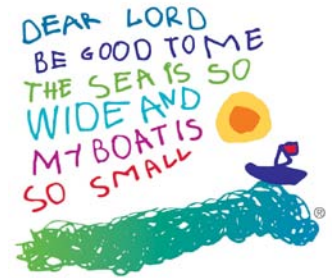


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Children in Wyoming

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135,597 children live in Wyoming:
106,595 are White, non-Hispanic
979 are Black
18,425 are Hispanic
1,027 are Asian
4,866 are American Indian/Alaska Native
7,664 are two or more races

In Wyoming:

A child is abused or neglected every 12 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 days.

Wyoming Ranks:*

29th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

30th among states in its infant mortality rate.

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

8th 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 Wyoming

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	19,253 (14.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	6,320 (4.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	628
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$561

Child Health in Wyoming

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	14,252 (10.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	8,342
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	58,277
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	63.9%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	85.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	30.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	37.9%

Child Hunger in Wyoming

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	17,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	46%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	57,413
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,196
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	13,057

Early Childhood Development in Wyoming

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,502
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,050
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	26.0%

Education in Wyoming

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$14,628
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	65.6%
unable to do math at grade level	56.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	62.3%
unable to do math at grade level	62.6%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,218

Child Welfare in Wyoming

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	725
Number of children in foster care	981
Number of children adopted from foster care	69
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,247

Youth at Risk in Wyoming

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	20.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	5,581
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	247
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.74

**This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of January 26, 2012.
For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrendefense.org/cits.**

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