

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Vermont

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130,608 children live in Vermont:

- 119,196 are White, non-Hispanic
- 1,976 are Black
- 2,910 are Hispanic
- 1,804 are Asian
- 403 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 4,715 are two or more races

In Vermont:

- A child is abused or neglected every 13 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 days.

Vermont Ranks:*

9th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

2nd among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

6th 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 Vermont

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	21,143 (16.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	9,086 (7.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	6,324
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$640

Child Health in Vermont

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	5,279 (4.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	7,026
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$69,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	72,891
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	36.4%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	92.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	31.0%

Child Hunger in Vermont

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	30,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	79%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	54,542
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,131
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	15,913

Early Childhood Development in Vermont

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,971
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,500
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	68.8%

Education in Vermont

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$15,096
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	58.7%
unable to do math at grade level	50.9%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	55.6%
unable to do math at grade level	54.0%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	648

Child Welfare in Vermont

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	658
Number of children in foster care	933
Number of children adopted from foster care	161
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	2,890

Youth at Risk in Vermont

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	1.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	89.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	14.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,030
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	48
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.27

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

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