

Are Our Children Ready to Compete in the Global Arena?

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

1st in gross domestic product
1st in number of billionaires
1st in number of persons incarcerated
1st in health expenditures
1st in student expenditures
1st in military technology
1st in defense expenditures
1st in military weapons exports
17th in reading scores
22nd in low birthweight rates
23rd in science scores
30th in infant mortality rates
31st in math scores
31st in the gap between the rich and the poor
Last in relative child poverty
Last in adolescent birth rates (ages 15 to 19)
Last in protecting our children against gun violence

The United States and Somalia (which has no legally constituted government) are the only two United Nations members that have failed to ratify the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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

- 70 nations have lower infant mortality rates including Thailand and Costa Rica.
- 144 nations have a lower incidence of low birthweight, including the Dominican Republic, Nigeria and Kazakhstan.
- Black women in the United States are more likely to die due to pregnancy complications than women in 54 other nations, including Iran and Albania.

Moments in America for All Children

Every second a public school student is suspended.*
Every 8 seconds a high school student drops out.*
Every 18 seconds a baby is born to an unmarried mother.
Every 20 seconds a public school student is corporally punished.*
Every 21 seconds a child is arrested.
Every 34 seconds a child is born into poverty.
Every 42 seconds a baby is born without health insurance
Every 42 seconds a child is confirmed as abused or neglected.
Every minute a baby is born to a teen mother.
Every 2 minutes a child is born at low birthweight.
Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for a drug offense.
Every 8 minutes a child is arrested for a violent offense.
Every 18 minutes a baby dies before his or her first birthday.
Every 45 minutes a child or teen dies from an accident.
Every 3 hours a child or teen is killed by a firearm.
Every 5 hours a child or teen commits suicide.
Every 5 hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect.
Every 16 hours a mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancies.

* Based on calculations per school day (180 days of seven hours each)

Although minority children are disproportionately affected by poverty, violence, homelessness and other risks, more White children are victims of these risks than any other race.

How Children in America are Faring, by Race/Ethnicity

	White, non-Hispanic 41,225,410 55.3% of child population	Hispanic 16,750,075 22.5%
Public school suspended	every 3 and a half seconds	every 7 seconds
High school student drop out	every 20 seconds	every 27 seconds
Child is arrested	every 32 seconds	n/a
Public school student is corporally punished	every 48 and a half seconds	every 58 seconds
Born to an unmarried mother	every 38 seconds	n/a
Child confirmed abused or neglected	every 2 minutes	every 4 minutes
Baby born into poverty	every 2 minutes	every 2 minutes
Baby born without health insurance	every 2 minutes	every one and a half minutes
Baby born to teen mother	every 2 minutes	every 3 and a half minutes
Baby born at low birthweight	every 3 minutes	every 7 minutes
Child arrested for drug offense	every 5 minutes	n/a
Child arrested for violent offense	every 16 and a half minutes	n/a
Baby dies before first birthday	every 28 minutes	n/a
Child or teen dies from an accident	every 58 minutes	every 5 hours
Child or teen killed by firearm	every 6 hours	every 14 hours
Child or teen commits suicide	every 8 hours	every one and a half days
Child killed by abuse or neglect	every 17 hours	every one and a half days
Woman dies of complications of childbirth or pregnancy	every one and a half days	every 4 days

* Based on 180 school days a year

How Children in America are Faring, by Race/Ethnicity

Black 11,280,366 15.1%	Asian/Pacific Islander 3,480,257 4.7%	Ameican Indian/ Alaska Native 951,329 1.3%
every 4 seconds	every minute	every one and a half minutes
every 27 seconds	every 4 minutes	every 7 minutes
every minute	every 22 minutes	every 28 minutes
every 57 seconds	every 3 hours	every 14 and a half minutes
every minute	every 12 minutes	every 16 minutes
every 3 and a half minutes	every hour	every minute
every 2 minutes	every 25 minutes	every 49 minutes
every 4 minutes	n/a	n/a
every 4 and a half minutes	every hour	every 59 minutes
every 6 minutes	n/a	n/a
every 15 minutes	every 6 hours	every 7 hours
every 15 minutes	every 11 hours	every 16 and a half hours
every 59 minutes	n/a	n/a
every 4 and a half hours	every day	every one and a half days
every 6 hours	every 8 and a half days	every 9 days
every 2 days	every 6 and a half days	every 6 and a half days
every 22 and a half hours	n/a	n/a
every 2 days	n/a	n/a

Each day in America

2	mothers die in childbirth.
5	children are killed by abuse or neglect.
5	children or teens commit suicide.
8	children or teens are killed by firearms.
32	children or teens die from accidents.
80	babies die before their first birthdays.
186	children are arrested for violent offenses.
368	children are arrested for drug offenses.
949	babies are born at low birthweight.
1,204	babies are born to teen mothers.
1,240	public school students are corporally punished.*
2,058	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
2,163	babies are born without health insurance.
2,573	babies are born into poverty.
3,312	high school students drop out.*
4,133	children are arrested.
4,717	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
18,493	public school students are suspended.

* Based on 180 school days a year

Each day in America for White children

1	mother dies in childbirth.
1	child is killed by abuse or neglect.
3	children or teens commit suicide.
4	children or teens are killed by firearms.
25	children or teens die from accidents.
52	babies die before their first birthdays.
86	children are arrested for violent offenses.
266	children are arrested for drug offenses.
447	babies are born at low birthweight.
663	public school students are corporally punished.*
735	babies are born without health insurance.
811	babies are born into poverty.
823	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
846	babies are born to teen mothers.
1,270	high school students drop out.*
1,776	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
2,722	children are arrested.
7,236	public school students are suspended.*

* Based on 180 school days a year

Each day in America for Hispanic children

2	children or teens are killed by firearms.
5	children or teens die from accidents.
103	public school students are corporally punished.*
198	babies are born at low birthweight.
387	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
402	babies are born to teen mothers.
944	babies are born without health insurance.
945	high school students drop out.*
955	babies are born into poverty.
1,495	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
3,726	public school students are suspended.*

* Based on 180 school days a year

Each day in America for Black children

1	child is killed by abuse or neglect.
4	children or teens are killed by firearms.
5	children or teens die from accidents.
25	babies die before their first birthdays.
94	children are arrested for drug offenses.
96	children are arrested for violent offenses.
233	babies are born at low birthweight.
312	babies are born to teen mothers.
332	babies are born without health insurance.
417	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
442	public school students are corporally punished.*
607	babies are born into poverty.
936	high school students drop out.*
1,296	children are arrested.
1,317	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
6,916	public school students are suspended.

* Based on 180 school days a year

Each day in America for Asian and Pacific Islander children

- 2 children are arrested for violent offenses.
- 2 public school students are corporally punished.*
- 4 children are arrested for drug offenses.
- 21 babies are born to teen mothers.
- 21 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 57 babies are born into poverty.
- 64 children are arrested.
- 98 high school students drop out.*
- 117 babies are born to unmarried mothers.
- 351 public school students are suspended.

* Based on 180 school days a year

Each day in America for American Indian and Alaska Native children

- 1 child is arrested for violent offenses.
- 3 children are arrested for drug offenses.
- 20 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 23 babies are born into poverty.
- 24 babies are born to teen mothers.
- 29 public school students are corporally punished.*
- 51 children are arrested.
- 62 high school students drop out.*
- 89 babies are born to unmarried mothers.
- 264 public school students are suspended.

* Based on 180 school days a year