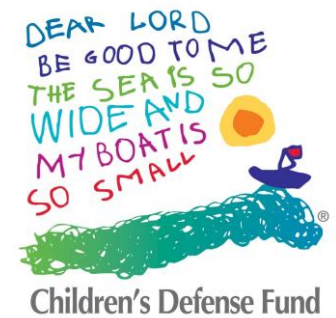


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Children in Maine

March 2013



273,371 children live in Maine:

246,391 are White, non-Hispanic
6,302 are Black
6,550 are Hispanic
3,545 are Asian
1,639 are American Indian/Alaska Native
10,378 are two or more races

67,693 are under the age of 5
135,389 are ages 5 to 13
66,136 are ages 14 to 17
201,525 are ages 5 to 17

In Maine:

A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.

Maine Ranks:*

9th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

16th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

13th 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 Maine

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	49,561 (18.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	18,181 (6.9%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	17,343
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$485

Child Health in Maine

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	16,898 (6.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	32,994
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	142,931
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	3.2%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	92.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	0.7%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	23.4%

Child Hunger in Maine

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	87,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	100%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	107,216
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	9,169
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	25,690

Early Childhood Development in Maine

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	73.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	4,774
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	2,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,904
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	42.1%

Education in Maine

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$12,452
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.6%
unable to do math at grade level	55.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	61.5%
unable to do math at grade level	61.2%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,451 (3.6%)

Child Welfare in Maine

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	3,118
Number of children in foster care	1,296
Number of children adopted from foster care	296
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	7,300

Youth at Risk in Maine

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	20.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	5,342
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	215
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.2
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	n/a

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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