

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Virginia

March 2013



1,850,215 children live in Virginia:

1,049,782 are White, non-Hispanic  
403,349 are Black  
203,233 are Hispanic  
103,732 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
4,794 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
110,977 are two or more races

510,187 are under the age of 5  
926,726 are ages 5 to 13  
416,633 are ages 14 to 17  
1,343,359 are ages 5 to 17

### In Virginia:

A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.

### Virginia Ranks:\*

23rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

33rd among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

23rd 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 Virginia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	280,115 (15.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	130,657 (7.1%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	52,840
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$320

### Child Health in Virginia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	111,059 (5.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	182,128
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	625,438
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	55.2%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	86.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	30.2%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	27.9%

### Child Hunger in Virginia

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	11,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	749,115
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	54,381
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	159,137

### **Early Childhood Development in Virginia**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	16,143
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	23,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,296
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	26.1%

### **Education in Virginia**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,594
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	60.9%
unable to do math at grade level	54.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.2%
unable to do math at grade level	60.3%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	16,204 (3.6%)

### **Child Welfare in Virginia**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,964
Number of children in foster care	4,846
Number of children adopted from foster care	755
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	70,351

### **Youth at Risk in Virginia**

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	28,059
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,114
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.2
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	54

**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:**

**[www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits).**

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