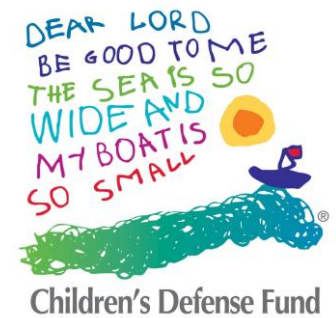


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Children in Idaho

March 2013



427,510 children live in Idaho:

328,479 are White, non-Hispanic
3,052 are Black
72,703 are Hispanic
5,213 are Asian/Pacific Islander
6,532 are American Indian/Alaska Native
18,014 are two or more races

119,336 are under the age of 5
216,522 are ages 5 to 13
92,258 are ages 14 to 17
308,780 are ages 5 to 17

In Idaho:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.

Idaho Ranks:*

2nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

9th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

50th 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 Idaho

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	85,173 (20.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	36,604 (8.8%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	2,663
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$309

Child Health in Idaho

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	48,315 (11.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	42,604
CHIP eligibility: 185 percent of federal poverty (\$43,568 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	178,249
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	n/a
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	79.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	n/a
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	33.1%

Child Hunger in Idaho

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	109,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	81%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	170,086
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	21,114
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	43,751

Early Childhood Development in Idaho

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	54.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,011
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,059
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	6.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.8%

Education in Idaho

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,100
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.4%
unable to do math at grade level	60.5%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.1%
unable to do math at grade level	63.1%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	4,044 (4.4%)

Child Welfare in Idaho

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,470
Number of children in foster care	1,354
Number of children adopted from foster care	259
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	11,510

Youth at Risk in Idaho

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	29.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	10,370
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	683
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.8
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	14

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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