

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Arizona

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1,627,988 children live in Arizona:

676,170 are White, non-Hispanic
77,999 are Black
703,522 are Hispanic
40,789 are Asian/Pacific Islander
93,769 are American Indian/Alaska Native
90,921 are two or more races

450,184 are under the age of 5
816,019 are ages 5 to 13
358,911 are ages 14 to 17
1,174,930 are ages 5 to 17

In Arizona:

A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 17 hours.

Arizona Ranks:*

14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

22nd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

48th 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 Arizona

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	434,950 (27.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	196,441 (12.3%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	28,773
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$278

Child Health in Arizona

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	219,428 (13.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	20,043
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	946,977
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	46.4%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	80.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	30.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	36.0%

Child Hunger in Arizona

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	498,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	662,547
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	27,554
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	193,214

Early Childhood Development in Arizona

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	60.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	22,892
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	30,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,263
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.9%

Education in Arizona

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,968
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.9%
unable to do math at grade level	66.4%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	71.8%
unable to do math at grade level	68.5%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	24,118 (6.5%)

Child Welfare in Arizona

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	8,708
Number of children in foster care	10,883
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,275
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	64,023

Youth at Risk in Arizona

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	74.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	25.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	37,596
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,488
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.5
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	54

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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