

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Oregon

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866,087 children live in Oregon:

- 578,981 are White, non-Hispanic
- 19,136 are Black
- 175,740 are Hispanic
- 34,700 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 17,877 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 61,835 are two or more races

### In Oregon:

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.

### Oregon Ranks:\*

3rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

6th among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

33rd 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 Oregon

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	183,859 (21.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	80,601 (9.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	80,218
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$528

### Child Health in Oregon

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	86,849 (10.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	64,727
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$69,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	289,123
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.7%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	82.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	33.0%

### Child Hunger in Oregon

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	268,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	92%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	312,746
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	42,278
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	111,534

### **Early Childhood Development in Oregon**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	61.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,972
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	22,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,300
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	21.3%

### **Education in Oregon**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,611
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	69.6%
unable to do math at grade level	63.4%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.3%
unable to do math at grade level	67.3%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	12,520

### **Child Welfare in Oregon**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	
Number of children in foster care	9,001
Number of children adopted from foster care	780
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,684

### **Youth at Risk in Oregon**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	28.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	20,820
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,437
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.92
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	10

**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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