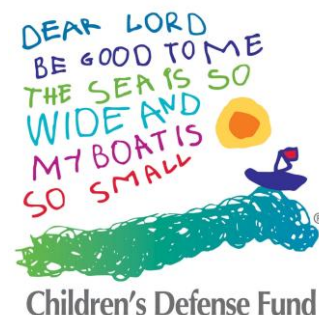


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Children in New Mexico

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518,407 children live in New Mexico:

136,735 are White, non-Hispanic
11,832 are Black
301,832 are Hispanic
6,010 are Asian/Pacific Islander
57,919 are American Indian/Alaska Native
27,892 are two or more races

145,748 are under the age of 5
259,871 are ages 5 to 13
113,800 are ages 14 to 17
373,671 are ages 5 to 17

In New Mexico:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.

New Mexico Ranks:*

39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

18th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

30th 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 New Mexico

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	157,383 (30.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	72,883 (14.2%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	36,430
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$380

Child Health in New Mexico

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	50,604 (9.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	9,635
CHIP eligibility: 235 percent of federal poverty (\$55,343 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	380,373
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	60.6%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	85.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	49.4%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	24.8%

Child Hunger in New Mexico

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	202,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	81%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	227,050
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	38,463
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	63,844

Early Childhood Development in New Mexico

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.9%
Number of children served by Head Start	11,185
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	23,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,145
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	37.9%

Education in New Mexico

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,621
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	79.4%
unable to do math at grade level	70.5%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	77.9%
unable to do math at grade level	76.2%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	9,957 (8.5%)

Child Welfare in New Mexico

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,601
Number of children in foster care	1,859
Number of children adopted from foster care	351
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	26,395

Youth at Risk in New Mexico

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	67.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	22.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	11,525
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	409
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.5
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	30

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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