

About two-thirds of public school 4th graders cannot read at grade level; 6 out of 10 cannot do math at grade level. More than 80 percent of Black and Hispanic 4th graders in public school cannot read at grade level, compared with 58 percent of their White peers. Eighty-five percent of Black 4th graders in public school cannot do math at grade level, compared to 78 percent of Hispanic children and about half of White children.

Reading and Math Achievement of 4th Graders

Percent of Fourth-grade Public School Students Performing Below Grade Level: 2007

| | Reading | | | | | | Math | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian, Pacific Islander | American Indian, Alaska Native | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian, Pacific Islander | American Indian, Alaska Native |
| Alabama | 71% | 61% | 87% | 83% | — | — | 74% | 64% | 90% | 83% | — | — |
| Alaska | 71 | 60 | 80 | 83 | 72% | 90% | 62 | 50 | 78 | 74 | 63% | 84% |
| Arizona | 76 | 64 | 80 | 87 | 54 | 91 | 69 | 52 | 84 | 85 | 41 | 85 |
| Arkansas | 71 | 64 | 91 | 84 | — | — | 63 | 54 | 88 | 78 | 59 | — |
| California | 77 | 60 | 87 | 89 | 58 | — | 70 | 48 | 85 | 85 | 44 | — |
| Colorado | 64 | 53 | 82 | 85 | 53 | — | 59 | 46 | 80 | 81 | 47 | — |
| Connecticut | 59 | 48 | 85 | 84 | 41 | — | 55 | 43 | 85 | 82 | 36 | — |
| Delaware | 66 | 56 | 82 | 76 | 38 | — | 60 | 47 | 80 | 75 | 30 | — |
| District of Columbia | 86 | 26 | 91 | 85 | — | — | 86 | 27 | 92 | 81 | — | — |
| Florida | 66 | 56 | 84 | 72 | 43 | — | 60 | 46 | 85 | 67 | 41 | — |
| Georgia | 72 | 60 | 86 | 79 | 51 | — | 68 | 54 | 87 | 80 | 37 | — |
| Hawaii | 74 | 60 | 77 | 79 | 78 | — | 67 | 54 | 76 | 81 | 69 | — |
| Idaho | 65 | 61 | — | 85 | — | 80 | 60 | 55 | — | 82 | — | 87 |
| Illinois | 68 | 58 | 86 | 82 | 46 | — | 64 | 50 | 91 | 81 | 38 | — |
| Indiana | 67 | 63 | 88 | 83 | — | — | 54 | 48 | 86 | 74 | — | — |
| Iowa | 64 | 62 | 84 | 82 | 51 | — | 57 | 54 | 83 | 75 | — | — |
| Kansas | 64 | 59 | 82 | 81 | 58 | — | 49 | 42 | 79 | 71 | 33 | — |
| Kentucky | 67 | 64 | 86 | — | — | — | 69 | 66 | 88 | 85 | — | — |
| Louisiana | 80 | 69 | 91 | 74 | — | — | 76 | 63 | 89 | 69 | — | — |
| Maine | 64 | 64 | — | — | — | — | 58 | 57 | 83 | — | — | — |
| Maryland | 64 | 51 | 83 | 79 | 43 | — | 60 | 45 | 83 | 72 | 32 | — |
| Massachusetts | 51 | 44 | 81 | 82 | 42 | — | 42 | 35 | 74 | 77 | 34 | — |
| Michigan | 68 | 61 | 88 | 81 | 56 | — | 63 | 56 | 88 | 74 | 31 | — |
| Minnesota | 63 | 58 | 88 | 84 | 71 | 80 | 49 | 42 | 84 | 78 | 57 | 72 |
| Mississippi | 81 | 69 | 92 | — | — | — | 79 | 66 | 91 | — | — | — |
| Missouri | 68 | 63 | 88 | 78 | — | — | 62 | 55 | 88 | 74 | — | — |
| Montana | 61 | 58 | — | 70 | — | 83 | 56 | 51 | — | 60 | — | 84 |
| Nebraska | 65 | 60 | 90 | 84 | — | — | 62 | 55 | 91 | 85 | — | — |
| Nevada | 76 | 65 | 84 | 86 | 70 | — | 70 | 57 | 84 | 82 | 57 | — |
| New Hampshire | 59 | 58 | 75 | 80 | 57 | — | 48 | 47 | 75 | 73 | 36 | — |
| New Jersey | 57 | 48 | 78 | 77 | 40 | — | 48 | 37 | 75 | 71 | 22 | — |
| New Mexico | 76 | 60 | 85 | 84 | — | 87 | 76 | 57 | 82 | 84 | — | 83 |
| New York | 64 | 53 | 83 | 82 | 50 | — | 57 | 44 | 82 | 75 | 31 | — |
| North Carolina | 71 | 61 | 88 | 82 | 59 | 83 | 59 | 44 | 85 | 72 | 40 | 76 |
| North Dakota | 65 | 62 | — | — | — | 85 | 54 | 51 | — | — | — | 83 |
| Ohio | 64 | 58 | 86 | 79 | — | — | 54 | 47 | 82 | 75 | — | — |
| Oklahoma | 73 | 69 | 89 | 85 | 64 | 75 | 67 | 61 | 90 | 78 | 52 | 71 |
| Oregon | 72 | 66 | 90 | 90 | 68 | 79 | 65 | 60 | 84 | 88 | 47 | 82 |
| Pennsylvania | 60 | 53 | 87 | 85 | 59 | — | 53 | 47 | 82 | 72 | 34 | — |
| Rhode Island | 69 | 61 | 90 | 88 | 70 | — | 66 | 59 | 84 | 85 | 59 | — |
| South Carolina | 74 | 65 | 88 | 83 | — | — | 64 | 50 | 86 | 79 | — | — |
| South Dakota | 66 | 63 | — | 85 | — | 88 | 59 | 54 | 85 | 79 | — | 87 |
| Tennessee | 73 | 66 | 92 | 80 | — | — | 71 | 64 | 91 | 85 | — | — |
| Texas | 70 | 56 | 83 | 79 | 52 | — | 60 | 41 | 79 | 70 | 30 | — |
| Utah | 66 | 62 | — | 85 | 74 | — | 61 | 55 | — | 84 | 56 | — |
| Vermont | 59 | 59 | — | — | — | — | 51 | 50 | — | — | — | — |
| Virginia | 62 | 54 | 81 | 74 | 52 | — | 58 | 47 | 82 | 72 | 40 | — |
| Washington | 64 | 59 | 79 | 82 | 53 | 82 | 56 | 49 | 83 | 81 | 46 | 74 |
| West Virginia | 72 | 72 | 87 | — | — | — | 67 | 67 | 81 | — | — | — |
| Wisconsin | 64 | 59 | 89 | 83 | 67 | — | 53 | 46 | 90 | 73 | 50 | — |
| Wyoming | 64 | 61 | — | 79 | — | 82 | 56 | 52 | — | 77 | — | 79 |
| United States | 68 | 58 | 86 | 83 | 55 | 80 | 61 | 49 | 85 | 78 | 41 | 74 |

— Data not reported; number of students too small to calculate a reliable rate.

Sources: U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment of Education Progress, The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2007 (2007), Tables A-8 and A-9; and U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment of Education Progress, The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2007 (2007), Tables A-8 and A-9. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Seven out of 10 public school 8th graders cannot read or do math at grade level. More than 4 out of 5 Black, Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaska Native 8th graders cannot read or do math at grade level, compared to 3 out of 5 of their White peers. Three out of 5 Asian/Pacific Islander 8th graders cannot read at grade level; 1 in 2 cannot do math at grade level.

Reading and Math Achievement of 8th Graders

Percent of Eighth-grade Public School Students Performing Below Grade Level: 2007

| | Reading | | | | | | Math | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian, Pacific Islander | American Indian, Alaska Native | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian, Pacific Islander | American Indian, Alaska Native |
| Alabama | 79% | 71% | 91% | 80% | — | — | 82% | 73% | 96% | 97% | — | — |
| Alaska | 73 | 64 | 83 | 76 | 73% | 90% | 68 | 56 | 85 | 77 | 67% | 88% |
| Arizona | 76 | 63 | 81 | 89 | 52 | 91 | 74 | 60 | 85 | 88 | 48 | 88 |
| Arkansas | 75 | 68 | 92 | 85 | — | 76 | 69 | 91 | 92 | — | — | — |
| California | 79 | 66 | 90 | 89 | 65 | 78 | 76 | 61 | 90 | 90 | 54 | 83 |
| Colorado | 65 | 57 | 82 | 83 | 64 | — | 63 | 52 | 79 | 87 | 52 | — |
| Connecticut | 63 | 54 | 88 | 86 | 55 | — | 65 | 56 | 93 | 90 | 39 | — |
| Delaware | 69 | 59 | 86 | 79 | 53 | — | 69 | 57 | 90 | 83 | 35 | — |
| District of Columbia | 88 | — | 91 | 81 | — | — | 92 | — | 94 | 91 | — | — |
| Florida | 72 | 64 | 87 | 77 | 54 | — | 73 | 63 | 89 | 79 | 52 | — |
| Georgia | 74 | 62 | 87 | 83 | — | — | 75 | 63 | 89 | 84 | — | — |
| Hawaii | 80 | 69 | 79 | 79 | 82 | — | 79 | 72 | — | 85 | 80 | — |
| Idaho | 68 | 66 | — | 86 | — | — | 66 | 62 | — | 84 | — | — |
| Illinois | 70 | 62 | 90 | 84 | 54 | — | 69 | 59 | 93 | 87 | 45 | — |
| Indiana | 69 | 65 | 90 | 79 | — | — | 65 | 60 | 91 | 80 | — | — |
| Iowa | 64 | 62 | 83 | 84 | — | — | 65 | 62 | 89 | 87 | — | — |
| Kansas | 65 | 60 | 88 | 83 | — | — | 60 | 54 | 84 | 84 | 48 | — |
| Kentucky | 72 | 70 | 86 | — | — | — | 73 | 71 | 89 | — | — | — |
| Louisiana | 81 | 71 | 92 | — | — | — | 81 | 72 | 93 | — | — | — |
| Maine | 63 | 62 | — | — | — | — | 66 | 65 | — | — | — | — |
| Maryland | 67 | 55 | 86 | 76 | 38 | — | 63 | 47 | 87 | 79 | 34 | — |
| Massachusetts | 57 | 51 | 83 | 85 | 46 | — | 49 | 42 | 87 | 81 | 26 | — |
| Michigan | 72 | 66 | 93 | 86 | — | — | 71 | 65 | 95 | 89 | — | — |
| Minnesota | 63 | 59 | 87 | 81 | 73 | 87 | 57 | 52 | 86 | 82 | 66 | 81 |
| Mississippi | 83 | 71 | 93 | — | — | — | 86 | 76 | 96 | — | — | — |
| Missouri | 69 | 63 | 90 | 88 | — | — | 70 | 64 | 94 | 83 | — | — |
| Montana | 61 | 58 | — | — | 79 | 62 | 59 | — | — | — | 85 | — |
| Nebraska | 65 | 61 | 88 | 79 | — | — | 65 | 59 | 95 | 89 | — | — |
| Nevada | 78 | 70 | 84 | 89 | 74 | — | 77 | 68 | 88 | 89 | 64 | — |
| New Hampshire | 63 | 63 | 80 | — | — | 62 | 61 | — | 86 | — | — | — |
| New Jersey | 61 | 52 | 83 | 78 | 43 | — | 60 | 49 | 86 | 80 | 31 | — |
| New Mexico | 83 | 71 | 87 | 88 | — | 92 | 83 | 67 | 88 | 90 | — | 93 |
| New York | 68 | 57 | 86 | 84 | 63 | — | 70 | 61 | 90 | 85 | 47 | — |
| North Carolina | 72 | 61 | 90 | 84 | 66 | 85 | 66 | 54 | 86 | 77 | 50 | 83 |
| North Dakota | 68 | 66 | — | — | — | 87 | 59 | 56 | — | — | — | 86 |
| Ohio | 64 | 58 | 88 | 69 | — | — | 65 | 58 | 91 | 75 | — | — |
| Oklahoma | 74 | 69 | 87 | 91 | — | 77 | 79 | 75 | 91 | 92 | — | 83 |
| Oregon | 66 | 63 | 79 | 86 | 56 | 68 | 65 | 61 | 72 | 86 | 47 | 84 |
| Pennsylvania | 64 | 59 | 86 | 86 | 42 | — | 62 | 56 | 87 | 83 | 34 | — |
| Rhode Island | 73 | 65 | 90 | 94 | 73 | — | 72 | 65 | 91 | 93 | 69 | — |
| South Carolina | 75 | 65 | 91 | 85 | — | — | 68 | 56 | 85 | 77 | — | — |
| South Dakota | 63 | 61 | — | — | — | 80 | 61 | 57 | — | 82 | — | 86 |
| Tennessee | 74 | 68 | 92 | 82 | — | — | 77 | 70 | 93 | 87 | — | — |
| Texas | 72 | 57 | 86 | 84 | 48 | — | 65 | 47 | 84 | 77 | 33 | — |
| Utah | 70 | 67 | — | 88 | 70 | — | 68 | 64 | — | 88 | 68 | — |
| Vermont | 58 | 58 | — | — | — | — | 59 | 58 | — | — | — | — |
| Virginia | 66 | 60 | 84 | 75 | 46 | — | 63 | 53 | 85 | 76 | 47 | — |
| Washington | 66 | 61 | 84 | 84 | 63 | 78 | 64 | 58 | 84 | 87 | 59 | 82 |
| West Virginia | 77 | 77 | 89 | — | — | — | 81 | 81 | 96 | — | — | — |
| Wisconsin | 67 | 62 | 92 | 83 | 73 | 63 | 58 | 94 | 82 | 60 | — | — |
| Wyoming | 67 | 64 | — | 87 | — | 77 | 64 | 61 | — | 78 | — | — |
| United States | 71 | 62 | 88 | 86 | 60 | 81 | 69 | 59 | 89 | 85 | 51 | 83 |

Sources: U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment of Education Progress, *The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2007* (2007), Tables A-15 and A-16; and U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment of Education Progress, *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2007* (2007), Tables A-15 and A-16. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Although 3 out of 4 9th graders graduate from high school in four years with a regular diploma, there is great variation among the states, from a low of 5 out of 9 in Nevada to a high of 7 out of 8 in Wisconsin. Expenditures per public school pupil also vary, from \$5,216 in Utah to \$14,117 in New Jersey.

Public School Education: Various Indicators

| | Pupil/ teacher ratio Fall 2005 | Averaged freshman graduation rate 2005-2006 | Expenditures per pupil 2004-2005 | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------|
| | | | Dollars | Rank |
| Alabama | 12.8 | 66.2% | \$ 7,073 | 43 |
| Alaska | 16.8 | 66.5 | 10,847 | 9 |
| Arizona | 21.3 | 70.5 | 6,184 | 50 |
| Arkansas | 14.4 | 80.4 | 7,659 | 37 |
| California | 20.8 | 69.9 | 7,905 | 30 |
| Colorado | 17.0 | 75.5 | 7,826 | 34 |
| Connecticut | 14.5 | 80.9 | 12,263 | 4 |
| Delaware | 15.1 | 76.3 | 10,911 | 8 |
| District of Columbia | 14.0 | n/a | 13,348 | 3 |
| Florida | 16.8 | 63.6 | 7,215 | 41 |
| Georgia | 14.7 | 62.4 | 8,065 | 27 |
| Hawaii | 16.3 | 75.5 | 8,997 | 19 |
| Idaho | 18.0 | 80.5 | 6,319 | 49 |
| Illinois | 15.8 | 79.7 | 8,896 | 21 |
| Indiana | 17.1 | 73.4 | 8,919 | 20 |
| Iowa | 13.7 | 86.9 | 7,962 | 28 |
| Kansas | 13.9 | 78.4 | 7,926 | 29 |
| Kentucky | 16.0 | 77.6 | 7,132 | 42 |
| Louisiana | 16.6 | 59.5 | 7,669 | 36 |
| Maine | 11.7 | 76.6 | 10,342 | 10 |
| Maryland | 15.2 | 79.9 | 10,031 | 13 |
| Massachusetts | 13.2 | 79.5 | 11,642 | 7 |
| Michigan | 17.4 | 73.6 | 9,340 | 16 |
| Minnesota | 16.4 | 86.2 | 8,718 | 24 |
| Mississippi | 15.7 | 63.5 | 6,548 | 48 |
| Missouri | 13.7 | 81.0 | 7,858 | 31 |
| Montana | 14.0 | 81.9 | 8,133 | 25 |
| Nebraska | 13.4 | 87.0 | 8,794 | 23 |
| Nevada | 19.0 | 55.8 | 6,804 | 46 |
| New Hampshire | 13.2 | 81.1 | 9,771 | 14 |
| New Jersey | 12.4 | 84.8 | 14,117 | 1 |
| New Mexico | 14.8 | 67.3 | 7,834 | 32 |
| New York | 12.9 | 67.4 | 13,703 | 2 |
| North Carolina | 14.8 | 71.8 | 6,904 | 44 |
| North Dakota | 12.3 | 82.2 | 7,829 | 33 |
| Ohio | 15.6 | 79.4 | 9,330 | 17 |
| Oklahoma | 15.2 | 77.8 | 6,610 | 47 |
| Oregon | 19.5 | 73.4 | 8,071 | 26 |
| Pennsylvania | 15.0 | n/a | 10,235 | 11 |
| Rhode Island | 10.7 | 77.8 | 11,667 | 6 |
| South Carolina | 14.6 | n/a | 7,549 | 38 |
| South Dakota | 13.4 | 84.5 | 7,464 | 39 |
| Tennessee | 16.0 | 71.8 | 6,850 | 45 |
| Texas | 15.0 | 72.5 | 7,246 | 40 |
| Utah | 22.1 | 77.6 | 5,216 | 51 |
| Vermont | 10.9 | 82.4 | 11,972 | 5 |
| Virginia | 12.6 | 74.5 | 8,886 | 22 |
| Washington | 19.3 | 72.9 | 7,717 | 35 |
| West Virginia | 14.1 | 76.9 | 9,024 | 18 |
| Wisconsin | 14.6 | 87.5 | 9,755 | 15 |
| Wyoming | 12.6 | 76.1 | 10,190 | 12 |
| United States | 15.7 | 73.4 | | |

n/a — Data not reported.

Sources: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Public School Graduates and Dropouts from the Common Core of Data: School Year 2005-06, First Look (August 2008), Table 1; and U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics 2007 (March 2008), Tables 63 and 172. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Black, Hispanic and American Indian students are more likely than Asian or White students to be suspended.

Black students are more than three times as likely as White or Asian/Pacific Islander students and more than twice as likely as Hispanic students to be suspended. Policies focused not on achievement but on “zero tolerance” often succeed only in encouraging suspended students to drop out, in effect pushing many into criminal activity and the pipeline to prison.

School Discipline: 2006

Number of Suspensions per 100 Public School Students

| | Total, all races | American Indian, Alaska Native | Asian, Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Black | White |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Alabama | 10.113 | 4.835 | 3.188 | 4.289 | 18.272 | 5.801 |
| Alaska | 5.895 | 8.209 | 4.609 | 5.944 | 10.014 | 4.564 |
| Arizona | 5.892 | 9.973 | 2.609 | 6.359 | 11.805 | 4.462 |
| Arkansas | 7.313 | 4.684 | 3.492 | 4.879 | 15.892 | 5.011 |
| California | 7.507 | 12.238 | 3.268 | 7.876 | 17.093 | 5.962 |
| Colorado | 6.031 | 8.652 | 3.242 | 8.138 | 13.153 | 4.544 |
| Connecticut | 6.838 | 5.218 | 2.386 | 11.407 | 17.182 | 4.019 |
| Delaware | 10.938 | — | 3.312 | 9.216 | 20.058 | 6.384 |
| District of Columbia | 0.360 | — | — | — | 0.400 | — |
| Florida | 10.459 | 7.170 | 2.871 | 7.702 | 19.334 | 7.863 |
| Georgia | 8.831 | 3.742 | 2.110 | 5.424 | 15.007 | 4.798 |
| Hawaii | 5.473 | 5.996 | 5.528 | 5.655 | 7.008 | 4.879 |
| Idaho | 3.585 | 8.607 | 1.649 | 5.105 | 3.486 | 3.278 |
| Illinois | 6.439 | 2.906 | 1.664 | 5.971 | 14.478 | 3.758 |
| Indiana | 7.377 | 6.063 | 1.791 | 7.383 | 17.266 | 5.957 |
| Iowa | 2.963 | 5.181 | 1.605 | 3.190 | 11.432 | 2.432 |
| Kansas | 5.091 | 5.807 | 2.921 | 6.559 | 14.614 | 3.824 |
| Kentucky | 6.565 | 3.791 | 1.514 | 3.982 | 13.324 | 5.809 |
| Louisiana | 10.349 | 6.791 | 2.618 | 4.716 | 14.643 | 7.063 |
| Maine | 4.565 | 6.365 | 2.935 | 5.732 | 8.956 | 4.453 |
| Maryland | 7.087 | 8.543 | 2.156 | 12.907 | 8.176 | 5.760 |
| Massachusetts | 5.563 | 4.976 | 2.520 | 11.952 | 10.277 | 4.230 |
| Michigan | 8.205 | 6.754 | 2.202 | 7.422 | 17.782 | 6.091 |
| Minnesota | 3.731 | 10.016 | 2.463 | 5.350 | 14.432 | 2.427 |
| Mississippi | 10.216 | 12.689 | 3.000 | 4.259 | 14.757 | 5.548 |
| Missouri | 7.286 | 6.999 | 2.888 | 5.366 | 20.153 | 4.573 |
| Montana | 4.475 | 9.597 | 2.333 | 3.501 | 4.919 | 3.737 |
| Nebraska | 3.702 | 6.712 | 1.913 | 5.047 | 12.584 | 2.564 |
| Nevada | 7.400 | 6.612 | 3.859 | 8.482 | 15.476 | 5.139 |
| New Hampshire | 5.567 | — | 2.235 | 12.104 | 8.733 | 5.365 |
| New Jersey | 5.670 | 3.654 | 1.433 | 6.897 | 12.371 | 3.668 |
| New Mexico | 5.265 | 8.282 | 2.526 | 5.388 | 6.988 | 3.951 |
| New York | 3.799 | 4.473 | 0.690 | 2.790 | 7.285 | 3.350 |
| North Carolina | 10.763 | 14.883 | 2.661 | 7.206 | 20.027 | 6.480 |
| North Dakota | 2.173 | 8.047 | — | 3.139 | 5.003 | 1.478 |
| Ohio | 6.246 | 3.724 | 2.055 | 5.970 | 14.602 | 4.558 |
| Oklahoma | 4.887 | 3.992 | 1.778 | 5.309 | 12.056 | 3.910 |
| Oregon | 4.942 | 7.169 | 2.091 | 5.479 | 8.807 | 4.780 |
| Pennsylvania | 6.786 | 3.425 | 2.669 | 8.694 | 18.903 | 4.165 |
| Rhode Island | 8.380 | 11.771 | 7.162 | 12.576 | 14.617 | 6.664 |
| South Carolina | 11.882 | 9.571 | 2.873 | 6.500 | 19.220 | 6.892 |
| South Dakota | 2.686 | 6.841 | 2.988 | 4.310 | 7.122 | 1.934 |
| Tennessee | 7.240 | 3.415 | 2.694 | 5.351 | 12.847 | 5.538 |
| Texas | 5.563 | 3.053 | 1.625 | 5.730 | 12.674 | 2.887 |
| Utah | 3.197 | 6.859 | 4.210 | 6.662 | 7.759 | 2.432 |
| Vermont | 3.994 | — | — | 4.121 | 5.838 | 3.989 |
| Virginia | 7.233 | 4.039 | 2.065 | 5.598 | 13.939 | 4.723 |
| Washington | 5.947 | 11.305 | 3.689 | 7.158 | 11.979 | 5.255 |
| West Virginia | 10.206 | 8.201 | 2.369 | 11.208 | 21.493 | 9.683 |
| Wisconsin | 4.970 | 13.506 | 2.119 | 7.528 | 19.721 | 2.714 |
| Wyoming | 2.850 | 6.416 | — | 3.102 | 3.168 | 2.721 |
| United States | 6.864 | 7.931 | 2.712 | 6.777 | 14.982 | 4.760 |

— Number too small to calculate a stable rate.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2006 Civil Rights Data Collection, projections. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than 17.4 million children receive compensatory education under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. More than 6.6 million students ages 3 to 21 receive educational services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. About 1.1 million children receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Children and Youths in Federal Education and Disability Programs

| | Title I 2003-2004 | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Fall 2006 | | | | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Child Recipients December 2007 |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| | | Ages 3-5 | Ages 6-17 | Ages 18-21 | Total 3-21 | |
| Alabama | 321,823 | 7,111 | 72,475 | 5,186 | 84,772 | 29,090 |
| Alaska | 24,908 | 1,954 | 14,703 | 878 | 17,535 | 1,165 |
| Arizona | 403,842 | 14,097 | 111,197 | 5,842 | 131,136 | 18,449 |
| Arkansas | 173,293 | 11,795 | 51,249 | 2,921 | 65,965 | 21,145 |
| California | 3,254,327 | 68,002 | 572,039 | 30,863 | 670,904 | 102,144 |
| Colorado | 144,579 | 10,802 | 67,886 | 4,389 | 83,077 | 7,495 |
| Connecticut | 105,477 | 7,660 | 57,929 | 3,398 | 68,987 | 7,099 |
| Delaware | 37,990 | 2,264 | 16,240 | 931 | 19,435 | 3,441 |
| District of Columbia | 70,805 | 567 | 9,383 | 913 | 10,863 | 4,490 |
| Florida | 1,033,041 | 32,819 | 338,254 | 20,019 | 391,092 | 82,435 |
| Georgia | 639,088 | 18,454 | 163,747 | 7,223 | 189,424 | 36,259 |
| Hawaii | 110,474 | 2,477 | 17,320 | 644 | 20,441 | 1,606 |
| Idaho | 44,845 | 3,976 | 22,897 | 1,116 | 27,989 | 4,444 |
| Illinois | 673,508 | 36,957 | 269,319 | 15,392 | 321,668 | 44,997 |
| Indiana | 126,868 | 19,530 | 150,171 | 9,375 | 179,076 | 22,781 |
| Iowa | 66,219 | 5,872 | 59,856 | 3,476 | 69,204 | 7,502 |
| Kansas | 101,481 | 9,608 | 53,178 | 2,926 | 65,712 | 7,685 |
| Kentucky | 340,639 | 20,591 | 84,793 | 3,803 | 109,187 | 29,096 |
| Louisiana | 390,981 | 10,151 | 73,579 | 4,423 | 88,153 | 31,491 |
| Maine | 25,953 | 3,889 | 29,045 | 1,491 | 34,425 | 3,707 |
| Maryland | 157,048 | 11,752 | 88,166 | 4,667 | 104,585 | 15,816 |
| Massachusetts | 274,244 | 15,920 | 142,986 | 7,841 | 166,747 | 20,247 |
| Michigan | 610,029 | 24,097 | 199,899 | 12,580 | 236,576 | 39,043 |
| Minnesota | 141,628 | 14,286 | 97,960 | 7,086 | 119,332 | 12,027 |
| Mississippi | 317,805 | 8,422 | 54,043 | 3,252 | 65,717 | 22,987 |
| Missouri | 200,139 | 15,629 | 115,243 | 7,420 | 138,292 | 20,992 |
| Montana | 47,606 | 1,971 | 15,400 | 787 | 18,158 | 2,238 |
| Nebraska | 55,606 | 5,179 | 38,342 | 2,166 | 45,687 | 3,715 |
| Nevada | 67,558 | 5,715 | 40,818 | 1,799 | 48,332 | 6,570 |
| New Hampshire | 19,631 | 2,523 | 27,055 | 2,696 | 32,274 | 2,089 |
| New Jersey | 304,024 | 19,580 | 218,547 | 11,972 | 250,099 | 23,239 |
| New Mexico | 142,218 | 6,337 | 37,540 | 2,507 | 46,384 | 8,117 |
| New York | 820,602 | 63,040 | 366,760 | 23,915 | 453,715 | 75,387 |
| North Carolina | 414,782 | 19,914 | 162,729 | 9,025 | 191,668 | 39,919 |
| North Dakota | 19,894 | 1,560 | 11,399 | 657 | 13,616 | 1,040 |
| Ohio | 503,615 | 23,137 | 228,859 | 17,746 | 269,742 | 44,872 |
| Oklahoma | 288,023 | 7,617 | 83,143 | 4,563 | 95,323 | 15,381 |
| Oregon | 139,168 | 8,572 | 65,846 | 3,846 | 78,264 | 8,606 |
| Pennsylvania | 450,832 | 28,145 | 249,280 | 16,440 | 293,865 | 64,360 |
| Rhode Island | 33,992 | 2,967 | 24,652 | 1,414 | 29,033 | 4,224 |
| South Carolina | 273,558 | 10,472 | 87,714 | 5,545 | 103,731 | 19,139 |
| South Dakota | 28,295 | 2,683 | 14,484 | 804 | 17,971 | 2,144 |
| Tennessee | 337,325 | 12,264 | 102,581 | 6,080 | 120,925 | 23,665 |
| Texas | 2,869,777 | 37,528 | 411,227 | 23,994 | 472,749 | 105,084 |
| Utah | 78,837 | 8,023 | 52,622 | 2,421 | 63,066 | 4,625 |
| Vermont | 31,163 | — | — | — | — | 1,732 |
| Virginia | 181,011 | 16,845 | 142,344 | 9,307 | 168,496 | 23,272 |
| Washington | 255,733 | 13,529 | 104,165 | 6,004 | 123,698 | 15,716 |
| West Virginia | 90,568 | 5,849 | 39,622 | 2,384 | 47,855 | 9,196 |
| Wisconsin | 180,113 | 14,867 | 105,773 | 5,856 | 126,496 | 17,958 |
| Wyoming | 2,758 | 2,842 | 10,785 | 627 | 14,254 | 845 |
| United States | 17,427,723 | 699,841 | 5,575,244 | 330,610 | 6,605,695 | 1,120,766 |

Sources: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, State ESEA Title I Participation Information for 2003-04 (2007), Table 4; U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Children and Students Served under IDEA, Part B, by age group and state: Fall 2007, at <https://www.ideadata.org/TABLES31ST/AR_1-1.xls>; and Social Security Administration, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2007 (September 2008), Table 16. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Black and American Indian students are more likely than those in other racial groups to be enrolled in classes for students with mental retardation. Black children are more than twice as likely as White or Hispanic children to be in these classes, and more than three times as likely as Asian/Pacific Islander children to be in these classes.

Enrollment in Classes for Students with Mental Retardation*: 2006 Percent Enrolled

| | Total, all races | American Indian, Alaska Native | Asian, Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Black | White |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Alabama | 1.051% | 0.649% | — | 0.378% | 1.530% | 0.822% |
| Alaska | 0.433 | 0.741 | — | — | — | 0.324 |
| Arizona | 0.867 | 1.252 | 0.511% | 0.961 | 1.447 | 0.688 |
| Arkansas | 1.777 | 1.064 | 0.518 | 1.046 | 3.399 | 1.387 |
| California | 0.748 | 0.864 | 0.842 | 0.734 | 1.135 | 0.629 |
| Colorado | 0.440 | 0.613 | 0.229 | 0.563 | 0.888 | 0.352 |
| Connecticut | 0.445 | — | 0.240 | 0.497 | 0.703 | 0.394 |
| Delaware | 1.764 | — | — | 1.390 | 2.953 | 1.205 |
| District of Columbia | 0.597 | — | — | — | 0.664 | — |
| Florida | 1.241 | 0.944 | 0.602 | 0.895 | 2.358 | 0.897 |
| Georgia | 1.437 | — | 0.502 | 0.863 | 2.201 | 0.973 |
| Hawaii | 0.841 | — | 0.919 | 0.732 | — | 0.516 |
| Idaho | 0.667 | 0.742 | — | 0.764 | — | 0.650 |
| Illinois | 1.150 | — | 0.489 | 0.866 | 2.329 | 0.835 |
| Indiana | 1.846 | 2.058 | 0.497 | 1.350 | 3.891 | 1.595 |
| Iowa | 1.213 | 1.313 | 0.646 | 1.292 | 2.081 | 1.167 |
| Kansas | 0.914 | 0.753 | 0.390 | 0.749 | 2.070 | 0.832 |
| Kentucky | 2.506 | — | 0.505 | 0.933 | 3.517 | 2.441 |
| Louisiana | 1.281 | 0.951 | 0.313 | 0.429 | 1.881 | 0.819 |
| Maine | 0.437 | — | — | — | — | 0.434 |
| Maryland | 0.626 | — | — | 0.620 | 0.943 | 0.418 |
| Massachusetts | 1.547 | 1.195 | 0.793 | 3.832 | 5.483 | 0.793 |
| Michigan | 1.593 | 1.445 | 0.686 | 1.294 | 3.159 | 1.254 |
| Minnesota | 1.044 | 1.715 | 0.733 | 1.067 | 1.858 | 0.963 |
| Mississippi | 0.864 | — | — | 0.335 | 1.211 | 0.508 |
| Missouri | 1.182 | — | 0.498 | 0.745 | 2.145 | 1.002 |
| Montana | 0.771 | 1.187 | — | 0.996 | — | 0.693 |
| Nebraska | 1.622 | 2.789 | 0.871 | 1.701 | 2.615 | 1.504 |
| Nevada | 0.456 | 0.612 | 0.390 | 0.435 | 0.742 | 0.406 |
| New Hampshire | 0.436 | — | — | 0.634 | — | 0.430 |
| New Jersey | 0.499 | — | 0.235 | 0.648 | 0.921 | 0.348 |
| New Mexico | 0.546 | 0.630 | — | 0.566 | 0.816 | 0.464 |
| New York | 0.526 | 0.646 | 0.274 | 0.574 | 0.876 | 0.415 |
| North Carolina | 1.578 | 2.868 | 0.499 | 0.891 | 2.978 | 0.925 |
| North Dakota | 1.084 | 1.919 | — | — | 1.720 | 0.974 |
| Ohio | 1.674 | 1.712 | 0.371 | 1.932 | 3.233 | 1.358 |
| Oklahoma | 1.112 | 1.050 | 0.392 | 0.792 | 2.117 | 1.023 |
| Oregon | 0.745 | 1.098 | 0.490 | 0.607 | 1.433 | 0.750 |
| Pennsylvania | 1.272 | — | 0.414 | 1.516 | 2.127 | 1.101 |
| Rhode Island | 0.711 | — | 0.649 | 1.289 | 1.169 | 0.526 |
| South Carolina | 1.442 | — | 0.501 | 0.493 | 2.324 | 0.866 |
| South Dakota | 0.877 | 1.568 | — | 1.489 | 1.333 | 0.751 |
| Tennessee | 0.757 | — | 0.245 | 0.355 | 0.823 | 0.770 |
| Texas | 0.692 | 0.735 | 0.424 | 0.598 | 1.299 | 0.597 |
| Utah | 0.626 | 0.654 | 0.399 | 0.667 | 1.013 | 0.621 |
| Vermont | 1.008 | — | — | — | 1.926 | 1.000 |
| Virginia | 0.878 | 0.717 | 0.491 | 0.657 | 1.565 | 0.613 |
| Washington | 0.524 | 0.973 | 0.330 | 0.590 | 0.789 | 0.494 |
| West Virginia | 2.864 | — | — | 1.596 | 3.155 | 2.877 |
| Wisconsin | 1.235 | 1.651 | 0.995 | 1.193 | 2.529 | 1.067 |
| Wyoming | 0.610 | — | — | 0.674 | — | 0.602 |
| United States | 1.027 | 1.107 | 0.599 | 0.768 | 1.919 | 0.885 |

*According to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD): "Intellectual disability is the currently preferred term for the disability historically referred to as mental retardation." Frequently Asked Questions on Intellectual Disability and the AAIDD Definition, at <http://www.aamr.org/Policies/faq_intellectual_disability.shtml>; accessed November 2008.

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Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2006 Civil Rights Data Collection, projections. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Black and American Indian children are more likely than those in other racial groups to be enrolled in classes for students with emotional disturbance. Black children are more than three times as likely as Hispanic children to be in these classes, and more than seven times as likely as Asian/Pacific Islander children to be in these classes.

Enrollment in Classes for Students with Emotional Disturbance: 2006 Percent Enrolled

| | Total, all races | American Indian, Alaska Native | Asian, Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Black | White |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Alabama | 0.215% | — | — | 0.085% | 0.226% | 0.221% |
| Alaska | 0.404 | 0.510% | 0.151% | 0.202 | 0.773 | 0.372 |
| Arizona | 0.731 | 0.640 | 0.216 | 0.382 | 1.568 | 0.994 |
| Arkansas | 0.174 | — | — | 0.068 | 0.162 | 0.194 |
| California | 0.325 | 0.858 | 0.091 | 0.174 | 0.809 | 0.514 |
| Colorado | 0.910 | 1.785 | 0.259 | 0.637 | 1.804 | 0.964 |
| Connecticut | 0.794 | 1.555 | 0.160 | 0.992 | 1.238 | 0.695 |
| Delaware | 0.709 | — | — | 0.397 | 0.917 | 0.667 |
| District of Columbia | 0.559 | — | — | — | 0.624 | — |
| Florida | 1.111 | 0.982 | 0.091 | 0.600 | 1.805 | 1.083 |
| Georgia | 1.354 | — | 0.183 | 0.358 | 1.721 | 1.306 |
| Hawaii | 1.118 | — | 1.051 | 1.299 | 1.268 | 1.392 |
| Idaho | 0.506 | — | — | 0.193 | — | 0.560 |
| Illinois | 1.101 | 0.772 | 0.247 | 0.542 | 1.888 | 1.058 |
| Indiana | 1.317 | 1.272 | 0.219 | 0.396 | 2.122 | 1.288 |
| Iowa | 0.855 | — | — | 0.603 | 2.324 | 0.799 |
| Kansas | 0.733 | 0.956 | — | 0.319 | 1.318 | 0.749 |
| Kentucky | 0.883 | — | — | 0.277 | 1.933 | 0.769 |
| Louisiana | 0.437 | — | — | — | 0.607 | 0.314 |
| Maine | 1.361 | — | — | — | 1.595 | 1.368 |
| Maryland | 0.749 | — | 0.082 | 0.556 | 1.039 | 0.630 |
| Massachusetts | 1.137 | 1.608 | 0.347 | 1.569 | 2.432 | 0.976 |
| Michigan | 1.121 | 1.280 | 0.213 | 0.673 | 1.482 | 1.091 |
| Minnesota | 1.993 | 5.677 | 0.410 | 1.451 | 5.084 | 1.729 |
| Mississippi | 0.302 | — | — | — | 0.271 | 0.341 |
| Missouri | 0.872 | — | — | 0.332 | 1.468 | 0.779 |
| Montana | 0.679 | 0.809 | — | — | — | 0.661 |
| Nebraska | 0.734 | 2.411 | — | 0.319 | 1.825 | 0.668 |
| Nevada | 0.484 | 0.627 | 0.140 | 0.164 | 0.969 | 0.674 |
| New Hampshire | 1.163 | — | 0.133 | 0.580 | 0.936 | 1.211 |
| New Jersey | 0.694 | — | 0.117 | 0.557 | 1.341 | 0.614 |
| New Mexico | 0.685 | 0.742 | — | 0.587 | 1.147 | 0.810 |
| New York | 1.288 | 1.970 | 0.191 | 1.384 | 2.692 | 0.889 |
| North Carolina | 0.770 | 1.204 | — | 0.168 | 1.367 | 0.557 |
| North Dakota | 1.044 | 1.526 | — | — | 2.241 | 0.977 |
| Ohio | 0.931 | — | 0.113 | 0.855 | 1.742 | 0.777 |
| Oklahoma | 0.809 | 0.671 | — | 0.241 | 1.111 | 0.903 |
| Oregon | 0.790 | 1.254 | 0.204 | 0.365 | 1.683 | 0.868 |
| Pennsylvania | 1.183 | — | 0.201 | 1.036 | 2.059 | 1.036 |
| Rhode Island | 1.207 | 3.264 | — | 1.195 | 2.148 | 1.113 |
| South Carolina | 0.698 | — | — | 0.168 | 0.987 | 0.534 |
| South Dakota | 1.055 | — | — | 1.291 | 0.590 | — |
| Tennessee | 0.316 | — | — | 0.082 | 0.293 | 0.342 |
| Texas | 0.747 | 1.053 | 0.150 | 0.484 | 1.183 | 0.967 |
| Utah | 0.507 | 0.863 | 0.209 | 0.391 | 1.520 | 0.515 |
| Vermont | 1.956 | — | — | — | 1.926 | 1.994 |
| Virginia | 0.795 | 1.052 | 0.167 | 0.454 | 1.126 | 0.737 |
| Washington | 0.448 | 0.821 | 0.119 | 0.215 | 1.050 | 0.471 |
| West Virginia | 0.760 | — | — | — | 1.689 | 0.719 |
| Wisconsin | 1.732 | 5.691 | 0.325 | 0.995 | 2.844 | 1.632 |
| Wyoming | 1.011 | 2.308 | — | 0.895 | 2.550 | 0.962 |
| United States | 0.845 | 1.114 | 0.203 | 0.460 | 1.426 | 0.857 |

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Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2006 Civil Rights Data Collection, projections.
Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

About 1 in 20 public school students is in a class for students with learning disabilities.
 Black and American Indian children are the most likely to be in these classes.

Enrollment in Classes for Students with Learning Disabilities: 2006 Percent Enrolled

| | Total, all races | American Indian, Alaska Native | Asian, Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Black | White |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alabama | 5.357% | 4.113% | 1.228% | 3.724% | 7.135% | 4.484% |
| Alaska | 3.692 | 5.844 | 1.105 | 2.381 | 2.254 | 3.182 |
| Arizona | 5.434 | 9.013 | 1.662 | 5.719 | 6.588 | 4.820 |
| Arkansas | 4.779 | 4.836 | 1.323 | 3.775 | 5.441 | 4.765 |
| California | 4.613 | 5.868 | 1.473 | 5.064 | 7.901 | 4.239 |
| Colorado | 3.898 | 5.662 | 1.449 | 4.579 | 5.267 | 3.570 |
| Connecticut | 3.719 | 4.566 | 0.988 | 4.419 | 4.479 | 3.571 |
| Delaware | 8.007 | — | 2.024 | 8.576 | 10.556 | 6.752 |
| District of Columbia | 1.393 | — | — | 1.780 | 1.369 | 1.040 |
| Florida | 6.484 | 6.524 | 1.885 | 6.458 | 6.605 | 6.663 |
| Georgia | 3.334 | 2.946 | 1.088 | 3.384 | 3.329 | 3.468 |
| Hawaii | 5.046 | 5.443 | 5.032 | 6.424 | 5.381 | 4.765 |
| Idaho | 4.199 | 8.558 | 1.474 | 4.760 | 4.835 | 4.067 |
| Illinois | 6.674 | 6.857 | 1.919 | 6.431 | 7.850 | 6.638 |
| Indiana | 6.122 | 6.063 | 1.594 | 4.487 | 6.515 | 6.283 |
| Iowa | 7.848 | 8.792 | 3.288 | 7.166 | 10.378 | 7.843 |
| Kansas | 5.659 | 6.994 | 2.631 | 5.168 | 7.296 | 5.632 |
| Kentucky | 2.309 | — | 0.488 | 1.872 | 2.101 | 2.367 |
| Louisiana | 4.097 | 4.757 | 0.637 | 2.173 | 5.383 | 3.121 |
| Maine | 5.420 | 6.506 | 2.138 | 3.992 | 4.531 | 5.505 |
| Maryland | 3.887 | 3.745 | 0.992 | 5.307 | 4.237 | 3.692 |
| Massachusetts | 6.684 | 7.127 | 2.446 | 7.574 | 7.509 | 6.756 |
| Michigan | 5.502 | 7.563 | 1.409 | 6.073 | 6.371 | 5.374 |
| Minnesota | 3.969 | 6.405 | 2.969 | 5.594 | 5.793 | 3.675 |
| Mississippi | 5.477 | 6.250 | 1.017 | 2.594 | 6.558 | 4.466 |
| Missouri | 5.118 | 4.287 | 1.514 | 3.431 | 6.120 | 5.053 |
| Montana | 5.831 | 8.102 | 2.640 | 6.006 | 6.114 | 5.516 |
| Nebraska | 5.449 | 8.249 | 2.462 | 4.978 | 5.413 | 5.545 |
| Nevada | 6.116 | 10.851 | 2.291 | 5.704 | 9.419 | 6.110 |
| New Hampshire | 6.629 | 6.346 | 1.836 | 7.030 | 5.047 | 6.757 |
| New Jersey | 6.899 | 5.592 | 1.686 | 7.392 | 8.962 | 6.770 |
| New Mexico | 6.001 | 7.237 | 3.098 | 6.105 | 7.816 | 5.350 |
| New York | 6.148 | 7.700 | 1.854 | 6.598 | 7.432 | 6.068 |
| North Carolina | 4.343 | 4.805 | 1.786 | 4.216 | 4.733 | 4.234 |
| North Dakota | 5.313 | 8.934 | — | 6.475 | 4.846 | 4.970 |
| Ohio | 5.516 | 6.550 | 1.564 | 5.716 | 5.786 | 5.529 |
| Oklahoma | 7.326 | 7.163 | 2.214 | 5.950 | 9.684 | 7.322 |
| Oregon | 5.102 | 7.522 | 1.619 | 4.965 | 6.342 | 5.242 |
| Pennsylvania | 7.905 | 6.245 | 2.121 | 9.345 | 9.410 | 7.692 |
| Rhode Island | 7.397 | 11.474 | 3.435 | 9.273 | 8.637 | 6.958 |
| South Carolina | 6.487 | 5.701 | 1.645 | 4.176 | 7.173 | 6.271 |
| South Dakota | 5.370 | 9.508 | 3.071 | 5.564 | 4.998 | 4.811 |
| Tennessee | 4.245 | 3.610 | 0.952 | 2.477 | 3.302 | 4.744 |
| Texas | 5.068 | 5.225 | 1.213 | 5.230 | 6.910 | 4.469 |
| Utah | 5.429 | 10.114 | 2.948 | 7.281 | 7.658 | 5.092 |
| Vermont | 4.725 | — | — | — | 3.970 | 4.793 |
| Virginia | 5.039 | 5.760 | 2.193 | 6.231 | 5.964 | 4.690 |
| Washington | 4.474 | 7.476 | 2.337 | 5.727 | 6.739 | 4.170 |
| West Virginia | 5.848 | 10.582 | — | 6.166 | 6.497 | 5.843 |
| Wisconsin | 4.847 | 7.671 | 3.317 | 4.688 | 6.366 | 4.670 |
| Wyoming | 5.357 | 9.116 | — | 6.732 | 5.873 | 5.133 |
| United States | 5.353 | 6.995 | 1.906 | 5.503 | 6.322 | 5.261 |

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 Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.