

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Oregon



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872,811 children live in Oregon:
 17,140 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 25,589 are Black
 37,898 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 42,426 are two or more races
 172,970 are Hispanic
 593,483 are White, non-Hispanic

In Oregon:

A child is abused or neglected every 45 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 24 days.

Oregon Ranks:*

2nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

11th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia

26th 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 Oregon

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	164,326 (19.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	69,436 (8.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	73,287
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$471

Child Health in Oregon

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	107,000 (11.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	62,121**
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	267,878**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	75.2%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	51.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	35.2%

*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 Oregon

Number of children who receive food stamps	185,055
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	87%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	192,214
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	36,043
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	108,000

Early Childhood Development in Oregon

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	15,899
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	22,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,500
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	21.4%

Education in Oregon

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$26,540
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,645
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	69%
unable to do math at grade level	63%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	67%
unable to do math at grade level	63%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	12,199

Child Welfare in Oregon

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	11,802
Number of children in foster care	8,650
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,101
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,623

Youth at Risk in Oregon

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	5.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	31.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	24,411
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,299
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 15 3 homicides; 11 suicides; 1 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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