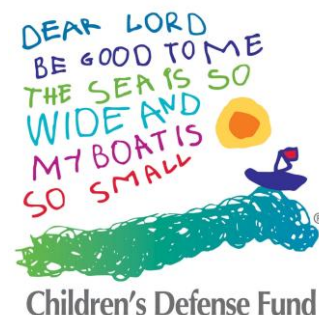


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Children in Minnesota

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1,279,552 children live in Minnesota:

940,309 are White, non-Hispanic
92,736 are Black
101,649 are Hispanic
66,888 are Asian/Pacific Islander
18,680 are American Indian/Alaska Native
70,698 are two or more races

352,260 are under the age of 5
638,386 are ages 5 to 13
286,880 are ages 14 to 17
925,266 are ages 5 to 17

In Minnesota:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.

Minnesota Ranks:*

6th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

5th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

22nd 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 Minnesota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	194,260 (15.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	81,165 (6.4%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	37,035
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$532

Child Health in Minnesota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	82,135 (6.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	4,461
CHIP eligibility: 275 percent of federal poverty (\$64,763 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	495,509
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	46.7%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	82.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	25.4%

Child Hunger in Minnesota

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	221,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	73%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	627,280
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	45,834
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	128,436

Early Childhood Development in Minnesota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	73.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	17,905
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	28,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$10,470
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	10.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.7%

Education in Minnesota

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,665
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.7%
unable to do math at grade level	47.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	60.7%
unable to do math at grade level	52.4%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	10,084 (3.4%)

Child Welfare in Minnesota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,342
Number of children in foster care	4,995
Number of children adopted from foster care	580
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	27,092

Youth at Risk in Minnesota

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	88.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	34,171
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,332
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.5
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	27

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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