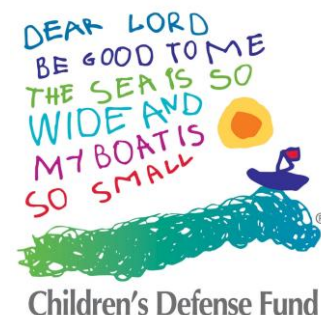


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Children in Florida

March 2013



3,995,219 children live in Florida:

1,823,360 are White, non-Hispanic
853,033 are Black
1,103,254 are Hispanic
100,056 are Asian/Pacific Islander
14,937 are American Indian/Alaska Native
179,272 are two or more races

1,074,842 are under the age of 5
1,983,437 are ages 5 to 13
936,152 are ages 14 to 17
2,919,589 are ages 5 to 17

In Florida:

A child is abused or neglected every 10 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 hours.

Florida Ranks:*

37th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

27th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

42nd 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 Florida

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	980,002 (24.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	425,393 (10.8%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	77,266
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$303

Child Health in Florida

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	516,053 (13.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	431,717
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	2,019,075
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	52.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	80.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	28.6%

Child Hunger in Florida

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	1,207,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	77%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,663,832
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	137,732
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	495,405

Early Childhood Development in Florida

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	48,033
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	99,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,368
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	86.6%

Education in Florida

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,863
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.8%
unable to do math at grade level	62.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	70.2%
unable to do math at grade level	72.3%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	56,177 (5.6%)

Child Welfare in Florida

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	51,920
Number of children in foster care	19,760
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,945
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	165,008

Youth at Risk in Florida

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	70.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	28.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	87,025
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	5,895
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	147

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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