

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Vermont



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126,275 children live in Vermont:
 457 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 2,075 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 2,233 are Black
 2,805 are Hispanic
 3,050 are two or more races
 115,986 are White, non-Hispanic

In Vermont:

A child is abused or neglected every 11 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 11 days.
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 26 weeks.

Vermont Ranks:*

5th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 8th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
 4th 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 Vermont

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	16,495 (13.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	7,631 (6.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	6,959
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$665

Child Health in Vermont

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	9,000 (6.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	7,092**
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	65,883**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	94.0%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	39.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.9%

*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 Vermont

Number of children who receive food stamps	21,322
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	73%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	23,428
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	2,751
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	16,702

Early Childhood Development in Vermont

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	71.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,916
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,485
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	67.8%

Education in Vermont

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$30,012
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$12,805
Percent of public school fourth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	59%
unable to do math at grade level	49%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	59%
unable to do math at grade level	57%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	1,737

Child Welfare in Vermont

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	762
Number of children in foster care	1,062
Number of children adopted from foster care	156
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	2,400

Youth at Risk in Vermont

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	4.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	89.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,531
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	45
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2 1 homicide; 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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