

There are about 74 million children in the United States; almost 21 million of them are under the age of 5. California, Texas and New York have the largest number of children; North Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming and the District of Columbia have the fewest.

Child Population: 2007

	Total population, all ages	Total number of children under age 18	Percent of total population	Number of children under age 5 (preschool)	Number of children ages 5-17 (school-age)
Alabama	4,627,851	1,123,537	24.3%	308,234	815,303
Alaska	683,478	182,218	26.7	51,311	130,907
Arizona	6,338,755	1,669,866	26.3	499,581	1,170,285
Arkansas	2,834,797	700,537	24.7	198,977	501,560
California	36,553,215	9,383,924	25.7	2,660,386	6,723,538
Colorado	4,861,515	1,192,679	24.5	349,902	842,777
Connecticut	3,502,309	820,216	23.4	210,985	609,231
Delaware	864,764	205,646	23.8	58,869	146,777
District of Columbia	588,292	113,720	19.3	36,215	77,505
Florida	18,251,243	4,043,560	22.2	1,148,213	2,895,347
Georgia	9,544,750	2,531,609	26.5	737,422	1,794,187
Hawaii	1,283,388	285,694	22.3	86,690	199,004
Idaho	1,499,402	407,712	27.2	118,630	289,082
Illinois	12,852,548	3,199,159	24.9	891,315	2,307,844
Indiana	6,345,289	1,586,518	25.0	437,494	1,149,024
Iowa	2,988,046	711,403	23.8	195,916	515,487
Kansas	2,775,997	696,082	25.1	196,138	499,944
Kentucky	4,241,474	1,003,973	23.7	278,330	725,643
Louisiana	4,293,204	1,079,560	25.1	298,157	781,403
Maine	1,317,207	279,467	21.2	70,744	208,723
Maryland	5,618,344	1,358,797	24.2	376,745	982,052
Massachusetts	6,449,755	1,432,856	22.2	376,848	1,056,008
Michigan	10,071,822	2,446,856	24.3	633,017	1,813,839
Minnesota	5,197,621	1,260,282	24.2	353,901	906,381
Mississippi	2,918,785	768,704	26.3	219,282	549,422
Missouri	5,878,415	1,424,830	24.2	393,177	1,031,653
Montana	957,861	219,498	22.9	59,117	160,381
Nebraska	1,774,571	446,145	25.1	129,796	316,349
Nevada	2,565,382	660,002	25.7	194,651	465,351
New Hampshire	1,315,828	298,186	22.7	75,125	223,061
New Jersey	8,685,920	2,063,789	23.8	556,673	1,507,116
New Mexico	1,969,915	500,276	25.4	144,945	355,331
New York	19,297,729	4,413,414	22.9	1,196,688	3,216,726
North Carolina	9,061,032	2,217,680	24.5	637,664	1,580,016
North Dakota	639,715	142,809	22.3	39,988	102,821
Ohio	11,466,917	2,751,874	24.0	736,416	2,015,458
Oklahoma	3,617,316	899,507	24.9	261,146	638,361
Oregon	3,747,455	862,908	23.0	236,390	626,518
Pennsylvania	12,432,792	2,786,719	22.4	730,061	2,056,658
Rhode Island	1,057,832	233,115	22.0	61,397	171,718
South Carolina	4,407,709	1,059,917	24.0	296,302	763,615
South Dakota	796,214	196,890	24.7	56,450	140,440
Tennessee	6,156,719	1,471,486	23.9	409,580	1,061,906
Texas	23,904,380	6,623,366	27.7	1,988,979	4,634,387
Utah	2,645,330	816,822	30.9	255,708	561,114
Vermont	621,254	131,353	21.1	32,435	98,918
Virginia	7,712,091	1,826,179	23.7	518,410	1,307,769
Washington	6,468,424	1,536,368	23.8	423,096	1,113,272
West Virginia	1,812,035	387,381	21.4	104,452	282,929
Wisconsin	5,601,640	1,321,279	23.6	356,287	964,992
Wyoming	522,830	125,365	24.0	35,890	89,475
United States	301,621,157	73,901,733	24.5	20,724,125	53,177,608

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State Single Year of Age and Sex Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007 – RESIDENT," at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2007-AGESEX-RES.csv>>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Where Children Live

More than half of all children in the United States live in only 9 states: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia and Michigan.

Largest Number of Children: Top 10 States in 2007

	Number of children
California	9,383,924
Texas	6,623,366
New York	4,413,414
Florida	4,043,560
Illinois	3,199,159
Pennsylvania	2,786,719
Ohio	2,751,874
Georgia	2,531,609
Michigan	2,446,856
North Carolina	2,217,680

More than half of the White, non-Hispanic children in the United States live in 11 states: California, Texas, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia and Indiana.

Largest Number of White, non-Hispanic Children: Top 10 States in 2007

California	2,899,141
Texas	2,486,828
New York	2,344,089
Ohio	2,128,050
Pennsylvania	2,076,895
Florida	2,034,145
Illinois	1,777,530
Michigan	1,735,319
North Carolina	1,310,395
Georgia	1,293,098

Half of the Black, non-Hispanic children in the United States live in eight states: Georgia, Florida, Texas, New York, California, Illinois, North Carolina and Maryland.

Largest Number of Black, non-Hispanic Children: Top 10 States in 2007

Georgia	842,422
Florida	833,346
Texas	800,050
New York	776,415
California	589,781
Illinois	562,116
North Carolina	545,996
Maryland	439,703
Michigan	424,697
Louisiana	413,780

More than half of all Hispanic children in the United States live in three states: California, Texas and Florida.

Largest Number of Hispanic Children: Top 10 States in 2007

California	4,587,533
Texas	3,010,560
Florida	987,247
New York	903,665
Arizona	701,723
Illinois	668,999
New Jersey	405,459
Colorado	337,335
Georgia	273,527
New Mexico	268,657

More than half of all Asian and Pacific Islander children live in four states: California, New York, Texas and New Jersey.

Largest Number of Asian/Pacific Islander Children: Top 10 States in 2007

California	960,396
New York	284,736
Texas	197,497
New Jersey	155,694
Illinois	121,822
Hawaii	107,106
Washington	99,829
Florida	93,345
Virginia	85,299
Massachusetts	74,270

More than half of all American Indian and Alaska Native children in the United States live in six states: Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, California, Alaska and North Carolina.

Largest Number of American Indian and Alaska Native Children: Top 10 States in 2007

Arizona	87,460
Oklahoma	85,083
New Mexico	53,118
California	44,574
Alaska	32,216
North Carolina	27,740
South Dakota	25,861
Washington	25,579
Texas	21,845
Montana	20,199