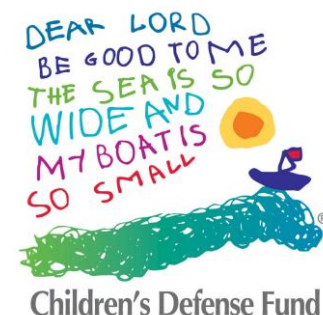


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Children in North Dakota

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149,412 children live in North Dakota:

122,235 are White, non-Hispanic
2,588 are Black
5,220 are Hispanic
1,241 are Asian
12,737 are American Indian/Alaska Native
6,703 are two or more races

45,049 are under the age of 5
72,901 are ages 5 to 13
33,206 are ages 14 to 17
106,107 are ages 5 to 17

In North Dakota:

A child is abused or neglected every 7 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 days.

North Dakota Ranks:*

9th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

34th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

25th 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 North Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	21,827 (14.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	10,715 (7.2%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	3,398
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$427

Child Health in North Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	7,239 (4.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	7,112
CHIP eligibility: 160 percent of federal poverty (\$37,680 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	48,486
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	51.5%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	81.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	18.8%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	17.2%

Child Hunger in North Dakota

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	27,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	85,015
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	2,184
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	13,661

Early Childhood Development in North Dakota

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	73.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	4,055
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	3,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,807
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.3%

Education in North Dakota

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,519
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.2%
unable to do math at grade level	53.6%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	65.9%
unable to do math at grade level	57.4%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,083 (5.2%)

Child Welfare in North Dakota

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,295
Number of children in foster care	1,066
Number of children adopted from foster care	119
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	3,215

Youth at Risk in North Dakota

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	88.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,754
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	85
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.7
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	n/a

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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