

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Idaho

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425,906 children live in Idaho:

- 329,167 are White, non-Hispanic
- 3,304 are Black
- 70,624 are Hispanic
- 5,018 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 6,347 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 18,597 are two or more races

In Idaho:

- A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.

Idaho Ranks:*

- 7th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi
 - 19th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia
 - 50th 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 Idaho

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	80,316 (19.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	31,744 (7.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	2,872
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$309

Child Health in Idaho

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	39,681 (9.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	42,208
CHIP eligibility: 185 percent of federal poverty (\$42,643 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	169,216
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	63.5%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	83.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	32.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	42.6%

Child Hunger in Idaho

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	94,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	170,863
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	21,744
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	44,020

Early Childhood Development in Idaho

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	58.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	4,911
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,400
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	6.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.7%

Education in Idaho

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,118
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.4%
unable to do math at grade level	60.5%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.1%
unable to do math at grade level	63.1%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	4,812

Child Welfare in Idaho

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,609
Number of children in foster care	1,462
Number of children adopted from foster care	313
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	11,342

Youth at Risk in Idaho

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	26.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	10,654
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	683
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.34

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For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrendefense.org/cits.**

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