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Children in Connecticut

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813,398 children live in Connecticut:

495,973 are White, non-Hispanic 96,515 are Black 159,753 are Hispanic 35,108 are Asian/Pacific Islander 1.946 are American Indian/Alaska Native 43,589 are two or more races

197,096 are under the age of 5 408,055 are ages 5 to 13 198,163 are ages 14 to 17 606,218 are ages 5 to 17

In Connecticut:

A child is abused or neglected every 52 minutes. A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.

Connecticut Ranks:*

21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

15th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

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 Connecticut

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	118,809 (14.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	54,304 (6.8%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary	
Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	22,454
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$576
Child Health in Connecticut	
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	43,240 (5.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	20,072
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	301,545
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	41.2%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	93.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	18.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	21.0%
Child Hunger in Connecticut	

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Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	138,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	78%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	297,118
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	10,185
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program	
for Women, Infants, and Children)	56,584

Early Childhood Development in Connecticut	
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	8,475
Average monthly number of children served by the	
Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	9,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$10,530
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special	
education programs	17.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special	
education programs	26.4%
Education in Connecticut	
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$15,698
Percent of public school fourth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	58.0%
unable to do math at grade level	54.6%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	55.3%
unable to do math at grade level	61.9%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school	
and have not graduated from high school	7,267 (3.6%)
Child Welfare in Connecticut	
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	10,012
Number of children in foster care	4,926
Number of children adopted from foster care	611
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	21,444
Youth at Risk in Connecticut	
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	23.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	12,505
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	303
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	13

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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