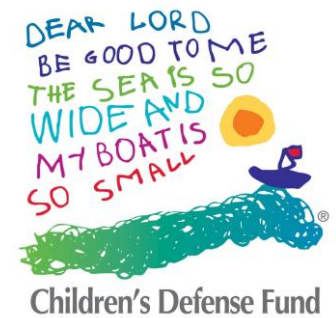


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Children in Maryland

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1,350,688 children live in Maryland:

627,257 are White, non-Hispanic
441,306 are Black
149,577 are Hispanic
72,238 are Asian/Pacific Islander
3,690 are American Indian/Alaska Native
73,671 are two or more races

366,153 are under the age of 5
668,474 are ages 5 to 13
312,008 are ages 14 to 17
980,482 are ages 5 to 17

In Maryland:

A child is abused or neglected every 38 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 18 hours.

Maryland Ranks:*

40th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

29th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

10th 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 Maryland

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	178,725 (13.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	93,295 (7.1%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	44,348
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$574

Child Health in Maryland

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	136,324 (10.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	119,906
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	465,409
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	46.4%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	89.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	23.5%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	22.2%

Child Hunger in Maryland

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	279,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	434,022
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	57,444
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	146,272

Early Childhood Development in Maryland

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	72.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,788
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	24,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$9,278
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	48.9%

Education in Maryland

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$14,007
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	57.0%
unable to do math at grade level	52.4%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	60.1%
unable to do math at grade level	59.6%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	14,645 (4.5%)

Child Welfare in Maryland

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	13,740
Number of children in foster care	5,704
Number of children adopted from foster care	530
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	48,292

Youth at Risk in Maryland

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	30,018
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	787
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.4
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	44

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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