

Each Day in America for All Children

2	mothers die in childbirth.
4	children are killed by abuse or neglect.
5	children or teens commit suicide.
7	children or teens are killed by guns.
24	children or teens die from accidents.
66	babies die before their first birthdays.
187	children are arrested for violent crimes.
408	children are arrested for drug crimes.
838	public school students are corporally punished.*
847	babies are born to teen mothers.
865	babies are born at low birthweight.
1,241	babies are born without health insurance.
1,392	babies are born into extreme poverty.
1,837	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
2,723	babies are born into poverty.
2,857	high school students drop out.*
4,028	children are arrested.
4,408	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
16,244	public school students are suspended.*

*Based on 180 school days a year.

See Endnotes for citations.

Each Day in America for White Children

1	mother dies in childbirth.
1	child is killed by abuse or neglect.
2	children or teens are killed by guns.
4	children or teens commit suicide.
15	children or teens die from accidents.
30	babies die before their first birthdays.
88	children are arrested for violent crimes.
303	children are arrested for drug crimes.
331	babies are born to teen mothers.
345	babies are born into extreme poverty.
404	public school students are corporally punished.*
407	babies are born at low birthweight.
633	babies are born without health insurance.
737	babies are born into poverty.
805	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
1,066	high school students drop out.*
1,718	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
2,645	children are arrested.
5,233	public school students are suspended.*

*Based on 180 school days a year.

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Each Day in America for Hispanic Children*

1	child is killed by abuse or neglect.
1	child or teen commits suicide.
1	child or teen is killed by guns.
4	children or teens die from accidents.
13	babies die before their first birthdays.
56	public school students are corporally punished.**
173	babies are born at low birthweight.
285	babies are born to teen mothers.
399	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
408	babies are born without health insurance.
595	babies are born into extreme poverty.
834	high school students drop out.**
1,153	babies are born into poverty.
1,330	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
3,453	public school students are suspended.**

*Some of the indicators for Each Day in America are not available for Hispanic children.

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Each Day in America for Black Children

1	mother dies in childbirth.
1	child is killed by abuse or neglect.
1	child or teen commits suicide.
3	children or teens are killed by guns.
4	children or teens die from accidents.
19	babies die before their first birthdays.
95	children are arrested for violent crimes.
95	children are arrested for drug crimes.
104	babies are born without health insurance.
199	babies are born to teen mothers.
211	babies are born at low birthweight.
310	babies are born into extreme poverty.
336	public school students are corporally punished.*
384	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
597	babies are born into poverty.
763	high school students drop out.*
1,153	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
1,274	children are arrested.
6,191	public school students are suspended.*

*Based on 180 school days a year.
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Each Day in America for Asian and Pacific Islander Children Combined*

- 1 public school student is corporally punished.**
- 2 children are arrested for violent crimes.
- 2 babies die before their first birthdays.
- 5 children are arrested for drug crimes.
- 15 babies are born to teen mothers.
- 19 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 38 babies are born into extreme poverty.
- 49 babies are born without health insurance.
- 55 children are arrested.
- 61 babies are born at low birthweight.
- 66 babies are born into poverty.
- 81 high school students drop out.**
- 128 babies are born to unmarried mothers.
- 189 public school students are suspended.**

*Some of the indicators for Each Day in America are not available for Asian/Pacific Islander children.

**Based on 180 school days a year

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Each Day in America for American Indian and Alaska Native Children Combined*

- 1 child or teen dies from an accident.
- 1 baby dies before his or her first birthday.
- 2 children are arrested for violent crimes.
- 5 children are arrested for drug crimes.
- 10 babies are born at low birthweight.
- 11 public school students are corporally punished.**
- 18 babies are born to teen mothers.
- 19 babies are born without health insurance.
- 21 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 33 babies are born into extreme poverty.
- 44 babies are born into poverty.
- 54 children are arrested.
- 67 high school students drop out.**
- 84 babies are born to unmarried mothers.
- 129 public school students are suspended.**

*Some of the indicators for Each Day in America are not available for American Indian/Alaska Native children.

**Based on 180 school days a year

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Moments in America for Children, by Race/Ethnicity

	All Children 73,728,088 100%	White 38,906,280 53%
Number of Children Percent of the Child Population		
Public school student suspended*	Every 2 seconds	Every 5 seconds
High school student drops out*	Every 9 seconds	Every 24 seconds
Child arrested	Every 21 seconds	Every 33 seconds
Baby born to an unmarried mother	Every 20 seconds	Every 50 seconds
Public school student corporally punished*	Every 30 seconds	Every minute
Child confirmed abused or neglected	Every 47 seconds	Every 2 minutes
Baby born into poverty	Every 32 seconds	Every 2 minutes
Baby born into extreme poverty	Every 62 seconds	Every 4 minutes
Baby born without health insurance	Every 70 seconds	Every 2.5 minutes
Baby born to teen mother	Every 1.5 minutes	Every 4.5 minutes
Baby born at low birthweight	Every 1.5 minutes	Every 3.5 minutes
Child arrested for drug offense	Every 3.5 minutes	Every 5 minutes
Child arrested for violent offense	Every 8 minutes	Every 16 minutes
Baby dies before first birthday	Every 22 minutes	Every 48 minutes
Child or teen dies from an accident	Every hour	Every 2 hours
Child or teen killed by guns	Every 3 hours and 15 minutes	Every 10 hours
Child or teen commits suicide	Every 4.5 hours	Every 7 hours
Child killed by abuse or neglect	Every 5.5 hours	Every 18 hours
Mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancy	Every 11 hours	Every 22 hours

*Based on 180 school days a year

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Where possible, race categories (White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native) do not include Hispanic children.

Moments in America for Children, by Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic 17,597,432 24%	Black 10,239,448 14%	Asian/ Pacific Islander 3,498,867 5%	American Indian/ Alaska Native 638,683 1%
Every 7 seconds	Every 4 seconds	Every 2 minutes	Every 3.5 minutes
Every 30 seconds	Every 33 seconds	Every 5 minutes	Every 6.5 minutes
n/a	Every 68 seconds	Every 26 minutes	Every 27 minutes
Every minute	Every 75 seconds	Every 11 minutes	Every 17 minutes
Every 7.5 minutes	Every 75 seconds	Every 5 hours	Every 37 minutes
Every 3.5 minutes	Every 4 minutes	Every 77 minutes	Every 68 minutes
Every 75 seconds	Every 2.5 minutes	Every 22 minutes	Every 33 minutes
Every 2.5 minutes	Every 4.5 minutes	Every 38 minutes	Every 44 minutes
Every 3.5 minutes	Every 14 minutes	Every 29 minutes	Every 75 minutes
Every 5 minutes	Every 7 minutes	Every 1.5 hours	Every 80 minutes
Every 8.5 minutes	Every 7 minutes	Every 23 minutes	Every 2 hours
n/a	Every 15 minutes	Every 4.5 hours	Every 5 hours
n/a	Every 15 minutes	Every 12 hours	Every 14 hours
Every 1.5 hours	Every hour and 15 minutes	Every 10 hours	Every 25 hours
Every 6 hours	Every 6 hours	Every 2 days	Every 2 days
Every 17 hours	Every 7 hours	Every 14 days	Every 9 days
Every day	Every 2 days	Every 7 days	Every 5 days
Every 2 days	Every 22 hours	Every 24 days	Every 33 days
Every 3 days	Every 2 days	n/a	n/a

Are America's Children Ready to Compete in the Global Arena?

How America Ranks Among Industrialized Countries in Investing in and Protecting Children

1st in gross domestic product
1st in number of billionaires
Second to worst in child poverty rates (just ahead of Romania)
Largest gap between the rich and the poor

1st in military spending
1st in military weapons exports
1st in number of people incarcerated
Worst in protecting children against gun violence

30th in preschool enrollment rates
24th in reading scores for 15-year-olds
28th in science scores for 15-year-olds
36th in math scores for 15-year-olds

1st in health expenditures
25th in low birthweight rates
26th in immunization rates
31st in infant mortality rates
Second to worst in teenage births (just ahead of Bulgaria)

The U.S. is the only country in the world besides Somalia — which lacks a legally constituted government — that has failed to ratify the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

If we compare Black child well-being in America to child well-being in other nations, according to UNICEF:

- 72 nations have lower infant mortality rates including Sri Lanka, Cuba, and Romania.
- 132 nations have a lower incidence of low birthweight including the Congo, Cambodia, and Guatemala.



Hard Times

“In the wintertime, we’d scoop up snow to get water, put it in pots and boil it so it would be like sterilized,” she said. “We put sheets up around the windows to keep the rooms warmer. The beds and stuff had got moldy so we slept on the couches.”

— Toni Thomas, 2011 Student Council member in Detroit high school

Working Through High School

“I mean, there were nights where we didn’t have anything to put in our stomachs. Like we’d just have to drink water. And I guess there’s times where we didn’t know where we were going to live. But now it’s just a normal thing for us.

— Eva Maria Turcios, 2012 Beat the Odds® scholar, Freshman at University of Mary Washington

