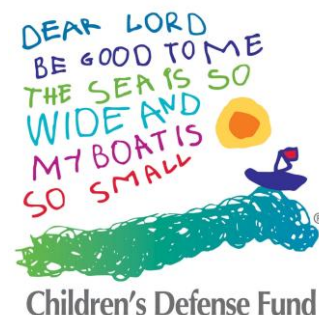


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Children in Georgia

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2,487,874 children live in Georgia:

1,170,855 are White, non-Hispanic
853,301 are Black
316,439 are Hispanic
78,403 are Asian/Pacific Islander
5,986 are American Indian/Alaska Native
92,341 are two or more races

683,451 are under the age of 5
1,256,858 are ages 5 to 13
549,549 are ages 14 to 17
1,806,407 are ages 5 to 17

In Georgia:

A child is abused or neglected every 28 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 10 hours.

Georgia Ranks:*

45th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

26th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

33rd 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 Georgia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	646,824 (26.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	285,013 (11.6%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	33,014
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$280

Child Health in Georgia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	277,753 (10.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	248,536
CHIP eligibility: 235 percent of federal poverty (\$55,343 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,168,338
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	60.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	84.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	32.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	20.5%

Child Hunger in Georgia

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	826,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	81%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,287,033
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	84,202
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	303,875

Early Childhood Development in Georgia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	28,991
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	70,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,062
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	67.4%

Education in Georgia

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,432
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.6%
unable to do math at grade level	63.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	72.4%
unable to do math at grade level	72.2%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	39,728 (6.8%)

Child Welfare in Georgia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	18,541
Number of children in foster care	7,591
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,071
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	117,354

Youth at Risk in Georgia

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	69.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	29.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	38,046
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,692
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.0
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	112

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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