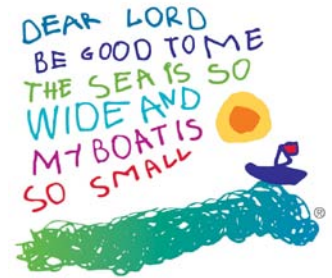


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Children in Georgia

January 2012



2,484,242 children live in Georgia:
1,181,880 are White, non-Hispanic
858,289 are Black
304,528 are Hispanic
77,698 are Asian/Pacific Islander
5,040 are American Indian/Alaska Native
80,256 are two or more races

In Georgia:

A child is abused or neglected every 26 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 hours.

Georgia Ranks:*

46th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

43rd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia

31st among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Georgia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	610,722 (24.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	278,546 (11.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	36,657
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$280

Child Health in Georgia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	248,531 (10.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	248,268
CHIP eligibility: 235 percent of federal poverty (\$54,168 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,098,937
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.9%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	82.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	33.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	33.0%

Child Hunger in Georgia

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	770,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	64%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,300,673
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	75,953
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	469,392

Early Childhood Development in Georgia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	65.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	28,729
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	54,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,100
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	62.7%

Education in Georgia

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,649
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.6%
unable to do math at grade level	63.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	72.4%
unable to do math at grade level	72.2%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	42,950

Child Welfare in Georgia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	19,976
Number of children in foster care	6,895
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,196
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	108,245

Youth at Risk in Georgia

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	67.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	36.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	39,326
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,692
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.16
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	57
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	26

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