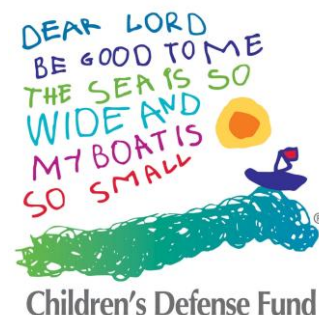


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Children in Kentucky

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1,024,762 children live in Kentucky:

827,721 are White, non-Hispanic
93,980 are Black
50,176 are Hispanic
14,153 are Asian/Pacific Islander
1,906 are American Indian/Alaska Native
42,736 are two or more races

281,161 are under the age of 5
511,881 are ages 5 to 13
227,913 are ages 14 to 17
739,794 are ages 5 to 17

In Kentucky:

A child is abused or neglected every 31 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 23 hours.

Kentucky Ranks:*

43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

32th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

39th 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 Kentucky

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	275,394 (27.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	132,602 (13.2%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	49,420
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$262

Child Health in Kentucky

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	46,529 (4.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	84,551
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	478,670
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	89.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	32.5%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	19.7%

Child Hunger in Kentucky

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	318,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	85%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	549,534
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	33,091
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	132,698

Early Childhood Development in Kentucky

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	20,687
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	30,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,766
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	47.8%

Education in Kentucky

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,957
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.5%
unable to do math at grade level	61.2%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	63.7%
unable to do math at grade level	69.3%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	10,241 (4.3%)

Child Welfare in Kentucky

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	16,994
Number of children in foster care	6,659
Number of children adopted from foster care	824
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	54,671

Youth at Risk in Kentucky

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	79.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	25.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	8,042
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	944
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.5
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	39

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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