

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Delaware



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206,993 children live in Delaware:
 928 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 6,651 are two or more races
 6,960 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 51,501 are Black
 25,003 are Hispanic
 119,154 are White, non-Hispanic

In Delaware:

A child is abused or neglected every 4 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 52 days.

Delaware Ranks:*

8th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 42nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
 33rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia
 [*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Delaware

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	33,508 (16.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	14,609 (7.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	13,396
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$338

Child Health in Delaware

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	20,000 (9.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	12,599**
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$44,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	86,145**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	83.5%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	44.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.7%

*States may have a different name for CHIP

**The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day

Child Hunger in Delaware

Number of children who receive food stamps	37,847
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	44,013
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	9,676
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	22,244

Early Childhood Development in Delaware

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,505
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	\$6,899
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.5%

Education in Delaware

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$44,178
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$11,621
Percent of public school fourth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	65%
unable to do math at grade level	64%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	69%
unable to do math at grade level	68%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	2,928

Child Welfare in Delaware

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,071
Number of children in foster care	814
Number of children adopted from foster care	125
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	7,551

Youth at Risk in Delaware

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	5.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	72.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	25.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,647
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	369
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.8
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 7 6 homicides; 1 suicides; 0 accidents; and undetermined	

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit www.childrensdefense.org/cits

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