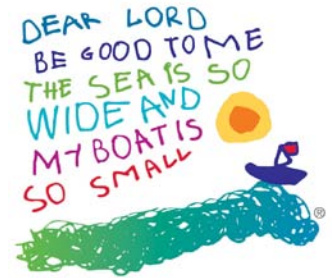


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Children in Texas

January 2012



6,783,873 children live in Texas:
2,335,066 are White, non-Hispanic
840,064 are Black
3,240,170 are Hispanic
236,433 are Asian/Pacific Islander
34,479 are American Indian/Alaska Native
246,156 are two or more races

In Texas:

A child is abused or neglected every 8 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 hours.

Texas Ranks:*

35th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

22nd among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

42nd 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 Texas

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	1,751,189 (25.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	720,680 (10.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	108,466
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$260

Child Health in Texas

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	1,131,401 (16.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	928,483
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	3,279,846
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	65.9%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	77.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	44.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.9%

Child Hunger in Texas

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	1,945,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	3,400,401
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	173,243
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	993,498

Early Childhood Development in Texas

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	59.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	92,740
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	121,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,600
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	56.7%

Education in Texas

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,562
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	71.7%
unable to do math at grade level	61.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.5%
unable to do math at grade level	60.0%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	98,585

Child Welfare in Texas

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	64,937
Number of children in foster care	28,954
Number of children adopted from foster care	4,709
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	305,634

Youth at Risk in Texas

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	22.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	145,129
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	5,831
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.18
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	143
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	81

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