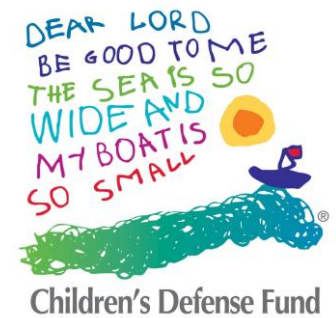


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Children in District of Columbia

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102,917 children live in District of Columbia:

18,381 are White, non-Hispanic
67,705 are Black
12,571 are Hispanic
1,633 are Asian
307 are American Indian/Alaska Native
3,397 are two or more races

36,163 are under the age of 5
47,567 are ages 5 to 13
21,604 are ages 14 to 17
69,171 are ages 5 to 17

In District of Columbia:

A child is abused or neglected every 4 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.

District of Columbia Ranks:*

49th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

48th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

1st 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 District of Columbia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	31,769 (30.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	17,317 (16.5%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	17,296
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$428

Child Health in District of Columbia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	4,761 (4.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	8,675
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	106,500
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	36.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	97.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	16.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	23.7%

Child Hunger in District of Columbia

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	51,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	87%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	47,735
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	36,158
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	16,474

Early Childhood Development in District of Columbia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	71.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,508
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	1,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$15,437
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	n/a
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	n/a

Education in District of Columbia

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$20,910
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	81.2%
unable to do math at grade level	78.4%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	83.9%
unable to do math at grade level	83.0%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,242 (6.5%)

Child Welfare in District of Columbia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,377
Number of children in foster care	1,797
Number of children adopted from foster care	106
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	4,184

Youth at Risk in District of Columbia

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	59.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	46.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	645
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	236
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	n/a
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	23

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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