## Child Population

- 375,068 children lived in West Virginia in 2016.
- 11 percent were children of color: 4 percent were Black; 2 percent were Hispanic; <1 percent were Asian; and $<1$ percent were American Indian/Alaska Native.


## Child Poverty

- 24 percent of West Virginia's children were poor in 2016-a total of 88,351 children-and children of color were disproportionately poor.
- 43 percent of Black, 29 percent of Hispanic and 23 percent of White children were poor.
- 11 percent of children were extremely poor (their family had income at less than half the poverty level).
- 28 percent of children under 6 were poor.


## Income and Wealth Inequality

- $\$ 55,100$ was the median income for White families with children compared with $\$ 26,800$ for Black families in 2015.


## Housing and Homelessness

- 7,955 homeless children were enrolled in public schools during 2014-2015.
- 1.7 full-time jobs at minimum wage were needed for a family to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent in 2016.


## Child Hunger and Nutrition

- 21 percent of children lived in food-insecure households in 2015.
- 35 percent of children 10-17 were overweight or obese in 2016.
- 34 percent relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in FY2015.
- 91 percent of children receiving free or reducedprice lunch during the school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2016.


## Child Health

- 7,783 children 0-17 were uninsured in 2016.
- 291,734 children 0-18 were enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.


## Early Childhood

- $\$ 8,580$ was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2015.
- 66 percent of 4 -year-olds were enrolled in statefunded preschool during 2015-2016.


## Education

- 79 percent of Black and 70 percent of White $4^{\text {th }}$ grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 80 percent of Black and 73 percent of White $8^{\text {th }}$ grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 83 percent of Black, 83 percent of Hispanic and 87 percent of White students graduated high school on time during 2014-2015.
- 27 percent of Black, 12 percent of Hispanic and 13 percent of White public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2011-2012.


## Child Welfare

- 4,857 children were abused or neglected in 2015.
- 5,973 children were in foster care on the last day of FY2016.


## Juvenile Justice

- 567 children were in residential placement in 2015.

8 percent were Black; 2 percent were Hispanic; and 84 percent were White.

- $\mathbf{O}$ children were in adult jails or prisons in 2015.


## Gun Violence

- 13 children and teens were killed with a gun in 2015.

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[^0]:    Note: All numbers in this factsheet are included in the Children's Defense Fund's The State of America's Children ${ }^{\circledR} 2017$ report, and most have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Facts for states and the District of Columbia were omitted when data were not available. Citations for all data may be found in The State of America's Children ${ }^{\circledR} 2017$.

