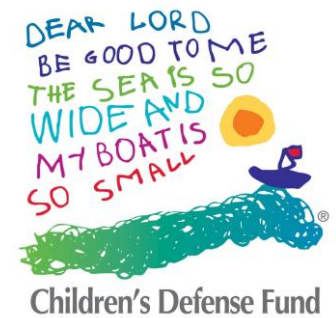


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Children in West Virginia

March 2013



385,994 children live in West Virginia:

348,325 are White, non-Hispanic
11,505 are Black
7,303 are Hispanic
2,646 are Asian
378 are American Indian/Alaska Native
16,724 are two or more races

103,456 are under the age of 5
192,250 are ages 5 to 13
89,088 are ages 14 to 17
281,338 are ages 5 to 17

In West Virginia:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.

West Virginia Ranks:*

46th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

40th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

16th 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 West Virginia

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	97,677 (25.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	44,194 (11.7%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	16,572
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$340

Child Health in West Virginia

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	37,134 (9.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	37,631
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	249,203
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	48.9%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	91.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	24.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	33.4%

Child Hunger in West Virginia

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	422,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	83%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	199,197
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	13,251
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	47,891

Early Childhood Development in West Virginia

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	59.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	9,547
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	9,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,806
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	20.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	82.3%

Education in West Virginia

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$11,730
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.3%
unable to do math at grade level	68.8%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	75.9%
unable to do math at grade level	78.7%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	6,088 (6.3%)

Child Welfare in West Virginia

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,000
Number of children in foster care	4,475
Number of children adopted from foster care	698
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	20,354

Youth at Risk in West Virginia

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	78.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	28.4%
Number of juvenile arrests	1,882
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	565
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.7
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	11

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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