

Children's Defense Fund

Children in North Dakota



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143,971 children live in North Dakota:
 1,498 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 2,871 are Black
 4,017 are two or more races
 5,660 are Hispanic
 13,805 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 117,280 are White, non-Hispanic

In North Dakota:

A child is abused or neglected every 7 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 17 weeks.

North Dakota Ranks:*

5th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

32nd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia

25th 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 North Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	18,148 (13.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	8,011 (5.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	5,145
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$477

Child Health in North Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	12,000 (7.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	6,966**
CHIP eligibility: 160 percent of federal poverty (\$35,280 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	35,830**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	74.6%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	17.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	43.6%

*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 North Dakota

Number of children who receive food stamps	21,997
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	27,842
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	2,246
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	14,925

Early Childhood Development in North Dakota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	76.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,914
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,966
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	25.4%

Education in North Dakota

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$38,742
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,728
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	65%
unable to do math at grade level	55%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	66%
unable to do math at grade level	57%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	1,956

Child Welfare in North Dakota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,254
Number of children in foster care	1,224
Number of children adopted from foster care	137
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	2,716

Youth at Risk in North Dakota

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	83.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	12.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,170
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	213
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.4
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 0 homicides; 3 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	

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