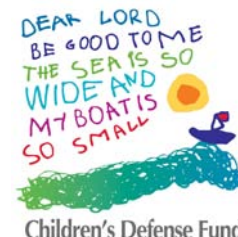


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Children in the States 2012: Notes and Sources

Data for the *Children in the States* fact sheets are the most current available as of January 26, 2012. More recent data on many of these indicators will become available throughout the year.

CHILD POPULATION

For Child Population data we use three-year estimates instead of one-year estimates due to the ability of the former to provide state-specific breakdowns for smaller racial and ethnic groups, such as Pacific Islanders. For all other data points we use information from a single year.

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