

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in South Dakota



January 2011

199,616 children live in South Dakota:  
 2,344 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
 4,153 are Black  
 6,277 are two or more races  
 10,340 are Hispanic  
 27,906 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
 151,378 are White, non-Hispanic

### In South Dakota:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.  
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.  
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 73 days.

### South Dakota Ranks:\*

14<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

18<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia

40<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.

Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in South Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	35,497 (18.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	14,606 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	6,584
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$508

### Child Health in South Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	20,000 (9.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	15,249**
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$44,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	71,314**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	82.3%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	31.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	25.2%

\*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 South Dakota**

Number of children who receive food stamps	30,856
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	64%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	44,921
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,222
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	22,609

### **Early Childhood Development in South Dakota**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	72.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,388
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,500
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	25.9%

### **Education in South Dakota**

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$25,253
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,775
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67%
unable to do math at grade level	58%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	63%
unable to do math at grade level	58%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	2,840

### **Child Welfare in South Dakota**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,513
Number of children in foster care	1,484
Number of children adopted from foster care	167
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,744

### **Youth at Risk in South Dakota**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	10.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,091
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	456
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.2
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 5 0 homicides; 5 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](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits)

**For more information on the state of America's children contact:**

**Children's Defense Fund  
25 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 628-8787  
1 (800) 233-1200  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)**