

# 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:\***

- 43<sup>rd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 47<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 48<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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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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:\***

- 1<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 9<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 14<sup>th</sup> 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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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:\***

- 12<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 27<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 50<sup>th</sup> 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 ever 2 weeks.

### **Arkansas Ranks:\***

- 37<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 37<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 38<sup>th</sup> 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:\***

- 12<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 30<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 7<sup>th</sup> 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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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:\***

- 18<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 34<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 41<sup>st</sup> 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:\***

- 4<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 12<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 21<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
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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:\***

8<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

43<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

46<sup>th</sup> 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*



November 2008

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:\***

3<sup>rd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

49<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

51<sup>st</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Florida*



November 2008

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:\***

- 29<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is The District of Columbia
  - 36<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 41<sup>st</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Georgia*



November 2008

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:\***

27<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

42<sup>nd</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

43<sup>rd</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Hawaii*



November 2008

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:\***

- 19<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 20<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 24<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Idaho*



November 2008

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 every 3 weeks.

### **Idaho Ranks:\***

- 9<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 16<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 49<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Illinois*



November 2008

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:\***

- 21<sup>st</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 34<sup>th</sup> 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*



November 2008

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

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *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:\***

- 7<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 17<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 28<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Kansas*



November 2008

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:\***

- 17<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 29<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33<sup>rd</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Kentucky*



November 2008

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:\***

23<sup>rd</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

39<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

42<sup>nd</sup> 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)	234,959 (23.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	106,618 (10.9%)
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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Louisiana*



November 2008

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:\***

- 36<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 49<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 50<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Maine*



November 2008

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:\***

10<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

10<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

26<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Maryland*



November 2008

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:\***

- 39<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 13<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 31<sup>st</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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 ever 2 weeks.

### **Massachusetts Ranks:\***

4<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
7<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
20<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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:\***

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

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *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:\***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 6<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 24<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Mississippi*



November 2008

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:\***

- 48<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 50<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 51<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Missouri*



November 2008

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:\***

23<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

31<sup>st</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

36<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Montana*



November 2008

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 ever 4 weeks.

### **Montana Ranks:\***

7<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

25<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

28<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Nebraska*



November 2008

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
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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:\***

- 10<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 27<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 46<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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 every 3 months.

### **New Hampshire Ranks:\***

6<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

14<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

14<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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:\***

- 1<sup>st</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 5<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 24<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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:\***

- 17<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 32<sup>nd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in New York*



November 2008

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:\***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 11<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 27<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in North Carolina*



November 2008

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:\***

41<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

44<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

44<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in North Dakota*



November 2008

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:\***

5<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

15<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

33<sup>rd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Ohio*



November 2008

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:\***

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

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Oklahoma*



November 2008

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:\***

- 21<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 40<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 47<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Oregon*



November 2008

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 ever 2 weeks.

### **Oregon Ranks:\***

- 1<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 13<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 26<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Pennsylvania*



November 2008

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:\***

11<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
 31<sup>st</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
 32<sup>nd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
 [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Rhode Island*



November 2008

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:\***

6<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

19<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

19<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in South Carolina*



November 2008

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:\***

- 38<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 47<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 48<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in South Dakota*



November 2008

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 ever 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

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Tennessee*



November 2008

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:\***

43<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

45<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

45<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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*



November 2008

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:\***

- 21<sup>st</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 27<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 40<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Utah*



November 2008

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 ever 3 weeks.

### **Utah Ranks:\***

- 1<sup>st</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 10<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
  - 51<sup>st</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Vermont*



November 2008

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 ever 4 months.

### **Vermont Ranks:\***

4<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

5<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

24<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *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:\***

22<sup>nd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

24<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

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

35<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Washington*



November 2008

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:\***

1<sup>st</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
 2<sup>nd</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
 35<sup>th</sup> 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's Defense Fund

## *Children in West Virginia*



November 2008

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:\***

18<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
 41<sup>st</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
 46<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
 [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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's Defense Fund

## *Children in Wisconsin*



November 2008

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:\***

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

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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:\***

- 12<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
  - 25<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
  - 35<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### **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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