

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Kansas



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704,951 children live in Kansas:  
 8,588 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
 17,759 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
 26,156 are two or more races  
 54,418 are Black  
 104,019 are Hispanic  
 503,900 are White, non-Hispanic

### In Kansas:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.  
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.  
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

### Kansas Ranks:\*

17<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

27<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

40<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in Kansas

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| Number of poor children (and percent poor)  | 121,395 (17.6%) |
| Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)                               | 46,790 (6.8%)   |
| Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | 37,771          |
| Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  | \$429           |

### Child Health in Kansas

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| Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)              | 68,000 (9.2%) |
| Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*   | 48,090**      |
| CHIP eligibility: 241 percent of federal poverty (\$53,140 for a family of four) |               |
| Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  | 208,695**     |
| Medicaid and CHIP participation rate   | 80.8%         |
| Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment                               | 58.8%         |
| Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures    | 26.6%         |
| Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized                                     | 23.0%         |

\*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 Kansas**

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| Number of children who receive food stamps   | 84,907  |
| Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  | 57%     |
| Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)                                 | 166,121 |
| Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program  | 17,225  |
| Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) | 73,238  |

### **Early Childhood Development in Kansas**

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| Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force                       | 68.5%   |
| Number of children served by Head Start   | 11,703  |
| Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG                        | 20,900  |
| Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center                         | \$6,526 |
| Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 12.5%   |
| Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 37.1%   |

### **Education in Kansas**

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| Annual expenditure per prisoner   | \$26,430 |
| Annual expenditure per public school pupil                                | \$8,640  |
| Percent of public school fourth graders:<br>unable to read at grade level | 65%      |
| unable to do math at grade level  | 54%      |
| Percent of public school eighth graders:<br>unable to read at grade level | 67%      |
| unable to do math at grade level  | 61%      |
| Number of high school students who drop out of school annually            | 8,305    |

### **Child Welfare in Kansas**

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| Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 1,363  |
| Number of children in foster care                       | 5,691  |
| Number of children adopted from foster care             | 836    |
| Number of grandparents raising grandchildren            | 19,530 |

### **Youth at Risk in Kansas**

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| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates                           | 5.1%  |
| Averaged freshman high school graduation rate   | 79.1% |
| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed   | 18.8% |
| Number of juvenile arrests  | 9,585 |
| Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities   | 1,146 |
| Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil  | 3.1   |
| Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 36<br>19 homicides; 17 suicides; 0 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](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits)

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