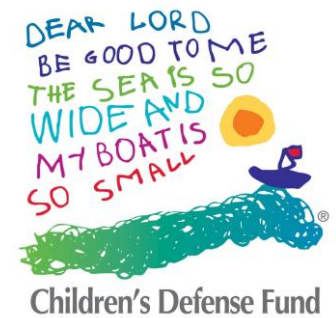


# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in South Dakota

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202,082 children live in South Dakota:

151,693 are White, non-Hispanic  
4,027 are Black  
8,928 are Hispanic  
1,943 are Asian  
28,443 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
9,245 are two or more races

59,591 are under the age of 5  
99,698 are ages 5 to 13  
43,867 are ages 14 to 17  
143,565 are ages 5 to 17

### In South Dakota:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.

### South Dakota Ranks:\*

5th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

35th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

38th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in South Dakota

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	35,793 (18.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	15,118 (7.7%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	5,753
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$555

### Child Health in South Dakota

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	14,924 (7.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	16,623
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	47,469
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.5%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	84.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	32.0%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	n/a

### Child Hunger in South Dakota

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	48,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	81%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	107,249
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	5,518
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	22,153

### **Early Childhood Development in South Dakota**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	76.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	5,810
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,665
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	24.4%

### **Education in South Dakota**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,020
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	68.7%
unable to do math at grade level	60.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.7%
unable to do math at grade level	58.3%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,435 (5.1%)

### **Child Welfare in South Dakota**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,353
Number of children in foster care	1,407
Number of children adopted from foster care	168
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	5,633

### **Youth at Risk in South Dakota**

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,962
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	507
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.4
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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