

Children in the States 2019

SOUTH DAKOTA



Child Population

- **214,856** children lived in South Dakota in 2017.
- **28 percent** were children of color: 3 percent were Black; 6 percent were Hispanic; 2 percent were Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; and 13 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native.

Child Poverty

- **17 percent** of South Dakota's children were poor in 2017—a total of **34,442** children—and children of color were disproportionately poor.
- **17 percent** of Hispanic and **9 percent** of White children were poor.
- **7 percent** of children were extremely poor (their family had income below half the poverty level).
- **18 percent** of children under 6 were poor.

Income and Wealth Inequality

- **\$81,700** was the median income for White families with children compared with **\$49,700** for Hispanic families in 2017.

Housing and Homelessness

- **2,018** homeless children were enrolled in public schools during 2016-2017.
- **1.6 full-time jobs** at minimum wage were needed for a family to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent in 2018.

Child Hunger and Nutrition

- **17 percent** of children lived in food-insecure households in 2016.
- **24 percent** of children ages 10-17 were overweight or obese in 2017.
- **30 percent** of children relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in FY2017.
- **84 percent** of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch during the 2016-2017 school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2017.

Child Health

- **13,848** children ages 0-18 (**6 percent**) were uninsured in 2017.
- **100,199** children ages 0-18 were enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program in FY2017.

Education

- **79 percent** of Hispanic and **58 percent** of White 4th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2017.
- **75 percent** of Hispanic and **60 percent** of White 8th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2017.
- **77 percent** of Black, **73 percent** of Hispanic and **89 percent** of White students graduated high school on time during 2015-2016.
- **7 percent** of Black, **4 percent** of Hispanic and **2 percent** of White public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2013-2014.

Child Welfare

- **1,339** children were abused or neglected in 2017.
- **1,603** children were in foster care on the last day of FY2017.

Juvenile Justice

- **228** children were in residential placement in 2015. **4 percent** were Black; **3 percent** were Hispanic; and **49 percent** were White.
- **0** children were in adult jails or prisons in 2016.

Gun Violence

- **11** children and teens were killed with guns in 2017.