

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Ohio



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2,714,341 children live in Ohio:
 7,666 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 49,252 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 80,016 are two or more races
 123,160 are Hispanic
 405,986 are Black
 2,069,513 are White, non-Hispanic

In Ohio:

A child is abused or neglected every 15 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Ohio Ranks:*

17th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 35th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
 38th 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 Ohio

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	584,310 (21.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	274,916 (10.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	227,363
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$410

Child Health in Ohio

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	227,000 (7.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	265,680**
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$44,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	918,010**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	83.2%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	47.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	16.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.2%

*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 Ohio

Number of children who receive food stamps	523,686
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	69%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	574,376
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	60,665
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	292,937

Early Childhood Development in Ohio

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	47,843
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	51,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,384
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.2%

Education in Ohio

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$22,612
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,692
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64%
unable to do math at grade level	55%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	63%
unable to do math at grade level	64%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	32,753

Child Welfare in Ohio

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	34,084
Number of children in foster care	12,197
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,453
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	91,513

Youth at Risk in Ohio

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	5.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	21.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	40,191
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	4,332
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 104 65 homicides; 32 suicides; 3 accidents; and 4 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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