

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Wyoming

March 2013



136,370 children live in Wyoming:

106,916 are White, non-Hispanic  
1,051 are Black  
19,632 are Hispanic  
669 are Asian  
4,681 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
7,052 are two or more races

39,549 are under the age of 5  
66,706 are ages 5 to 13  
28,682 are ages 14 to 17  
95,388 are ages 5 to 17

### In Wyoming:

A child is abused or neglected every 12 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 days.

### Wyoming Ranks:\*

24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

30th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

7th 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 Wyoming

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	20,689 (15.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	8,168 (6.2%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	511
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$577

### Child Health in Wyoming

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	13,662 (10.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	8,586
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	59,142
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	64.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	87.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.1%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	37.7%

### Child Hunger in Wyoming

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	16,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	60%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	56,578
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	2,699
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	12,600

### **Early Childhood Development in Wyoming**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	2,609
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,316
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	25.7%

### **Education in Wyoming**

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$15,232
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	65.6%
unable to do math at grade level	56.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	62.3%
unable to do math at grade level	62.6%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	675 (2.2%)

### **Child Welfare in Wyoming**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	703
Number of children in foster care	886
Number of children adopted from foster care	73
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	4,418

### **Youth at Risk in Wyoming**

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	80.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	19.0%
Number of juvenile arrests	4,782
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	247
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.0
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:**

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

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