

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:*

17th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

27th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

40th 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 Kansas

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

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

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

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

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$26,430
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,640
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	65%
unable to do math at grade level	54%
Percent of public school eighth graders: 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

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

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 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

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