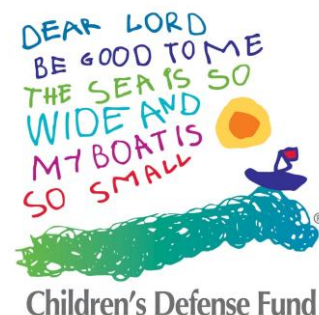


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Children in Missouri

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1,418,762 children live in Missouri:

1,056,958 are White, non-Hispanic
197,695 are Black
80,703 are Hispanic
22,433 are Asian/Pacific Islander
4,418 are American Indian/Alaska Native
66,807 are two or more races

384,293 are under the age of 5
706,899 are ages 5 to 13
320,929 are ages 14 to 17
1,027,828 are ages 5 to 17

In Missouri:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 17 hours.

Missouri Ranks:*

22nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

28th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

29th 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 Missouri

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	306,038 (22.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	143,983 (10.4%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	59,167
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$292

Child Health in Missouri

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	161,827 (11.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	96,014
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	566,293
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	n/a
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	86.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	n/a
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	32.4%

Child Hunger in Missouri

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	416,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	89%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	638,943
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	27,147
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	145,900

Early Childhood Development in Missouri

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	22,732
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	38,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,928
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	19.9%

Education in Missouri

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,721
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.0%
unable to do math at grade level	58.6%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.8%
unable to do math at grade level	68.5%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	18,210 (5.4%)

Child Welfare in Missouri

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,826
Number of children in foster care	10,620
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,199
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	46,743

Youth at Risk in Missouri

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	83.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	32.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	31,503
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,226
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.0
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	83

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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