

Children's Defense Fund

Children in South Dakota

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200,336 children live in South Dakota:
151,718 are White, non-Hispanic
3,497 are Black
8,782 are Hispanic
1,606 are Asian
27,795 are American Indian/Alaska Native
9,110 are two or more races

In South Dakota:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.

South Dakota Ranks:*

1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi
47th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia
43rd 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 South Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	35,960 (18.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	15,469 (7.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	6,748
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$555

Child Health in South Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	13,402 (6.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	15,872
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	46,994
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	84.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	31.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	34.6%

Child Hunger in South Dakota

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	45,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	107,362
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,550
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	22,583

Early Childhood Development in South Dakota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	75.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,517
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,500
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.5%

Education in South Dakota

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,543
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	68.7%
unable to do math at grade level	60.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.7%
unable to do math at grade level	58.3%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	3,641

Child Welfare in South Dakota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,360
Number of children in foster care	1,485
Number of children adopted from foster care	133
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,975

Youth at Risk in South Dakota

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	13.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,833
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	507
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.18

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

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