

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Indiana



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1,589,365 children live in Indiana:
 5,224 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 25,448 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 41,626 are two or more races
 137,909 are Hispanic
 181,052 are Black
 1,210,504 are White, non-Hispanic

In Indiana:

A child is abused or neglected every 22 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 1 week.

Indiana Ranks:*

24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

24th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

36th 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 Indiana

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	311,031 (20.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	137,978 (8.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	98,804
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$288

Child Health in Indiana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	116,000 (6.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	138,619**
CHIP eligibility: 250 percent of federal poverty (\$55,125 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	586,928**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	80.7%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	56.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.1%

*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 Indiana

Number of children who receive food stamps	297,523
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	74%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	368,540
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	48,131
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	155,816

Early Childhood Development in Indiana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	17,600
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	34,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,990
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	14.7%

Education in Indiana

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$19,479
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,929
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66%
unable to do math at grade level	58%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	68%
unable to do math at grade level	64%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	26,772

Child Welfare in Indiana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	24,108
Number of children in foster care	12,437
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,488
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	54,998

Youth at Risk in Indiana

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	7.3%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	74.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	21.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	35,390
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,727
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.2
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 50 31 homicides; 16 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 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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