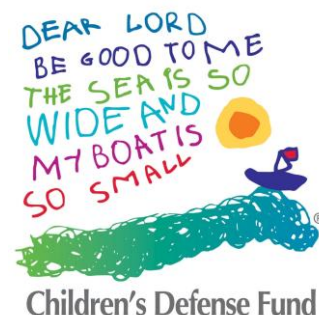


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Children in Oklahoma

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929,783 children live in Oklahoma:

519,867 are White, non-Hispanic
77,409 are Black
132,906 are Hispanic
15,992 are Asian/Pacific Islander
82,804 are American Indian/Alaska Native
127,073 are two or more races

266,415 are under the age of 5
468,748 are ages 5 to 13
200,996 are ages 14 to 17
669,744 are ages 5 to 17

In Oklahoma:

A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 22 hours.

Oklahoma Ranks:*

33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

43rd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

49th 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 Oklahoma

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	215,804 (23.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	97,646 (10.6%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	16,225
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$292

Child Health in Oklahoma

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	59,632 (6.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	120,501
CHIP eligibility: 185 percent of federal poverty (\$43,568 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	507,378
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	55.9%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	85.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	33.5%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	28.0%

Child Hunger in Oklahoma

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	272,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	80%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	446,106
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	11,390
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	123,070

Early Childhood Development in Oklahoma

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	20,681
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	26,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,397
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	15.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	88.4%

Education in Oklahoma

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,929
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.4%
unable to do math at grade level	66.5%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.3%
unable to do math at grade level	72.7%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	13,161 (6.1%)

Child Welfare in Oklahoma

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	7,836
Number of children in foster care	8,280
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,294
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	44,344

Youth at Risk in Oklahoma

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	78.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	18.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	13,878
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	923
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.4
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	48

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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