

Children's Defense Fund

Children in New Hampshire



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289,071 children live in New Hampshire:
 1,029 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 6,800 are two or more races
 7,161 are Black
 7,341 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 13,357 are Hispanic
 255,194 are White, non-Hispanic

In New Hampshire:

A child is abused or neglected every 9 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 1 year.

New Hampshire Ranks:*

8th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

14th among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

7th 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 New Hampshire

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	30,602 (10.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	12,744 (4.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	13,183
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$625

Child Health in New Hampshire

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	15,000 (4.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	13,197**
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	84,890**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	85.6%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.3%

*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 New Hampshire

Number of children who receive food stamps	25,913
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	66.0%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	34,120
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,706
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	17,905

Early Childhood Development in New Hampshire

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,056
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,035
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.6%

Education in New Hampshire

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$27,806
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,396
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	59%
unable to do math at grade level	44%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	61%
unable to do math at grade level	57%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	2,072

Child Welfare in New Hampshire

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	984
Number of children in foster care	930
Number of children adopted from foster care	135
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,610

Youth at Risk in New Hampshire

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	2.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	83.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	18.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	7,417
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	156
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.7
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 0 homicides; 1 suicide; 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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