

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Utah

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869,543 children live in Utah:

656,137 are White, non-Hispanic
 12,523 are Black
 144,071 are Hispanic
 22,566 are Asian/Pacific Islander
 10,642 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 36,394 are two or more races

262,121 are under the age of 5
 442,746 are ages 5 to 13
 175,442 are ages 14 to 17
 618,188 are ages 5 to 17

In Utah:

A child is abused or neglected every 50 minutes.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.

Utah Ranks:*

13th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

10th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

51st 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 Utah

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	138,024 (15.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	52,973 (6.1%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	10,165
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$498

Child Health in Utah

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	95,228 (10.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	59,698
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	247,298
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	n/a
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	74.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	n/a
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	31.4%

Child Hunger in Utah

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	140,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	77%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	349,244
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	13,633
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	69,641

Early Childhood Development in Utah

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	51.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	8,196
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	12,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,988
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.9%

Education in Utah

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$6,452
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	66.5%
unable to do math at grade level	57.0%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.6%
unable to do math at grade level	65.1%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	6,181 (3.5%)

Child Welfare in Utah

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	10,586
Number of children in foster care	2,701
Number of children adopted from foster care	577
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	18,339

Youth at Risk in Utah

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	78.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	17.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	9,426
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	770
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.7
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	17

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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