

# Children's Defense Fund

## *Children in New Hampshire*



November 2008

298,186 children live in New Hampshire:  
 687 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic  
 5,273 are Black, non-Hispanic  
 5,558 are two or more races, non-Hispanic  
 6,685 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic  
 11,529 are Hispanic  
 268,454 are White, non-Hispanic

### **In New Hampshire:**

A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.  
 A child is abused or neglected every 11 hours.  
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.  
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 months.

### **New Hampshire Ranks:\***

6<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
 14<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
 14<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
 [\*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 New Hampshire**

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	25,622 (8.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	11,715 (4.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	9,886
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$625

### **Child Health in New Hampshire**

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	21,000 (6.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	12,088
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	81,280
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	58.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	9.4%

### **Child Hunger in New Hampshire**

Number of children who receive food stamps	25,313
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	113,605
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,474
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	17,411

### **Early Childhood Development in New Hampshire**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	65.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,632
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	7,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,540
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	12.0%

### **Education in New Hampshire**

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$9,771
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level	59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math	48%

### **Child Welfare in New Hampshire**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	822
Number of children in foster care	1,146
Number of children adopted from foster care	135
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	6,889

### **Youth at Risk in New Hampshire**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	3.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	81.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	12.6%
Number of juvenile arrests	8,314
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	189
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 1 homicide; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	1

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of November 2008.

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