Massachusetts

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$11,642
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	51%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	42%

Child Welfare in Massachusetts

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	36,151
Number of children in foster care	11,499
Number of children adopted from foster care	874
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	28,911

Youth at Risk in Massachusetts

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	12.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	17,862
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,164
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 26 homicides; 0 suicides; 1 accidents; and 0 undetermined	27

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Children in Michigan



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2,446,856 children live in Michigan:

- 13,723 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 60,993 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 67,407 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 144,717 are Hispanic
- 424,697 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,735,319 are White, non-Hispanic

In Michigan:

- A child is born into poverty every 18 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 19 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 9 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Michigan Ranks:*

- 16th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 38th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Michigan

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (19.4%)	468,400
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	229,186 (9.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	173,760
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$459

Child Hunger in Michigan

Number of children who receive food stamps	530,380
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	896,883
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	232,007

Child Health in Michigan

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	148,000 (5.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	114,025
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	987,238

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	56.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.2%

Early Childhood Development in Michigan

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	35,067
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	87,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,025
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	38.2%

Education in Michigan

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,340
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	63%

Child Welfare in Michigan

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	27,148
Number of children in foster care	20,142
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,591
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	69,008

Youth at Risk in Michigan

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	44,002
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,760
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 65 homicides; 23 suicides; 2 accidents; and 2 undetermined	92

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Children in Minnesota



November 2008

1,260,282 children live in Minnesota:

- 18,151 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 39,257 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 59,160 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 78,531 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 80,077 are Hispanic
- 985,106 are White, non-Hispanic

In Minnesota:

- A child is born into poverty every 53 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

Minnesota Ranks:*

- 3rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 6th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 24th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Minnesota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	148,649 (12%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	62,080 (5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	47,742
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$532

Child Hunger in Minnesota

Number of children who receive food stamps	134,878
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	607,255
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	134,662

Child Health in Minnesota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	92,000 (6.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	5,408
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	373,816
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.8%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	19.5%

Early Childhood Development in Minnesota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	70.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	10,332
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	27,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$9,350
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	18.1%

Education in Minnesota

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,718
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	63%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	49%

Child Welfare in Minnesota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	7,623
Number of children in foster care	7,156
Number of children adopted from foster care	664
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,654

Youth at Risk in Minnesota

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	86.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	No data
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,623
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 16 homicides; 23 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined	42

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Children in Mississippi



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768,704 children live in Mississippi:

- 4,125 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 6,435 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 10,176 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 20,671 are Hispanic
- 340,105 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 387,192 are White, non-Hispanic

In Mississippi:

- A child is born into poverty every 37 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 18 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 9 days.

Mississippi Ranks:*

- 48th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 50th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 51st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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Child Poverty in Mississippi

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (29.3%)	220,446
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (14.2%)	107,094
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	21,896
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$170

Child Hunger in Mississippi

Number of children who receive food stamps	207,351
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	60%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	405,056
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	102,669

Child Health in Mississippi

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (14.9%)	121,000
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Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	81,565
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	422,183
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	54.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.9%

Early Childhood Development in Mississippi

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	26,657
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	39,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$3,380
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	27.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	41.8%

Education in Mississippi

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,548
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	81%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	79%

Child Welfare in Mississippi

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	6,272
Number of children in foster care	3,126
Number of children adopted from foster care	248
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	48,144

Youth at Risk in Mississippi

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	63.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	18.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	11,802
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	444
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 12 homicides; 9 suicides; 7 accidents; and 2 undetermined	30

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Children in Missouri



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1,424,830 children live in Missouri:

- 6,212 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 21,826 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 34,978 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 65,815 are Hispanic
- 203,623 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,092,376 are White, non-Hispanic

In Missouri:

- A child is born into poverty every 31 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Missouri Ranks:*

- 23rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 31st among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 36th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Missouri

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (17.7%)	247,893
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	114,660 (8.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	86,405
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$292

Child Hunger in Missouri

Number of children who receive food stamps	427,138
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	95%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	639,127
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	134,642

Child Health in Missouri

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	140,000 (9.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	81,764
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	534,016

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	20.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	23.9%

Early Childhood Development in Missouri

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	17,456
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	33,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$4,836
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	22.9%

Education in Missouri

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,858
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	62%

Child Welfare in Missouri

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	7,108
Number of children in foster care	10,181
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,253
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	46,898

Youth at Risk in Missouri

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	49,659
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,293
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 44 homicides; 16 suicides; 10 accidents; and 3 undetermined	73

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Children in Montana



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219,498 children live in Montana:

- 1,815 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,387 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 6,816 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 9,705 are Hispanic
- 20,199 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 178,576 are White, non-Hispanic

In Montana:

- A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 weeks.

Montana Ranks:*

- 7th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 25th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 28th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Montana

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	39,660 (18.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	15,422 (7.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	8,008
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$405

Child Hunger in Montana

Number of children who receive food stamps	34,452
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	83,840
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	19,279

Child Health in Montana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	32,000 (13.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	20,115
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	62,685
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	54.4%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	27.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.7%

Early Childhood Development in Montana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	60.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,919
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,300
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	26.0%

Education in Montana

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,133
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	61%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	56%

Child Welfare in Montana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,775
Number of children in foster care	1,909
Number of children adopted from foster care	272
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	6,870

Youth at Risk in Montana

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	10.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	No data
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	243
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2 homicides; 15 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	18

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Children in Nebraska



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446,145 children live in Nebraska:

- 5,450 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 8,159 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 10,756 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 25,122 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 53,767 are Hispanic
- 342,891 are White, non-Hispanic

In Nebraska:

- A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Nebraska Ranks:*

9th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

23rd among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

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Child Poverty in Nebraska

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	65,309 (14.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	30,498 (7.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	16,232
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$364

Child Hunger in Nebraska

Number of children who receive food stamps	59,053
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	237,410
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	42,087

Child Health in Nebraska

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	41,000 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	46,199
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	128,862
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.9%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	25.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	17.1%

Early Childhood Development in Nebraska

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	74.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,080
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	13,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,760
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.1%

Education in Nebraska

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,794
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	62%

Child Welfare in Nebraska

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	6,160
Number of children in foster care	6,187
Number of children adopted from foster care	534
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	8,969

Youth at Risk in Nebraska

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	87.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	14,967
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	735
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 homicides; 15 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	19

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Children in Nevada



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660,002 children live in Nevada:

- 7,218 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 26,128 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 34,780 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 54,246 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 240,563 are Hispanic
- 297,067 are White, non-Hispanic

In Nevada:

- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 2 weeks.

Nevada Ranks:*

- 10th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 46th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Nevada

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	99,670 (15.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	41,019 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	18,066
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$348

Child Hunger in Nevada

Number of children who receive food stamps	59,270
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	49%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	193,461
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	52,343

Child Health in Nevada

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (16.2%)	112,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	41,862
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	148,326

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	36.9%

Early Childhood Development in Nevada

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	59.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,754
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	6,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,707
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	6.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.8%

Education in Nevada

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,804
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	70%

Child Welfare in Nevada

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,345
Number of children in foster care	5,069
Number of children adopted from foster care	444
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	22,589

Youth at Risk in Nevada

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	11.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	55.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	20,725
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	885
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 20 homicides; 14 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	34

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Children in New Hampshire



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298,186 children live in New Hampshire:
 687 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 5,273 are Black, non-Hispanic
 5,558 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 6,685 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 11,529 are Hispanic
 268,454 are White, non-Hispanic

In New Hampshire:

A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
 A child is abused or neglected every 11 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 months.

New Hampshire Ranks:*

6th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 14th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in New Hampshire

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	25,622 (8.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	11,715 (4.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	9,886
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$625

Child Hunger in New Hampshire

Number of children who receive food stamps	25,313
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	113,605
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	17,411

Child Health in New Hampshire

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	21,000 (6.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	12,088
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	81,280
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	58.8%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	9.4%

Early Childhood Development in New Hampshire

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	65.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,632
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,540
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.0%

Education in New Hampshire

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,771
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	48%

Child Welfare in New Hampshire

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	822
Number of children in foster care	1,146
Number of children adopted from foster care	135
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	6,889

Youth at Risk in New Hampshire

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	12.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	8,314
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	189
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 homicide; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	1

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Children in New Jersey



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2,063,789 children live in New Jersey:
 3,233 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 40,170 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 155,694 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 317,985 are Black, non-Hispanic
 405,459 are Hispanic
 1,141,248 are White, non-Hispanic

In New Jersey:

A child is born into poverty every 35 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 45 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

New Jersey Ranks:*

1st among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 5th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New Jersey

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (11.6%)	236,098
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	110,410 (5.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	79,136
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$424

Child Hunger in New Jersey

Number of children who receive food stamps	192,124
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	58%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	655,940
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	150,502

Child Health in New Jersey

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.5%)	273,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	150,277

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	482,674
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	54.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	17.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	19.5%

Early Childhood Development in New Jersey

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	14,854
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	37,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,985
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	36.9%

Education in New Jersey

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$14,117
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	57%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	48%

Child Welfare in New Jersey

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	11,680
Number of children in foster care	10,623
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,325
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	49,732

Youth at Risk in New Jersey

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	60,840
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,704
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 40 homicides; 4 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	45

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Children in New Mexico



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500,276 children live in New Mexico:

- 6,136 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 9,875 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 12,939 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 53,118 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 149,551 are White, non-Hispanic
- 268,657 are Hispanic

In New Mexico:

- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 12 days.

New Mexico Ranks:*

- 17th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 32nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New Mexico

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (25.5%)	123,808
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	54,113 (11.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	33,531
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$389

Child Hunger in New Mexico

Number of children who receive food stamps	121,240
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	69%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	214,380
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	64,417

Child Health in New Mexico

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	95,000 (17.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	16,525
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	298,392

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	58.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	33.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.0%

Early Childhood Development in New Mexico

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	58.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	7,279
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	21,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,382
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	34.8%

Education in New Mexico

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,834
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	76%

Child Welfare in New Mexico

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,926
Number of children in foster care	2,357
Number of children adopted from foster care	338
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,271

Youth at Risk in New Mexico

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	67.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	8,466
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	471
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 11 homicides; 12 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined	25

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Children in New York



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4,413,414 children live in New York:

- 15,159 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 89,350 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 284,736 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 776,415 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 903,665 are Hispanic
- 2,344,089 are White, non-Hispanic

In New York:

- A child is born into poverty every 10 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 7 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

New York Ranks:*

- 2nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 11th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New York

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (19.4%)	844,424
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	398,964 (9.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	257,416
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$691

Child Hunger in New York

Number of children who receive food stamps	711,247
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,823,673
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	482,787

Child Health in New York

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	410,000 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	651,853
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,940,887

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	38.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	14.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.2%

Early Childhood Development in New York

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	58.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	48,818
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	123,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$10,473
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	54.7%

Education in New York

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$13,703
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	57%

Child Welfare in New York

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	80,077
Number of children in foster care	29,973
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,810
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	132,010

Youth at Risk in New York

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	67.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	48,209
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	4,197
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 66 homicides; 20 suicides; 6 accidents; and 1 undetermined	93

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Children in North Carolina



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2,217,680 children live in North Carolina:
 27,740 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 45,694 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 46,304 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 241,551 are Hispanic
 545,996 are Black, non-Hispanic
 1,310,395 are White, non-Hispanic

In North Carolina:

A child is born into poverty every 19 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 18 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

North Carolina Ranks:*

41st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 44th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 44th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in North Carolina

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (19.5%)	426,047
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	183,076 (8.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	44,066
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$272

Child Hunger in North Carolina

Number of children who receive food stamps	430,347
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	58%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	962,367
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	242,088

Child Health in North Carolina

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (13.0%)	304,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	240,152

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	841,731
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	53.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	25.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.7%

Early Childhood Development in North Carolina

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	18,963
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	79,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,756
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.6%

Education in North Carolina

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,904
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	59%

Child Welfare in North Carolina

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	28,422
Number of children in foster care	11,115
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,234
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	87,075

Youth at Risk in North Carolina

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	71.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	14.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	44,691
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,029
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 58 homicides; 26 suicides; 6 accidents; and 1 undetermined	91

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Children in North Dakota



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142,809 children live in North Dakota:

- 1,375 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,153 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 3,732 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 4,205 are Hispanic
- 12,597 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 118,747 are White, non-Hispanic

In North Dakota:

- A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 week.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 weeks.

North Dakota Ranks:*

- 5th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 15th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 33rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in North Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	18,937 (13.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	8,895 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	5,040
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$477

Child Hunger in North Dakota

Number of children who receive food stamps	20,513
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	57%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	78,909
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	14,545

Child Health in North Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	14,000 (9.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	5,469
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	35,767
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.4%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	15.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.8%

Early Childhood Development in North Dakota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,353
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,742
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	20.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	28.7%

Education in North Dakota

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,829
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	54%

Child Welfare in North Dakota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,438
Number of children in foster care	1,331
Number of children adopted from foster care	150
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	3,110

Youth at Risk in North Dakota

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	1.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	8.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,769
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	240
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 homicides; 9 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined	11

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Children in Ohio



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2,751,874 children live in Ohio:

- 5,097 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 43,167 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 69,239 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 101,127 are Hispanic
- 405,194 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 2,128,050 are White, non-Hispanic

In Ohio:

- A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 13 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Ohio Ranks:*

- 17th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 43rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Ohio

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (18.5%)	500,745
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	244,966 (9.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	173,264
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$373

Child Hunger in Ohio

Number of children who receive food stamps	490,566
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,099,400
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	281,607

Child Health in Ohio

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	224,000 (7.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	231,538
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	968,681

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	16.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.3%

Early Childhood Development in Ohio

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	37,940
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	39,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,385
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.3%

Education in Ohio

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,330
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	54%

Child Welfare in Ohio

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	41,449
Number of children in foster care	16,631
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,803
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	90,447

Youth at Risk in Ohio

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	38,509
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	4,149
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 78 homicides; 28 suicides; 12 accidents; and 0 undetermined	118

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Children in Oklahoma



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899,507 children live in Oklahoma:

- 14,193 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 52,837 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 85,083 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 85,564 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 99,812 are Hispanic
- 562,018 are White, non-Hispanic

In Oklahoma:

- A child is born into poverty every 37 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 39 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 21 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

Oklahoma Ranks:*

- 21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 40th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 47th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Oklahoma

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (22.5%)	198,555
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	88,407 (10.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	730
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$292

Child Hunger in Oklahoma

Number of children who receive food stamps	198,018
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	77%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	419,235
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	119,759

Child Health in Oklahoma

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.6%)	119,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	117,084

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	381,168
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.5%

Early Childhood Development in Oklahoma

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	13,474
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	25,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,277
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	90.0%

Education in Oklahoma

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,610
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	73%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	67%

Child Welfare in Oklahoma

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	13,414
Number of children in foster care	11,816
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,141
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	43,756

Youth at Risk in Oklahoma

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	77.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	20,192
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	924
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 19 homicides; 12 suicides; 2 accidents; and 2 undetermined	35

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Children in Oregon



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862,908 children live in Oregon:

- 11,387 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 20,138 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 34,342 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 35,927 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 152,214 are Hispanic
- 608,900 are White, non-Hispanic

In Oregon:

- A child is born into poverty every 58 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 41 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Oregon Ranks:*

- 1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 13th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 26th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Oregon

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (16.9%)	143,391
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	60,920 (7.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	44,406
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$460

Child Hunger in Oregon

Number of children who receive food stamps	183,006
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	86%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	304,422
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	103,753

Child Health in Oregon

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.1%)	110,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	63,090

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	276,581
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.5%

Early Childhood Development in Oregon

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	8,814
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	20,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,480
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.1%

Education in Oregon

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,071
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	72%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	65%

Child Welfare in Oregon

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	12,927
Number of children in foster care	10,661
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,095
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,060

Youth at Risk in Oregon

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	16.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	24,723
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,254
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2 homicides; 12 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined	17

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Children in Pennsylvania



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2,786,719 children live in Pennsylvania:
 4,359 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 54,685 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 72,643 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 202,231 are Hispanic
 375,906 are Black, non-Hispanic
 2,076,895 are White, non-Hispanic

In Pennsylvania:

A child is born into poverty every 19 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

Pennsylvania Ranks:*

11th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 31st among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 32nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Pennsylvania

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (16.3%)	446,832
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	209,545 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	128,842
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$421

Child Hunger in Pennsylvania

Number of children who receive food stamps	479,009
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,142,313
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	244,155

Child Health in Pennsylvania

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	226,000 (7.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	227,367
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	987,810

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.2%

Early Childhood Development in Pennsylvania

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	35,362
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	82,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,800
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	27.2%

Education in Pennsylvania

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,235
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	60%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	53%

Child Welfare in Pennsylvania

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,177
Number of children in foster care	21,135
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,926
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	83,770

Youth at Risk in Pennsylvania

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	No data
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	106,572
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	4,323
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 99 homicides; 32 suicides; 4 accidents; and 3 undetermined	138

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Children in Rhode Island



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233,115 children live in Rhode Island:

- 1,427 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 5,999 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 7,151 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 16,186 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 42,318 are Hispanic
- 160,034 are White, non-Hispanic

In Rhode Island:

- A child is born into poverty every 3 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 8 weeks.

Rhode Island Ranks:*

6th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

19th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

19th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Rhode Island

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	40,468 (17.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	17,697 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	19,030
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$554

Child Hunger in Rhode Island

Number of children who receive food stamps	35,963
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	56%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	85,020
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	24,220

Child Health in Rhode Island

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	18,000 (7.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	26,067
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	91,974
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.1%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	25.0%

Early Childhood Development in Rhode Island

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,104
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,800
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.9%

Education in Rhode Island

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$11,667
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	69%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	66%

Child Welfare in Rhode Island

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,400
Number of children in foster care	2,842
Number of children adopted from foster care	258
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	4,275

Youth at Risk in Rhode Island

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	77.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,900
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	348
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.0:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 6 homicides; 1 suicide; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	7

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Children in South Carolina



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1,059,917 children live in South Carolina:
 3,795 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 13,249 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 19,121 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 60,350 are Hispanic
 355,062 are Black, non-Hispanic
 608,340 are White, non-Hispanic

In South Carolina:

A child is born into poverty every 35 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 49 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 16 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 8 days.

South Carolina Ranks:*

38th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 47th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 48th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in South Carolina

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (20.9%)	218,250
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	103,398 (9.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	32,399
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$205

Child Hunger in South Carolina

Number of children who receive food stamps	257,284
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	496,133
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	114,737

Child Health in South Carolina

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (12.2%)	137,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	59,920

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	445,826
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	47.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	20.5%

Early Childhood Development in South Carolina

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	65.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,248
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	19,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,460
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	54.3%

Education in South Carolina

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,549
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	74%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	64%

Child Welfare in South Carolina

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	10,795
Number of children in foster care	4,920
Number of children adopted from foster care	425
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	50,206

Youth at Risk in South Carolina

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	No data
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	21.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	23,565
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,320
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 24 homicides; 12 suicides; 5 accidents; and 0 undetermined	41

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Children in South Dakota



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196,890 children live in South Dakota:

- 1,807 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 3,240 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 5,495 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 7,501 are Hispanic
- 25,861 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 152,986 are White, non-Hispanic

In South Dakota:

- A child is born into poverty every 3 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 6 weeks.

South Dakota Ranks:*

7th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

30th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

39th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

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Child Poverty in South Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	32,511 (16.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	16,166 (8.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	5,673
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$501

Child Hunger in South Dakota

Number of children who receive food stamps	29,105
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	57%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	106,067
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	21,795

Child Health in South Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	18,000 (8.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	14,982
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	68,379
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.1%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	23.1%

Early Childhood Development in South Dakota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	76.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,827
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,240
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.3%

Education in South Dakota

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,464
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	59%

Child Welfare in South Dakota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,529
Number of children in foster care	1,648
Number of children adopted from foster care	150
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,858

Youth at Risk in South Dakota

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	8.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	2,214
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	597
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.9:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2 homicides; 7 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined	11

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Children in Tennessee



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1,471,486 children live in Tennessee:

- 3,474 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 20,598 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 27,586 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 80,150 are Hispanic
- 307,396 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,032,282 are White, non-Hispanic

In Tennessee:

- A child is born into poverty every 23 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 27 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 12 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Tennessee Ranks:*

- 43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 45th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 45th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Tennessee

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (23.0%)	331,269
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) (10.3%)	148,229
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	131,024
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$185

Child Hunger in Tennessee

Number of children who receive food stamps	374,945
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	88%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	696,175
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	160,058

Child Health in Tennessee

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	132,000 (8.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	41,363

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	649,356
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	41.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	16.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.3%

Early Childhood Development in Tennessee

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,397
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	42,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,436
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	32.9%

Education in Tennessee

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$6,850
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	73%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	71%

Child Welfare in Tennessee

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	19,182
Number of children in foster care	8,818
Number of children adopted from foster care	994
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	71,802

Youth at Risk in Tennessee

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	71.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	35,228
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,419
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 48 homicides; 22 suicides; 7 accidents; and 0 undetermined	77

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Children in Texas



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6,623,366 children live in Texas:

- 21,845 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 106,586 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 197,497 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 800,050 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 2,486,828 are White, non-Hispanic
- 3,010,560 are Hispanic

In Texas:

- A child is born into poverty every 5 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 8 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 days.

Texas Ranks:*

- 21st among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 40th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Texas

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (23.2%)	1,512,819
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	644,798 (9.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	116,201
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$223

Child Hunger in Texas

Number of children who receive food stamps	1,365,363
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	60%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	3,061,259
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	900,396

Child Health in Texas

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (20.9%)	1,454,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	710,690

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	2,660,468
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	66.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	36.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.7%

Early Childhood Development in Texas

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	56.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	67,630
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	126,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,799
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	58.1%

Education in Texas

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,246
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	70%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	60%

Child Welfare in Texas

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	69,065
Number of children in foster care	30,848
Number of children adopted from foster care	3,409
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	281,681

Youth at Risk in Texas

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	8.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	72.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	14.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	169,460
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	8,247
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 164 homicides; 84 suicides; 13 accidents; and 3 undetermined	264

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Children in Utah



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816,822 children live in Utah:

- 10,415 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,744 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 19,761 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 20,420 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 121,014 are Hispanic
- 634,468 are White, non-Hispanic

In Utah:

- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 40 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Utah Ranks:*

- 1st among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 10th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 - 51st among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Utah

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	88,741 (11.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	28,176 (3.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	11,364
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$474

Child Hunger in Utah

Number of children who receive food stamps	63,880
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	312,438
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	64,218

Child Health in Utah

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (13.0%)	112,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	44,785
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	174,939

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.9%

Early Childhood Development in Utah

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	50.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,400
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	13,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,400
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.6%

Education in Utah

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$5,216
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	61%

Child Welfare in Utah

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	13,043
Number of children in foster care	2,427
Number of children adopted from foster care	503
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	16,464

Youth at Risk in Utah

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	77.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	8.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	23,519
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	864
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	7.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 homicides; 7 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	10

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Children in Vermont



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131,353 children live in Vermont:

- 407 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 1,835 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,955 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,416 are Hispanic
- 2,619 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 122,121 are White, non-Hispanic

In Vermont:

- A child is born into poverty every 9 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 10 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 9 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 months.

Vermont Ranks:*

- 4th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 5th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 24th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Vermont

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	15,907 (12.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	5,888 (4.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	8,858
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$709

Child Hunger in Vermont

Number of children who receive food stamps	18,822
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	55,358
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	16,308

Child Health in Vermont

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	11,000 (7.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	6,132
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	68,640
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	42.5%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	27.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	32.7%

Early Childhood Development in Vermont

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	76.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,552
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	6,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,056
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	30.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	63.7%

Education in Vermont

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$11,972
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	51%

Child Welfare in Vermont

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	861
Number of children in foster care	1,379
Number of children adopted from foster care	164
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	2,175

Youth at Risk in Vermont

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,645
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	54
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 homicide; 2 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	3

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Children in Virginia



November 2008

1,826,179 children live in Virginia:
 4,563 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 55,807 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 85,299 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 165,220 are Hispanic
 410,319 are Black, non-Hispanic
 1,104,971 are White, non-Hispanic

In Virginia:

A child is born into poverty every 36 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 11 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Virginia Ranks:*

22nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 35th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Virginia

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (13.0%)	233,841
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	97,487 (5.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	62,469
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$389

Child Hunger in Virginia,

Number of children who receive food stamps	235,793
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	749,702
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	143,271

Child Health in Virginia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) (10.0%)	194,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	144,163

Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	459,391
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	55.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.5%

Early Childhood Development in Virginia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	13,518
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	27,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,176
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	25.5%

Education in Virginia

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,886
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	62%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	58%

Child Welfare in Virginia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	6,828
Number of children in foster care	7,843
Number of children adopted from foster care	551
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	61,333

Youth at Risk in Virginia

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	74.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	34,797
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,310
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 54 homicides; 22 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined	79

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Children in Washington



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1,536,368 children live in Washington:
 25,579 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 62,313 are Black, non-Hispanic
 82,353 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 99,829 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 237,859 are Hispanic
 1,028,435 are White, non-Hispanic

In Washington:

A child is born into poverty every 36 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 21 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 8 days.

Washington Ranks:*

1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 2nd among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 35th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Washington

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (15.0%)	226,424
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	104,261 (6.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	113,364
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$546

Child Hunger in Washington

Number of children who receive food stamps	219,633
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	526,669
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	165,206

Child Health in Washington

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	126,000 (7.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	14,734
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	635,396

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	52.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	25.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	31.0%

Early Childhood Development in Washington

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	57.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	11,278
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	53,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,804
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	20.5%

Education in Washington

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$7,717
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	56%

Child Welfare in Washington

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	7,294
Number of children in foster care	10,457
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,196
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	40,370

Youth at Risk in Washington

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	72.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	34,902
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,455
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 20 homicides; 21 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined	44

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Children in West Virginia



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387,381 children live in West Virginia:
 669 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 2,757 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 5,963 are Hispanic
 7,300 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 18,017 are Black, non-Hispanic
 352,675 are White, non-Hispanic

In West Virginia:

A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
 A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 weeks.

West Virginia Ranks:*

18th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 41st among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 46th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in West Virginia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	86,277 (22.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	40,505 (10.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	18,702
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$340

Child Hunger in West Virginia

Number of children who receive food stamps	104,475
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	80%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	208,204
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	49,588

Child Health in West Virginia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	29,000 (7.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	38,582
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	195,095
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	51.1%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	24.5%

Early Childhood Development in West Virginia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	53.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	7,682
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	9,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$4,560
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	23.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	76.5%

Education in West Virginia

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,024
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	72%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	67%

Child Welfare in West Virginia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	8,345
Number of children in foster care	4,012
Number of children adopted from foster care	419
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	20,321

Youth at Risk in West Virginia

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	20.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,438
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	579
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 9 homicides; 9 suicides; 0 accidents; and 1 undetermined	19

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Children in Wisconsin



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1,321,279 children live in Wisconsin:
 14,568 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
 30,182 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
 38,689 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
 102,221 are Hispanic
 112,987 are Black, non-Hispanic
 1,022,632 are White, non-Hispanic

In Wisconsin:

A child is born into poverty every 45 minutes.
 A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 19 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 1 week.

Wisconsin Ranks:*

14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
 15th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 22nd among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Wisconsin

Number of poor children (and percent poor) (14.4%)	186,980
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	75,959 (5.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	37,522
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$673

Child Hunger in Wisconsin

Number of children who receive food stamps	202,616
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	59%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	597,202
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	116,761

Child Health in Wisconsin

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	81,000 (5.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	62,523
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	417,492

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	45.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	15.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	22.9%

Early Childhood Development in Wisconsin

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	72.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	13,538
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	29,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$10,524
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	53.3%

Education in Wisconsin

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,755
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	53%

Child Welfare in Wisconsin

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	8,583
Number of children in foster care	7,556
Number of children adopted from foster care	885
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	27,417

Youth at Risk in Wisconsin

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	87.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	103,275
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,347
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 33 homicides; 20 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined	56

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Children in Wyoming



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125,365 children live in Wyoming:

- 985 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,124 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 3,002 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 4,028 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 13,296 are Hispanic
- 101,930 are White, non-Hispanic

In Wyoming:

- A child is born into poverty every 9 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 12 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 week.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 weeks.

Wyoming Ranks:*

- 12th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 - 25th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 35th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Wyoming

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	14,318 (11.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	6,314 (5.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	513
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$340

Child Hunger in Wyoming

Number of children who receive food stamps	10,681
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	49%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	53,565
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	12,341

Child Health in Wyoming

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	13,000 (9.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	8,570
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	50,582
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	63.6%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	30.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.8%

Early Childhood Development in Wyoming

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,840
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,248
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	30.5%

Education in Wyoming

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$10,190
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	56%

Child Welfare in Wyoming

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	786
Number of children in foster care	1,304
Number of children adopted from foster care	57
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	4,564

Youth at Risk in Wyoming

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,682
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	315
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 homicides; 4 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	7

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