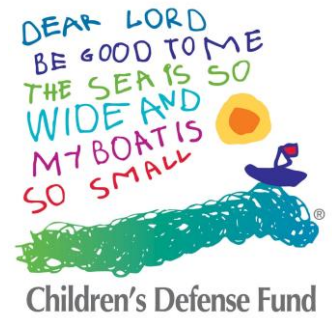


# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Illinois

March 2013



3,118,842 children live in Illinois:

1,651,947 are White, non-Hispanic  
522,641 are Black  
722,183 are Hispanic  
132,543 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
6,527 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
127,649 are two or more races

828,236 are under the age of 5  
1,550,310 are ages 5 to 13  
719,579 are ages 14 to 17  
2,269,889 are ages 5 to 17

### In Illinois:

A child is abused or neglected every 20 minutes.  
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.

### Illinois Ranks:\*

28th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

31st among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

15th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in Illinois

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	658,340 (21.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	299,673 (9.8%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	72,825
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$432

### Child Health in Illinois

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	191,312 (6.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	336,885
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	2,178,950
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	52.6%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	90.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.3%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	28.2%

### Child Hunger in Illinois

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	821,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	80%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,142,505
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	55,747
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	288,847

### **Early Childhood Development in Illinois**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	52,464
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	71,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,996
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	29.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	42.9%

### **Education in Illinois**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$11,739
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.7%
unable to do math at grade level	61.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.1%
unable to do math at grade level	67.2%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	36,275 (4.9%)

### **Child Welfare in Illinois**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	25,832
Number of children in foster care	17,641
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,217
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	98,568

### **Youth at Risk in Illinois**

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	24.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	24,136
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,440
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	140

**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:**

[www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits).

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