

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Minnesota



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1,260,797 children live in Minnesota:
 23,759 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 44,287 are two or more races
 66,476 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 89,815 are Black
 94,442 are Hispanic
 959,815 are White, non-Hispanic

In Minnesota:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 21 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Minnesota Ranks:*

3rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

9th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia

22nd among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Minnesota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	173,980 (14.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	78,116 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	48,387
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$532

Child Health in Minnesota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	81,000 (6.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	5,470**
CHIP eligibility: 275 percent of federal poverty (\$60,638 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	389,353**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	80.9%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	25.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	42.4%

*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 Minnesota

Number of children who receive food stamps	139,669
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	66%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	233,113
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	30,435
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	141,440

Early Childhood Development in Minnesota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	72.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	17,058
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	22,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$9,700
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.7%

Education in Minnesota

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$23,756
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,159
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	63%
unable to do math at grade level	46%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	62%
unable to do math at grade level	53%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	10,959

Child Welfare in Minnesota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,961
Number of children in foster care	5,410
Number of children adopted from foster care	660
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	21,744

Youth at Risk in Minnesota

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	3.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	86.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	21.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	42,324
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,317
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.6
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 27 11 homicides; 16 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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