

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Maryland

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1,355,230 children live in Maryland:
637,992 are White, non-Hispanic
444,506 are Black
143,437 are Hispanic
71,264 are Asian/Pacific Islander
4,362 are American Indian/Alaska Native
70,173 are two or more races

In Maryland:

A child is abused or neglected every 40 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.

Maryland Ranks:*

43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi
41st among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia
10th 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 Maryland

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	173,113 (13.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	92,180 (6.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	61,029
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$574

Child Health in Maryland

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	124,192 (9.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	118,944
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$69,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	437,840
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.2%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	89.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	35.0%

Child Hunger in Maryland

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	244,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	435,109
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	54,981
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	147,421

Early Childhood Development in Maryland

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	70.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,812
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	24,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,700
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	46.2%

Education in Maryland

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$13,737
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	57.0%
unable to do math at grade level	52.4%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	60.1%
unable to do math at grade level	59.6%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	18,235

Child Welfare in Maryland

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	13,059
Number of children in foster care	6,098
Number of children adopted from foster care	644
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	46,732

Youth at Risk in Maryland

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	23.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	35,339
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	787
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.70
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	46
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	13

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

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