

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Ohio

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2,746,459 children live in Ohio:

- 2,050,738 are White, non-Hispanic
- 405,154 are Black
- 132,638 are Hispanic
- 46,666 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 4,513 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 126,897 are two or more races

In Ohio:

- A child is abused or neglected every 17 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.

Ohio Ranks:*

36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

40th among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

20th 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 Ohio

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	623,852 (23.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	309,869 (11.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	224,853
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$434

Child Health in Ohio

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	222,552 (8.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	253,711
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,150,356
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.5%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	86.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	19.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.2%

Child Hunger in Ohio

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	703,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	70%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,133,548
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	61,359
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	281,146

Early Childhood Development in Ohio

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	50,113
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	51,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,900
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.4%

Education in Ohio

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,902
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.3%
unable to do math at grade level	54.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	63.1%
unable to do math at grade level	61.1%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	35,693

Child Welfare in Ohio

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	31,295
Number of children in foster care	11,949
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,359
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	93,839

Youth at Risk in Ohio

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	23.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	33,821
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	3,871
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	1.60
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	57
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	29

**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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