

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Maryland



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1,351,935 children live in Maryland:
 5,584 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 47,479 are two or more races
 72,111 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 141,459 are Hispanic
 444,146 are Black
 671,381 are White, non-Hispanic

In Maryland:

A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Maryland Ranks:*

11th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 43rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia
 43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
 [*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Maryland

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	154,049 (11.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	70,317 (5.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	57,609
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$490

Child Health in Maryland

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	118,000 (8.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	124,622**
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	370,828**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	86.7%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	20.1%

*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 Maryland

Number of children who receive food stamps	159,185
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	59%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	229,780
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	58,971
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	135,610

Early Childhood Development in Maryland

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	70.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,134
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	24,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,821
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	47.9%

Education in Maryland

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$38,460
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,909
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	63%
unable to do math at grade level	56%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64%
unable to do math at grade level	60%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	15,609

Child Welfare in Maryland

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	16,771
Number of children in foster care	7,052
Number of children adopted from foster care	734
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	45,026

Youth at Risk in Maryland

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	4.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	22.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	41,400
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	930
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.5
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 82 73 homicides; 9 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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