

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Indiana



November 2008

1,586,518 children live in Indiana:

- 3,437 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 21,146 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 34,949 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 116,663 are Hispanic
- 175,535 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,234,788 are White, non-Hispanic

In Indiana:

- A child is born into poverty every 29 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 25 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 6 days.

Indiana Ranks:*

- 20th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 39th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Indiana

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	267,610 (17.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	129,755 (8.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	117,361
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$288

Child Health in Indiana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	132,000 (7.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	130,368
CHIP eligibility: 250 percent of federal poverty (\$55,125 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	541,984
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	56.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	21.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	26.0%

Child Hunger in Indiana

Number of children who receive food stamps	279,973
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	734,476
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	33,306
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	140,891

Early Childhood Development in Indiana

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	14,213
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	32,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,001
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	16.5%

Education in Indiana

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,919
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	67%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	54%

Child Welfare in Indiana

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	20,925
Number of children in foster care	11,401
Number of children adopted from foster care	1,183
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	49,044

Youth at Risk in Indiana

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	27,770
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,616
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 41 homicides; 18 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined	62

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