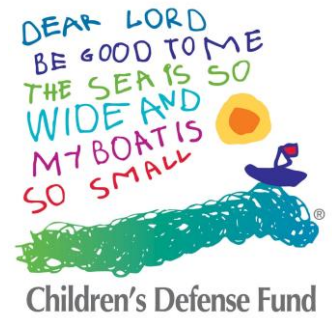


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Children in Montana

March 2013



222,942 children live in Montana:

178,598 are White, non-Hispanic
1,564 are Black
11,049 are Hispanic
1,272 are Asian/Pacific Islander
21,461 are American Indian/Alaska Native
11,036 are two or more races

61,768 are under the age of 5
109,865 are ages 5 to 13
50,721 are ages 14 to 17
160,586 are ages 5 to 17

In Montana:

A child is abused or neglected every 8 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.

Montana Ranks:*

16th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

20th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

24th 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 Montana

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	43,110 (19.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	18,584 (8.5%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	6,071
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$504

Child Health in Montana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	26,915 (12.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	24,365
CHIP eligibility: 250 percent of federal poverty (\$58,875 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	76,514
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	58.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	74.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	31.9%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	35.0%

Child Hunger in Montana

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	51,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	86,705
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	6,663
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	20,457

Early Childhood Development in Montana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	65.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,574
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,285
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	22.7%

Education in Montana

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,565
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.3%
unable to do math at grade level	54.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	58.5%
unable to do math at grade level	54.4%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	3,570 (6.8%)

Child Welfare in Montana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,066
Number of children in foster care	1,794
Number of children adopted from foster care	238
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	7,066

Youth at Risk in Montana

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	20.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,117
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	161
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.6
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	14

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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