

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Indiana

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1,607,469 children live in Indiana:  
1,198,420 are White, non-Hispanic  
176,089 are Black  
149,190 are Hispanic  
24,846 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
3,199 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
70,688 are two or more races

### In Indiana:

A child is abused or neglected every 25 minutes.  
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.

### Indiana Ranks:\*

25th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

28th among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

35th among states in per pupil expenditures.

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

[\*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 Indiana

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	342,172 (21.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	154,936 (9.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	65,252
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$288

### Child Health in Indiana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	97,866 (6.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	141,497
CHIP eligibility: 250 percent of federal poverty (\$57,625 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	670,047
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	55.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	80.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.8%

### Child Hunger in Indiana

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	379,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	69%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	806,869
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	55,785
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	167,872

### **Early Childhood Development in Indiana**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	18,877
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	34,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,000
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.8%

### **Education in Indiana**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,254
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.3%
unable to do math at grade level	55.9%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	68.2%
unable to do math at grade level	65.9%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	25,358

### **Child Welfare in Indiana**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	21,362
Number of children in foster care	12,276
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,458
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	57,421

### **Youth at Risk in Indiana**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	27.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	19,715
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,422
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.26
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	25
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	20

**This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of January 26, 2012.  
For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: [www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits).**

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