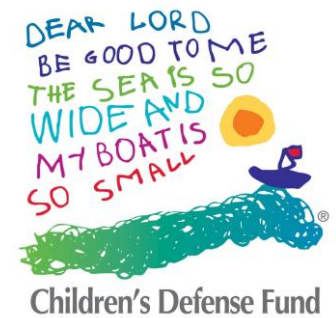


# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Vermont

March 2013



128,266 children live in Vermont:

116,631 are White, non-Hispanic  
1,797 are Black  
2,966 are Hispanic  
1,727 are Asian  
453 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
5,047 are two or more races

31,171 are under the age of 5  
63,327 are ages 5 to 13  
31,520 are ages 14 to 17  
94,847 are ages 5 to 17

### In Vermont:

A child is abused or neglected every 14 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 days.

### Vermont Ranks:\*

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

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

3rd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

4th 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 Vermont

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	18,263 (14.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	6,647 (5.4%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	4,485
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$640

### Child Health in Vermont

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	4,907 (4.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	7,054
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	72,826
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	34.4%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	96.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	26.6%

### Child Hunger in Vermont

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	31,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	98%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	54,165
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	6,556
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	15,471

### **Early Childhood Development in Vermont**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	72.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,007
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	4,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,758
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	28.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	76.5%

### **Education in Vermont**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$16,006
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	58.7%
unable to do math at grade level	50.9%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	55.6%
unable to do math at grade level	54.0%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	1,029 (2.8%)

### **Child Welfare in Vermont**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	630
Number of children in foster care	1,010
Number of children adopted from foster care	134
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	3,051

### **Youth at Risk in Vermont**

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	91.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	953
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	48
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
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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