

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Ohio

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2,720,951 children live in Ohio:

2,021,619 are White, non-Hispanic
395,283 are Black
136,428 are Hispanic
47,008 are Asian/Pacific Islander
4,649 are American Indian/Alaska Native
136,126 are two or more races

710,360 are under the age of 5
1,354,402 are ages 5 to 13
628,330 are ages 14 to 17
1,982,732 are ages 5 to 17

In Ohio:

A child is abused or neglected every 17 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.

Ohio Ranks:*

36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

47th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

20th 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 Ohio

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	640,884 (24.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	306,512 (11.6%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	157,461
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$434

Child Health in Ohio

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	230,179 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	280,650
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,214,287
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	49.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	88.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	18.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	23.6%

Child Hunger in Ohio

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	734,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	79%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,113,854
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	64,235
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	275,627

Early Childhood Development in Ohio

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	50,380
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	44,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,376
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	19.4%

Education in Ohio

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$11,224
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.3%
unable to do math at grade level	54.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	63.1%
unable to do math at grade level	61.1%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	28,431 (4.4%)

Child Welfare in Ohio

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	30,601
Number of children in foster care	12,069
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,420
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	104,887

Youth at Risk in Ohio

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	29,697
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	3,871
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.2
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	79

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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