

Children's Defense Fund

Children in New Hampshire

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291,310 children live in New Hampshire:
256,471 are White, non-Hispanic
4,723 are Black
13,836 are Hispanic
7,724 are Asian
503 are American Indian/Alaska Native
9,174 are two or more races

In New Hampshire:

A child is abused or neglected every 10 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 days.

New Hampshire Ranks:*

12th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

1st among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

11th 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 New Hampshire

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	28,315 (10.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	13,639 (4.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	10,603
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$675

Child Health in New Hampshire

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	15,189 (5.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	10,630
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$69,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	94,531
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	56.4%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	87.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	19.0%

Child Hunger in New Hampshire

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	44,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	109,036
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	5,140
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	17,048

Early Childhood Development in New Hampshire	
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	71.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,227
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,750
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.4%
Education in New Hampshire	
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$12,583
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	56.6%
unable to do math at grade level	42.8%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	60.4%
unable to do math at grade level	56.4%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,331
Child Welfare in New Hampshire	
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	851
Number of children in foster care	839
Number of children adopted from foster care	173
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	6,098
Youth at Risk in New Hampshire	
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,675
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	157
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.45

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.

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