Children in the United States

November 2008

73,901,733 children live in the United States:
   657,922 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   1,886,089 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   3,054,841 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   10,770,371 are Black, non-Hispanic
   15,419,469 are Hispanic
   42,113,041 are White, non-Hispanic

In the United States:
   A child is born into poverty every 33 seconds.
   A child is abused or neglected every 35 seconds.
   A child is born uninsured every 39 seconds.
   A child dies before his or her first birthday every 18 minutes.
   A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 hours.

Child Poverty in The United States
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 13,324,000
(18.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 5,768,000
(7.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 3,741,535

Child Hunger in The United States
Number of children who receive food stamps 12,559,379
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 30,129,883
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 8,067,728

Child Health in The United States
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 8.9 million
(11.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 7,144,794
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 28,259,469
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 33.5%

Early Childhood Development in The United States
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 61.7%
Number of children served by Head Start 908,412
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 1,770,100
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 15.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 38.8%

Education in The United States
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $8,044
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 61%

Child Welfare in The United States
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 905,000
Number of children in foster care 508,446
Number of children adopted from foster care 50,941
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 2,514,256

Youth at Risk in The United States
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 73.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.7%
Number of juvenile arrests 1,268,950
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 92,854
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3,006
1,972 homicides; 822 suicides; 173 accidents; and 39 undetermined

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1,123,537 children live in Alabama:
- 4,774 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,756 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 17,914 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 47,919 are Hispanic
- 350,253 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 691,921 are White, non-Hispanic

In Alabama:
A child is born into poverty every 31 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 56 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 6 days.

Alabama Ranks:*  
43rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
47th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
48th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Alabama
- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 269,086 (24.3%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 124,561 (11.3%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 40,186
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $215

Child Hunger in Alabama
- Number of children who receive food stamps 276,831
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 65%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 576,954
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 126,280

Child Health in Alabama
- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 78,000 (6.6%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 106,691
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid       464,070
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 48.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 29.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 21.8%

**Early Childhood Development in Alabama**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 62.2%
Number of children served by Head Start 16,374
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 28,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $4,888
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 12.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 21.67%

**Education in Alabama**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,073
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 74%

**Child Welfare in Alabama**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 9,378
Number of children in foster care 7,157
Number of children adopted from foster care 387
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 58,794

**Youth at Risk in Alabama**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 9.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 66.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 16.8%
Number of juvenile arrests 11,577
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,752
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 1.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 64
39 homicides; 17 suicides; 7 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in Alaska

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182,218 children live in Alaska:
  8,086 are Black, non-Hispanic
  8,768 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  14,678 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  14,834 are Hispanic
  32,216 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  103,636 are White, non-Hispanic

In Alaska:
A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Alaska Ranks:* 
1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
9th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
14th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Alaska
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 20,439 (11.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 7,851 (4.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 8,466
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $923

Child Hunger in Alaska
Number of children who receive food stamps 25,630
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 67%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 52,884
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 25,205

Child Health in Alaska
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 20,000 (10.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 17,558
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 69,835
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 60.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 37.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 29.9%

Early Childhood Development in Alaska
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 60.5%
Number of children served by Head Start 1,583
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 4,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,092
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 15.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 22.4%

Education in Alaska
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $10,847
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 62%

Child Welfare in Alaska
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 3,481
Number of children in foster care 1,993
Number of children adopted from foster care 212
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 5,953

Youth at Risk in Alaska
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 7.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 66.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 18.3%
Number of juvenile arrests 4,136
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 363
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 13
5 homicides; 8 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Arizona

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1,669,866 children live in Arizona:
   37,342 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   39,657 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   67,744 are Black, non-Hispanic
   87,460 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   701,723 are Hispanic
   735,940 are White, non-Hispanic

In Arizona:
A child is born into poverty every 23 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 13 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 4 days.

Arizona Ranks:*  
12th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
27th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
50th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Arizona
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 330,910  
   (20.2%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 152,505 (9.3%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary  
   Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 75,996  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $347

Child Hunger in Arizona
Number of children who receive food stamps 298,550  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 66%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 632,772  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program  
   for Women, Infants, and Children) 186,470

Child Health in Arizona
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 288,000  
   (16.4%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 104,209
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid       691,907
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment     48.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures  40.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 24.8%

**Early Childhood Development in Arizona**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 54.6%
Number of children served by Head Start 13,175
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 30,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,390
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 8.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 23.2%

**Education in Arizona**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $6,184
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 69%

**Child Welfare in Arizona**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 4,469
Number of children in foster care 9,731
Number of children adopted from foster care 1,400
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 63,274

**Youth at Risk in Arizona**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 9.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 70.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 14.1%
Number of juvenile arrests 50,744
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,737
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.9:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 102
   62 homicides; 35 suicides; 2 accidents; and 3 undetermined

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Children in Arkansas

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700,537 children live in Arkansas:
  - 5,906 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  - 8,648 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  - 15,020 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  - 59,396 are Hispanic
  - 138,278 are Black, non-Hispanic
  - 473,289 are White, non-Hispanic

In Arkansas:
A child is born into poverty every 47 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 57 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 2 weeks.

Arkansas Ranks:* 
37th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
37th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  - Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
38th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  - Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Arkansas
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 177,805 (25.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 8,749 (10.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 18,965
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $204

Child Hunger in Arkansas
Number of children who receive food stamps 176,187
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 347,040
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 84,457

Child Health in Arkansas
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 70,000 (9.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 89,642
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 420,293
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 57.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 35.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 27.7%

Early Childhood Development in Arkansas
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 63.7%
Number of children served by Head Start: 10,778
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 5,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $4,475
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 31.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 48.7%

Education in Arkansas
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $7,659
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 63%

Child Welfare in Arkansas
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 9,180
Number of children in foster care: 3,434
Number of children adopted from foster care: 395
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 40,348

Youth at Risk in Arkansas
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 6.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 80.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 16.8%
Number of juvenile arrests: 11,389
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 813
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:
- 17 homicides; 23 suicides; 5 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in California

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9,383,924 children live in California:
   44,574 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   302,499 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   589,781 are Black, non-Hispanic
   960,396 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   2,899,141 are White, non-Hispanic
   4,587,533 are Hispanic

In California:
A child is born into poverty every 5 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 6 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 20 hours.

California Ranks:*
12th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
30th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
7th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in California
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 1,591,295 (17.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 611,166 (6.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 1,195,251
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $723

Child Hunger in California
Number of children who receive food stamps 1,296,318
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 50%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 2,980,081
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 1,378,748

Child Health in California
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 1,273,000 (12.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 1,538,416
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid       4,270,367
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment       40.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 22.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized       22.9%

Early Childhood Development in California
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 56.8%
Number of children served by Head Start       98,353
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG       175,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,477
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.3%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 26.3%

Education in California
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,905
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 77%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 70%

Child Welfare in California
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect       89,500
Number of children in foster care       78,373
Number of children adopted from foster care       7,364
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren       275,987

Youth at Risk in California
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 69.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 18.0%
Number of juvenile arrests       231,735
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities       15,240
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 474
392 homicides; 54 suicides; 25 accidents; and 3 undetermined

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Children in Colorado

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1,192,679 children live in Colorado:
  9,234 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  31,603 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  34,941 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  53,464 are Black, non-Hispanic
  337,335 are Hispanic
  726,102 are White, non-Hispanic

In Colorado:
A child is born into poverty every 40 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 48 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 20 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 8 days.

Colorado Ranks:*  
18th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
34th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
41st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Colorado
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 191,725  (16.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 89,519 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 22,260
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $356

Child Hunger in Colorado
Number of children who receive food stamps 127,338
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 54%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 364,556
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 91,062

Child Health in Colorado
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 172,000  (13.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 84,649
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 314,068
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 59.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 25.2%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 22.0%

**Early Childhood Development in Colorado**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 59.8%
Number of children served by Head Start 9,820
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 16,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $9,765
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 12.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 28.7%

**Education in Colorado**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,826
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 59%

**Child Welfare in Colorado**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 10,862
Number of children in foster care 8,139
Number of children adopted from foster care 956
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 34,962

**Youth at Risk in Colorado**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 75.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 13.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 44,178
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 2,034
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:
19 homicides; 20 suicides; 4 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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820,216 children live in Connecticut:
- 2,315 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 18,418 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 30,058 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 94,082 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 133,204 are Hispanic
- 542,139 are White, non-Hispanic

In Connecticut:
- A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 52 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 1 month.

Connecticut Ranks:
- 4th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 12th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  - Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  - Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

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Child Poverty in Connecticut
- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 89,373 (11.1%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 42,695 (5.3%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 39,204
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $636

Child Hunger in Connecticut
- Number of children who receive food stamps 80,830
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 62%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 317,013
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 53,206

Child Health in Connecticut
- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 60,000 (6.9%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 23,632
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 122,556
- Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 36.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 7.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 13.2%

**Early Childhood Development in Connecticut**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 64.1%
Number of children served by Head Start 7,076
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 10,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $9,111
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 29.7%

**Education in Connecticut**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $12,263
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 55%

**Child Welfare in Connecticut**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 10,174
Number of children in foster care 6,365
Number of children adopted from foster care 649
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 20,254

**Youth at Risk in Connecticut**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 3.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 80.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.4%
Number of juvenile arrests 15,185
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 498
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 10
7 homicides; 2 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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205,646 children live in Delaware:
- 540 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 5,540 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 6,044 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 21,418 are Hispanic
- 50,371 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 121,733 are White, non-Hispanic

In Delaware:
A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 weeks.

Delaware Ranks:*  
8th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
46th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Delaware
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 29,382 (14.7%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 13,095 (6.5%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 8,496  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $338

Child Hunger in Delaware
Number of children who receive food stamps 33,312  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 65%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 85,672  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 20,405

Child Health in Delaware
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 23,000 (10.6%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 11,143  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 80,785  
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 45.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 26.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 19.7%

**Early Childhood Development in Delaware**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 64.1%
Number of children served by Head Start 2,071
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 $6,656
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 11.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 24.1%

**Education in Delaware**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $10,911
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 60%

**Child Welfare in Delaware**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 1,933
Number of children in foster care 1,074
Number of children adopted from foster care 94
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 8,225

**Youth at Risk in Delaware**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 8.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 76.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 10.8%
Number of juvenile arrests 7,448
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 303
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 4 homicides; 3 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in The District of Columbia

November 2008

113,720 children live in The District of Columbia:
- 251 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 2,737 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,824 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 11,196 are Hispanic
- 21,794 are White, non-Hispanic
- 74,918 are Black, non-Hispanic

In The District of Columbia:
- A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 11 days.

The District of Columbia Ranks:*  
- 3rd among states in per pupil expenditures.  
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 49th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 51st among states in its infant mortality rate.  
  Best state is Utah; worst is The District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in The District of Columbia

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<td>Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</td>
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Child Hunger in The District of Columbia

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<td>Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps</td>
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<td>Number of children in the School Lunch Program</td>
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<td>Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in Medicaid</td>
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Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 24.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 18.4%

**Early Childhood Development in The District of Columbia**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 64.0%
Number of children served by Head Start 3,403
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 3,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,800
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs No data
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs No data

**Education in The District of Columbia**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $13,348
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 86%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 86%

**Child Welfare in The District of Columbia**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 2,759
Number of children in foster care 2,378
Number of children adopted from foster care 179
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 6,164

**Youth at Risk in The District of Columbia**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 7.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate No data
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 29.2%
Number of juvenile arrests 437
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 339
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil No data
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 26
26 homicides; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Florida

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4,043,560 children live in Florida:
   12,276 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   83,201 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   93,345 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   833,346 are Black, non-Hispanic
   987,247 are Hispanic
   2,034,145 are White, non-Hispanic

In Florida:
A child is born into poverty every 12 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 4 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 days.

Florida Ranks:*
29th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is The District of Columbia
36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
41st among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Florida
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 678,038 (17.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 276,783 (7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 77,480
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $303

Child Hunger in Florida
Number of children who receive food stamps 546,972
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 59%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 1,535,281
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 420,518

Child Health in Florida
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 816,000 (19.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 323,529
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 1,629,328
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 54.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 24.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 19.7%

### Early Childhood Development in Florida
- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 64.0%
- Number of children served by Head Start: 35,457
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 108,600
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $5,871
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 8.9%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 71.1%

### Education in Florida
- Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $7,215
- Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 66%
- Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 60%

### Child Welfare in Florida
- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 134,567
- Number of children in foster care: 29,229
- Number of children adopted from foster care: 3,046
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 151,257

### Youth at Risk in Florida
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 8.5%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 63.6%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 13.4%
- Number of juvenile arrests: 121,173
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 7,302
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3.1:1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 148
  - 96 homicides; 46 suicides; 5 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in Georgia

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2,531,609 children live in Georgia:
   5,882 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   48,749 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   67,931 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   273,527 are Hispanic
   842,422 are Black, non-Hispanic
   1,293,098 are White, non-Hispanic

In Georgia:
A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 13 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Georgia Ranks:* 
27th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
42nd among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Georgia
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 490,381 (19.7%) 
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 225,591 (9.1%) 
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 38,971 
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $280

Child Hunger in Georgia
Number of children who receive food stamps 474,327 
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 74% 
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 1,268,942 
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 283,107

Child Health in Georgia
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 325,000 (12.2%) 
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 356,285
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 1,122,660
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 61.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 30.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 20.4%

**Early Childhood Development in Georgia**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 63.5%
Number of children served by Head Start: 23,436
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 64,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $5,674
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 11.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 64.9%

**Education in Georgia**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $8,065
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 72%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 68%

**Child Welfare in Georgia**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 39,802
Number of children in foster care: 13,175
Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,250
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 100,495

**Youth at Risk in Georgia**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 9.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 62.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 20.7%
Number of juvenile arrests: 24,368
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 2,631
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 80
54 homicides; 21 suicides; 5 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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**Children in Hawaii**

November 2008

285,694 children live in Hawaii:
1,251 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
10,778 are Black, non-Hispanic
37,490 are Hispanic
52,709 are White, non-Hispanic
76,360 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
107,106 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic

**In Hawaii:**
A child is born into poverty every 5 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 4 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 7 months.

**Hawaii Ranks:**
19th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
20th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

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**Child Poverty in Hawaii**

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<td>Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</td>
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<td>Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three</td>
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**Child Hunger in Hawaii**

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<td>Number of children who receive food stamps</td>
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<td>Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps</td>
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<td>Number of children in the School Lunch Program</td>
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<td>Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)</td>
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<td>Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</td>
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<td>Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment</td>
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Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 22.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 12.5%

**Early Childhood Development in Hawaii**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 58.5%
Number of children served by Head Start 3,049
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 8,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,480
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 9.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.6%

**Education in Hawaii**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $8,997
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 74%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 67%

**Child Welfare in Hawaii**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 2,045
Number of children in foster care 2,355
Number of children adopted from foster care 397
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 12,747

**Youth at Risk in Hawaii**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 4.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 75.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 10,315
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 123
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2
1 homicides; 1 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Idaho

November 2008

407,712 children live in Idaho:
  4,763 are Black, non-Hispanic
  4,925 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  5,864 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  10,383 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  59,726 are Hispanic
  322,051 are White, non-Hispanic

In Idaho:
A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Idaho Ranks:*
9th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
16th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
49th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Idaho
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 63,591 (15.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 24,241 (6.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 2,187
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $309

Child Hunger in Idaho
Number of children who receive food stamps 44,148
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 165,320
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 38,087

Child Health in Idaho
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 52,000 (12.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 33,060
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 132,581
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 64.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 29.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 34.4%

**Early Childhood Development in Idaho**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 55.9%
Number of children served by Head Start 2,943
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 9,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,004
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 7.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 17.2%

**Education in Idaho**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $6,319
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 60%

**Child Welfare in Idaho**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 1,651
Number of children in foster care 1,850
Number of children adopted from foster care 177
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 8,384

**Youth at Risk in Idaho**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 7.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 80.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 12.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 14,339
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 522
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 16

5 homicides; 9 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Illinois

November 2008

3,199,159 children live in Illinois:
- 5,383 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 63,309 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 121,822 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 562,116 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 668,999 are Hispanic
- 1,777,530 are White, non-Hispanic

In Illinois:
- A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 19 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 2 days.

Illinois Ranks:*
- 21st among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 34th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Illinois

Number of poor children (and percent poor) 525,294 (16.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 237,261 (7.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 56,473
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $396

Child Hunger in Illinois

Number of children who receive food stamps 593,394
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 1,120,303
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 279,982

Child Health in Illinois

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 305,000 (9.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 345,576
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 1,171,355
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**Education in Illinois**

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<td>Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil</td>
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Children in Indiana

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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 ever 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

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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 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 women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  140,891

Child Health in Indiana
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  132,000 (7.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  130,368
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%

**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: 62
  - 41 homicides; 18 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined

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Children in Iowa

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711,403 children live in Iowa:
  3,095 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  12,779 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  15,747 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  26,758 are Black, non-Hispanic
  47,404 are Hispanic
  605,620 are White, non-Hispanic

In Iowa:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every 36 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 weeks.

Iowa Ranks:*  
7th among states in its infant mortality rate. 
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
17th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight. 
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
28th among states in per pupil expenditures. 
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Iowa
  Number of poor children (and percent poor)  94,586 (13.6%)
  Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  40,368 (5.8%)
  Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  39,996
  Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $426

Child Hunger in Iowa
  Number of children who receive food stamps  105,476
  Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  66%
  Number of children in the School Lunch Program  392,328
  Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  69,468

Child Health in Iowa
  Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  41,000 (5.5%)
  Number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  50,238
  Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  202,979
  Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment  51.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 22.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 24.1%

**Early Childhood Development in Iowa**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 71.8%
Number of children served by Head Start 7,710
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 19,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,939
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 11.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 20.1%

**Education in Iowa**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,962
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 57%

**Child Welfare in Iowa**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 14,589
Number of children in foster care 9,040
Number of children adopted from foster care 984
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 12,941

**Youth at Risk in Iowa**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 4.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 86.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 11.7%
Number of juvenile arrests 19,605
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,062
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 15
4 homicides; 10 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Kansas

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696,082 children live in Kansas:
- 6,454 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 15,245 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 21,840 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 49,632 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 92,752 are Hispanic
- 510,159 are White, non-Hispanic

In Kansas:
- A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
- A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Kansas Ranks:*  
- 17th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 29th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 33rd among states in its infant mortality rate.  
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
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Child Poverty in Kansas
- Number of poor children (and percent poor)  
  99,590 (14.6%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  
  42,816 (6.3%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
  31,002
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  
  $429

Child Hunger in Kansas
- Number of children who receive food stamps  
  84,800
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  
  61%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program  
  343,178
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  
  69,067

Child Health in Kansas
- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  
  53,000 (7.2%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  
  49,536
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  
  208,940
- Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment  
  59.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 26.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 24.0%

**Early Childhood Development in Kansas**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 67.4%
Number of children served by Head Start 8,178
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 22,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,292
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 13.7%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 33.8%

**Education in Kansas**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,926
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 49%

**Child Welfare in Kansas**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 2,630
Number of children in foster care 6,237
Number of children adopted from foster care 524
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 18,748

**Youth at Risk in Kansas**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 4.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 78.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.7%
Number of juvenile arrests 10,036
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,053
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 11 homicides; 4 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Kentucky

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1,003,973 children live in Kentucky:

- 1,880 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 10,537 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 19,897 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 33,466 are Hispanic
- 94,290 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 843,903 are White, non-Hispanic

In Kentucky:

- A child is born into poverty every 34 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 27 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 23 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

Kentucky Ranks:

- 23rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
  - Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  - Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 42nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

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Child Poverty in Kentucky

- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 234,959 (23.9%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 106,618 (10.9%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 58,681
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $262

Child Hunger in Kentucky

- Number of children who receive food stamps 251,041
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 76%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 548,589
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 129,644

Child Health in Kentucky

- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 92,000 (8.7%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 68,776
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 399,268
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 50.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 26.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 21.8%

**Early Childhood Development in Kentucky**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 62.6%
Number of children served by Head Start: 16,070
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 28,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $5,720
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 29.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 60.1%

**Education in Kentucky**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $7,132
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 67%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 69%

**Child Welfare in Kentucky**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 19,833
Number of children in foster care: 7,606
Number of children adopted from foster care: 759
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 46,312

**Youth at Risk in Kentucky**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 7.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 77.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 23.1%
Number of juvenile arrests: 8,746
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,242
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 36
17 homicides; 16 suicides; 2 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in Louisiana

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1,079,560 children live in Louisiana:
- 6,571 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 15,401 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 16,147 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 38,633 are Hispanic
- 413,780 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 589,028 are White, non-Hispanic

In Louisiana:
- A child is born into poverty every 30 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 42 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 4 days.

Louisiana Ranks:* 
- 36th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 49th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 50th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

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Child Poverty in Louisiana
- Number of poor children (and percent poor)  
  283,350  
  (26.8%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  
  124,373  
  (11.7%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
  22,262
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  
  $240

Child Hunger in Louisiana
- Number of children who receive food stamps  
  307,897
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  
  76%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program  
  586,050
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  
  129,054

Child Health in Louisiana
- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  
  146,000  
  (12.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) | 153,663  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid | 604,263  
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment | 58.7%  
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures | 22.2%  
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized | 23.0%  

**Early Childhood Development in Louisiana**  
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force | 63.7%  
Number of children served by Head Start | 21,592  
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG | 39,100  
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center | $4,610  
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 21.0%  
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 46.7%  

**Education in Louisiana**  
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools | $7,669  
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level | 80%  
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math | 76%  

**Child Welfare in Louisiana**  
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 12,472  
Number of children in foster care | 5,213  
Number of children adopted from foster care | 466  
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren | 60,671  

**Youth at Risk in Louisiana**  
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates | 10.0%  
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate | 59.5%  
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed | 13.7%  
Number of juvenile arrests | 22,355  
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities | 1,200  
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil | 1.4:1  
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:  
67 homicides; 30 suicides; 12 accidents; and 1 undetermined  

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Children in Maine

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279,467 children live in Maine:

- 1,891 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 3,461 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 5,015 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 5,353 are Hispanic
- 5,803 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 257,944 are White, non-Hispanic

In Maine:

- A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
- A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 months.

Maine Ranks:*

- 10th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  - Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 10th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 26th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  - Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Maine

- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 41,973 (15.4%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 17,779 (6.5%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 23,968
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $485

Child Hunger in Maine

- Number of children who receive food stamps 61,232
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 85%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 108,731
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 24,686

Child Health in Maine

- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 19,000 (6.4%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 31,037
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid No data
- Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment No data
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures | No data
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized | 27.1%

**Early Childhood Development in Maine**

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**Education in Maine**

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**Child Welfare in Maine**

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<td>Number of children in foster care</td>
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<td>Number of children adopted from foster care</td>
<td>331</td>
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<td>Number of grandparents raising grandchildren</td>
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**Youth at Risk in Maine**

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<td>Averaged freshman high school graduation rate</td>
<td>76.6%</td>
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
<td>14.4%</td>
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<td>Number of juvenile arrests</td>
<td>7,765</td>
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<td>Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities</td>
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<td>Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil</td>
<td>4:1</td>
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Children in Maryland

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1,358,797 children live in Maryland:
   3,348 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   38,222 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   62,501 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   115,560 are Hispanic
   439,703 are Black, non-Hispanic
   699,463 are White, non-Hispanic

In Maryland:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every no data.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 16 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 5 days.

Maryland Ranks:*  
39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
13th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
31st among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Maryland
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 140,058 (10.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 67,101 (5.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 42,550
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $482

Child Hunger in Maryland
Number of children who receive food stamps 145,358
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 55%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 439,542
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 123,868

Child Health in Maryland
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 140,000 (9.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 132,887
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 361,489
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 48.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 22.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 8.7%

**Early Childhood Development in Maryland**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 67.9%
Number of children served by Head Start 10,347
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 22,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,380
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 11.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 46.4%

**Education in Maryland**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $10,031
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 60%

**Child Welfare in Maryland**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect No data
Number of children in foster care 10,681
Number of children adopted from foster care 364
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 42,717

**Youth at Risk in Maryland**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 79.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.5%
Number of juvenile arrests 49,359
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,104
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 75
64 homicides; 10 suicides; 0 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in Massachusetts

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1,432,856 children live in Massachusetts:
   3,151 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   30,936 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   74,270 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   108,709 are Black, non-Hispanic
   173,458 are Hispanic
   1,042,332 are White, non-Hispanic

In Massachusetts:
A child is born into poverty every 53 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 15 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 22 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 2 weeks.

Massachusetts Ranks:*  
4th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
7th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
20th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi

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Child Poverty in Massachusetts
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  182,159  (12.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  86,554 (6.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  90,531
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $618

Child Hunger in Massachusetts
Number of children who receive food stamps  191,733
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  54%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  560,930
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  118,112

Child Health in Massachusetts
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  73,000 (4.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  184,483
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  412,012
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 36.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 19.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 22.1%

**Early Childhood Development in Massachusetts**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 64.8%
Number of children served by Head Start 12,807
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 32,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $10,787
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 20.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 25.31%

**Education in Massachusetts**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $11,642
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 51%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 42%

**Child Welfare in Massachusetts**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 36,151
Number of children in foster care 11,499
Number of children adopted from foster care 874
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 28,911

**Youth at Risk in Massachusetts**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 79.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 12.7%
Number of juvenile arrests 17,862
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,164
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 5:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 27
- 26 homicides; 0 suicides; 1 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Michigan

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2,446,856 children live in Michigan:
  - 13,723 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  - 60,993 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  - 67,407 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  - 144,717 are Hispanic
  - 424,697 are Black, non-Hispanic
  - 1,735,319 are White, non-Hispanic

In Michigan:
A child is born into poverty every 18 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 19 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 9 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Michigan Ranks:*
16th 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
38th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Michigan
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 468,400 (19.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 229,186 (9.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 173,760
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $459

Child Hunger in Michigan
Number of children who receive food stamps 530,380
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 75%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 896,883
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 232,007

Child Health in Michigan
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 148,000 (5.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 114,025
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 987,238
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 56.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 23.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 21.2%

**Early Childhood Development in Michigan**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 64.9%
Number of children served by Head Start 35,067
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 87,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,025
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 38.2%

**Education in Michigan**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $9,340
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 63%

**Child Welfare in Michigan**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 27,148
Number of children in foster care 20,142
Number of children adopted from foster care 2,591
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 69,008

**Youth at Risk in Michigan**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 73.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 19.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 44,002
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 2,760
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 92
   65 homicides; 23 suicides; 2 accidents; and 2 undetermined

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Children in Minnesota

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1,260,282 children live in Minnesota:
18,151 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
39,257 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
59,160 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
78,531 are Black, non-Hispanic
80,077 are Hispanic
985,106 are White, non-Hispanic

In Minnesota:
A child is born into poverty every 53 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 10 days.

Minnesota Ranks:* 
3rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
6th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
24th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Minnesota
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 148,649 (12%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 62,080 (5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 47,742
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $532

Child Hunger in Minnesota
Number of children who receive food stamps 134,878
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 607,255
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 134,662

Child Health in Minnesota
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 92,000 (6.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 5,408
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 373,816
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.8%
| Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures | 23.4% |
| Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized | 19.5% |

**Early Childhood Development in Minnesota**

| Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force | 70.9% |
| Number of children served by Head Start | 10,332 |
| Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG | 27,300 |
| Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center | $9,350 |
| Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 11.9% |
| Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 18.1% |

**Education in Minnesota**

| Amount spent per pupil in the public schools | $8,718 |
| Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level | 63% |
| Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math | 49% |

**Child Welfare in Minnesota**

| Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 7,623 |
| Number of children in foster care | 7,156 |
| Number of children adopted from foster care | 664 |
| Number of grandparents raising grandchildren | 24,654 |

**Youth at Risk in Minnesota**

| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates | 3.0% |
| Averaged freshman high school graduation rate | 86.2% |
| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed | 13.6% |
| Number of juvenile arrests | No data |
| Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities | 1,623 |
| Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil | 3.7:1 |
| Number of children and teens killed by firearms: | 42 |
| 16 homicides; 23 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined |

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Children in Mississippi

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768,704 children live in Mississippi:
   4,125 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   6,435 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   10,176 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   20,671 are Hispanic
   340,105 are Black, non-Hispanic
   387,192 are White, non-Hispanic

In Mississippi:
A child is born into poverty every 37 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 18 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 9 days.

Mississippi Ranks:*  
48th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
      Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
50th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
      Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
51st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
      Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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Child Poverty in Mississippi
Number of poor children (and percent poor)                         220,446
   (29.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 107,094
   (14.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary
      Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)                         21,896
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three               $170

Child Hunger in Mississippi
Number of children who receive food stamps                          207,351
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps               60%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program                     405,056
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program
   for Women, Infants, and Children)                               102,669

Child Health in Mississippi
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  121,000
   (14.9%)
| **Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)** | 81,565  |
| **Number of children enrolled in Medicaid** | 422,183 |
| **Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment** | 54.3%  |
| **Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures** | 24.2%  |
| **Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized** | 22.9%  |

**Early Childhood Development in Mississippi**

| **Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force** | 67.4%  |
| **Number of children served by Head Start** | 26,657  |
| **Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG** | 39,100  |
| **Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center** | $3,380  |
| **Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs** | 27.5%  |
| **Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs** | 41.8%  |

**Education in Mississippi**

| **Amount spent per pupil in the public schools** | $6,548  |
| **Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level** | 81%  |
| **Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math** | 79%  |

**Child Welfare in Mississippi**

| **Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect** | 6,272  |
| **Number of children in foster care** | 3,126  |
| **Number of children adopted from foster care** | 248  |
| **Number of grandparents raising grandchildren** | 48,144  |

**Youth at Risk in Mississippi**

| **Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates** | 8.0%  |
| **Averaged freshman high school graduation rate** | 63.5%  |
| **Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed** | 18.9%  |
| **Number of juvenile arrests** | 11,802  |
| **Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities** | 444  |
| **Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil** | 1.8:1  |
| **Number of children and teens killed by firearms**: | 30  |
| 12 homicides; 9 suicides; 7 accidents; and 2 undetermined |

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Children in Missouri

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1,424,830 children live in Missouri:
   6,212 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   21,826 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   34,978 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   65,815 are Hispanic
   203,623 are Black, non-Hispanic
   1,092,376 are White, non-Hispanic

In Missouri:
A child is born into poverty every 31 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Missouri Ranks:*  
23rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
31st among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
36th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
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Child Poverty in Missouri
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  247,893  
(17.7%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  114,660 (8.2%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  86,405  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $292

Child Hunger in Missouri
Number of children who receive food stamps  427,138  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  95%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  639,127  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  134,642

Child Health in Missouri
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  140,000 (9.3%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  81,764  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  534,016
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 20.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 23.9%

Early Childhood Development in Missouri
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 68.2%
Number of children served by Head Start 17,456
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 33,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $4,836
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 15.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 22.9%

Education in Missouri
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,858
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 62%

Child Welfare in Missouri
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 7,108
Number of children in foster care 10,181
Number of children adopted from foster care 1,253
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 46,898

Youth at Risk in Missouri
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 81.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 17.7%
Number of juvenile arrests 49,659
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,293
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 73
44 homicides; 16 suicides; 10 accidents; and 3 undetermined

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Children in Montana

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219,498 children live in Montana:
  1,815 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  2,387 are Black, non-Hispanic
  6,816 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  9,705 are Hispanic
  20,199 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  178,576 are White, non-Hispanic

In Montana:
A child is born into poverty every 4 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 5 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 weeks.

Montana Ranks:*  
7th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
25th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
28th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
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Child Poverty in Montana
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 39,660 (18.3%) 
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 15,422 (7.1%) 
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 8,008 
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $405

Child Hunger in Montana
Number of children who receive food stamps 34,452 
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 61% 
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 83,840 
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 19,279

Child Health in Montana
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 32,000 (13.9%) 
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 20,115 
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 62,685 
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 54.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures | 27.9%
---|---
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized | 34.7%

**Early Childhood Development in Montana**
- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force | 60.7%
- Number of children served by Head Start | 2,919
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG | 4,800
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center | $6,300
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 17.0%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 26.0%

**Education in Montana**
- Amount spent per pupil in the public schools | $8,133
- Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level | 61%
- Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math | 56%

**Child Welfare in Montana**
- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 1,775
- Number of children in foster care | 1,909
- Number of children adopted from foster care | 272
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren | 6,870

**Youth at Risk in Montana**
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates | 6.9%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate | 81.9%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed | 10.0%
- Number of juvenile arrests | No data
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities | 243
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil | 2.3:1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: | 18
  - 2 homicides; 15 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Nebraska

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446,145 children live in Nebraska:
   5,450 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   8,159 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   10,756 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   25,122 are Black, non-Hispanic
   53,767 are Hispanic
   342,891 are White, non-Hispanic

In Nebraska:
A child is born into poverty every 2 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Nebraska Ranks:
9th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
23rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Nebraska
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 65,309 (14.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 30,498 (7.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 16,232
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $364

Child Hunger in Nebraska
Number of children who receive food stamps 59,053
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 237,410
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 42,087

Child Health in Nebraska
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 41,000 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 46,199
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 128,862
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 57.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 25.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 17.1%

Early Childhood Development in Nebraska
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 74.0%
Number of children served by Head Start 5,080
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 13,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,760
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 21.1%

Education in Nebraska
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $8,794
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 62%

Child Welfare in Nebraska
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 6,160
Number of children in foster care 6,187
Number of children adopted from foster care 534
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 8,969

Youth at Risk in Nebraska
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 3.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 87.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 11.2%
Number of juvenile arrests 14,967
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 735
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 homicides; 15 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Nevada

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660,002 children live in Nevada:
  7,218 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  26,128 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  34,780 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  54,246 are Black, non-Hispanic
  240,563 are Hispanic
  297,067 are White, non-Hispanic

In Nevada:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Nevada Ranks:*
10th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
46th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Nevada
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 99,670 (15.3%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 41,019 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 18,066
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $348

Child Hunger in Nevada
Number of children who receive food stamps 59,270
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 49%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 193,461
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 52,343

Child Health in Nevada
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 112,000 (16.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 41,862
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 148,326
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 57.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 28.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 36.9%

**Early Childhood Development in Nevada**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 59.8%
Number of children served by Head Start 2,754
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 6,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,707
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 6.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 12.8%

**Education in Nevada**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $6,804
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 70%

**Child Welfare in Nevada**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 5,345
Number of children in foster care 5,069
Number of children adopted from foster care 444
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 22,589

**Youth at Risk in Nevada**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 11.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 55.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 16.3%
Number of juvenile arrests 20,725
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 885
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 34
20 homicides; 14 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in New Hampshire

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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:
- 6th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
- 14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 14th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah

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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 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 women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 17,411

Child Health in New Hampshire
- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 21,000 (6.6%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 12,088
- 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% |

**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 |
| 1 homicide; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined |

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Children in New Jersey

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2,063,789 children live in New Jersey:
- 3,233 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 40,170 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 155,694 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 317,985 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 405,459 are Hispanic
- 1,141,248 are White, non-Hispanic

In New Jersey:
A child is born into poverty every 35 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 45 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 15 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

New Jersey Ranks:*
1st among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
5th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New Jersey
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 236,098  (11.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 110,410  (5.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 79,136
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $424

Child Hunger in New Jersey
Number of children who receive food stamps 192,124
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 58%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 655,940
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 150,502

Child Health in New Jersey
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 273,000  (12.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 150,277
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 482,674
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 54.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 17.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 19.5%

**Early Childhood Development in New Jersey**
- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 61.0%
- Number of children served by Head Start: 14,854
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 37,900
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $7,985
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 24.4%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 36.9%

**Education in New Jersey**
- Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $14,117
- Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 57%
- Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 48%

**Child Welfare in New Jersey**
- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 11,680
- Number of children in foster care: 10,623
- Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,325
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 49,732

**Youth at Risk in New Jersey**
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 4.7%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 84.8%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 13.5%
- Number of juvenile arrests: 60,840
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,704
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2.6:1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 45
  - 40 homicides; 4 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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Children in New Mexico

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500,276 children live in New Mexico:
   6,136 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   9,875 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   12,939 are Black, non-Hispanic
   53,118 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   149,551 are White, non-Hispanic
   268,657 are Hispanic

In New Mexico:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 12 days.

New Mexico Ranks:*
17th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
32nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New Mexico
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  123,808 (25.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  54,113 (11.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  33,531
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $389

Child Hunger in New Mexico
Number of children who receive food stamps  121,240
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  69%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  214,380
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  64,417

Child Health in New Mexico
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  95,000 (17.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  16,525
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  298,392
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 58.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 33.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 24.0%

**Early Childhood Development in New Mexico**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 58.4%
Number of children served by Head Start 7,279
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 21,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,382
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 16.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 34.8%

**Education in New Mexico**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,834
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 76%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 76%

**Child Welfare in New Mexico**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 5,926
Number of children in foster care 2,357
Number of children adopted from foster care 338
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 24,271

**Youth at Risk in New Mexico**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 8.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 67.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 11.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 8,466
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 471
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 4.7:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 25
11 homicides; 12 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in New York

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4,413,414 children live in New York:
  15,159 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  89,350 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  284,736 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  776,415 are Black, non-Hispanic
  903,665 are Hispanic
  2,344,089 are White, non-Hispanic

In New York:
A child is born into poverty every 10 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 7 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

New York Ranks:*
2nd among states in per pupil expenditures.																		
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
11th among states in its infant mortality rate.																		
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.	
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in New York
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 844,424
(19.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 398,964 (9.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 257,416
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $691

Child Hunger in New York
Number of children who receive food stamps 711,247
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 1,823,673
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 482,787

Child Health in New York
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 410,000 (8.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 651,853
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 1,940,887
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**Early Childhood Development in New York**

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**Education in New York**

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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
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<td>Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities</td>
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Children in North Carolina

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2,217,680 children live in North Carolina:

- 27,740 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 45,694 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 46,304 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 241,551 are Hispanic
- 545,996 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,310,395 are White, non-Hispanic

In North Carolina:

- A child is born into poverty every 19 minutes.
- A child is abused or neglected every 18 minutes.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
- A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

North Carolina Ranks:*  
41st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
44th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
44th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
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Child Poverty in North Carolina

Number of poor children (and percent poor) 426,047  
(19.5%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 183,076 (8.4%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 44,066  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $272

Child Hunger in North Carolina

Number of children who receive food stamps 430,347  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 58%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 962,367  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 242,088

Child Health in North Carolina

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 304,000  
(13.0%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 240,152
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 841,731
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 53.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 25.3%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 22.7%

**Early Childhood Development in North Carolina**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 63.1%
Number of children served by Head Start: 18,963
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 79,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $6,756
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 8.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 29.6%

**Education in North Carolina**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $6,904
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 71%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 59%

**Child Welfare in North Carolina**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 28,422
Number of children in foster care: 11,115
Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,234
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 87,075

**Youth at Risk in North Carolina**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 7.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 71.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 14.7%
Number of juvenile arrests: 44,691
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,029
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3.6:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 91
- 58 homicides; 26 suicides; 6 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in North Dakota

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142,809 children live in North Dakota:
- 1,375 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 2,153 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 3,732 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 4,205 are Hispanic
- 12,597 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 118,747 are White, non-Hispanic

In North Dakota:
A child is born into poverty every 6 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 week.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 7 weeks.

North Dakota Ranks:* 
5th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight. 
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
15th among states in its infant mortality rate. 
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
33rd among states in per pupil expenditures. 
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in North Dakota
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 18,937 (13.4%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 8,895 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 5,040
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $477

Child Hunger in North Dakota
Number of children who receive food stamps 20,513
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 57%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 78,909
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 14,545

Child Health in North Dakota
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 14,000 (9.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 5,469
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 35,767
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 15.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 22.8%

**Early Childhood Development in North Dakota**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 69.4%
Number of children served by Head Start 2,353
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 4,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,742
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 20.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 28.7%

**Education in North Dakota**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,829
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 65%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 54%

**Child Welfare in North Dakota**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 1,438
Number of children in foster care 1,331
Number of children adopted from foster care 150
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 3,110

**Youth at Risk in North Dakota**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 1.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 82.2%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 8.0%
Number of juvenile arrests 6,769
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 240
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 11
  1 homicides; 9 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Ohio

November 2008

2,751,874 children live in Ohio:
  5,097 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  43,167 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  69,239 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  101,127 are Hispanic
  405,194 are Black, non-Hispanic
  2,128,050 are White, non-Hispanic

In Ohio:
A child is born into poverty every 16 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 13 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 7 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 4 days.

Ohio Ranks:*  
17th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
36th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
43rd among states in its infant mortality rate.  
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Ohio
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 500,745  
(18.5%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 244,966 (9.1%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 173,264  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $373

Child Hunger in Ohio
Number of children who receive food stamps 490,566  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 68%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 1,099,400  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 281,607

Child Health in Ohio
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 224,000 (7.7%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 231,538  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 968,681
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<td>Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil</td>
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<td>Number of children and teens killed by firearms:</td>
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Children in Oklahoma

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899,507 children live in Oklahoma:
   14,193 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   52,837 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   85,083 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   85,564 are Black, non-Hispanic
   99,812 are Hispanic
   562,018 are White, non-Hispanic

In Oklahoma:
A child is born into poverty every 37 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 39 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 21 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 10 days.

Oklahoma Ranks:*  
21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
40th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
47th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Oklahoma
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  198,555
   (22.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  88,407 (10.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  730
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $292

Child Hunger in Oklahoma
Number of children who receive food stamps  198,018
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  77%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  419,235
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  119,759

Child Health in Oklahoma
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  119,000
   (12.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  117,084
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  381,168
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment  59.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures  29.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized  21.5%

**Early Childhood Development in Oklahoma**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force  61.0%
Number of children served by Head Start  13,474
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG  25,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center  $5,277
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs  15.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs  90.0%

**Education in Oklahoma**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools  $6,610
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level  73%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math  67%

**Child Welfare in Oklahoma**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect  13,414
Number of children in foster care  11,816
Number of children adopted from foster care  1,141
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren  43,756

**Youth at Risk in Oklahoma**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates  7.6%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate  77.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed  11.6%
Number of juvenile arrests  20,192
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities  924
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil  1.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:  35
  19 homicides; 12 suicides; 2 accidents; and 2 undetermined

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862,908 children live in Oregon:
   11,387 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   20,138 are Black, non-Hispanic
   34,342 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   35,927 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   152,214 are Hispanic
   608,900 are White, non-Hispanic

In Oregon:
A child is born into poverty every 58 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 41 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 2 weeks.

Oregon Ranks:*  
1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
13th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
26th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Oregon
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 143,391 (16.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 60,920 (7.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 44,406
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $460

Child Hunger in Oregon
Number of children who receive food stamps 183,006
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 86%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 304,422
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 103,753

Child Health in Oregon
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 110,000 (12.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 63,090
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 276,581
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 50.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 24.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 29.5%

**Early Childhood Development in Oregon**
- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 61.7%
- Number of children served by Head Start: 8,814
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 20,200
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $6,480
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 14.3%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 24.1%

**Education in Oregon**
- Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $8,071
- Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 72%
- Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 65%

**Child Welfare in Oregon**
- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 12,927
- Number of children in foster care: 10,661
- Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,095
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 24,060

**Youth at Risk in Oregon**
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 7.1%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 73.4%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 16.4%
- Number of juvenile arrests: 24,723
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,254
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3.4:1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 17
  - 2 homicides; 12 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Pennsylvania

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2,786,719 children live in Pennsylvania:
   4,359 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   54,685 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   72,643 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   202,231 are Hispanic
   375,906 are Black, non-Hispanic
   2,076,895 are White, non-Hispanic

In Pennsylvania:
A child is born into poverty every 19 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 days.

Pennsylvania Ranks:*  
11th among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
31st among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia  
32nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi  
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Child Poverty in Pennsylvania
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  
   446,832 (16.3%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  
   209,545 (7.6%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
   128,842  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  
   $421

Child Hunger in Pennsylvania
Number of children who receive food stamps  
   479,009  
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  
   68%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  
   1,142,313  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  
   244,155

Child Health in Pennsylvania
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  
   226,000 (7.6%)  
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  
   227,367  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  
   987,810
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 24.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 21.2%

**Early Childhood Development in Pennsylvania**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 62.7%
Number of children served by Head Start 35,362
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 82,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,800
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 15.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 27.2%

**Education in Pennsylvania**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $10,235
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 60%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 53%

**Child Welfare in Pennsylvania**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 4,177
Number of children in foster care 21,135
Number of children adopted from foster care 1,926
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 83,770

**Youth at Risk in Pennsylvania**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate No data
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 15.2%
Number of juvenile arrests 106,572
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 4,323
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 138
99 homicides; 32 suicides; 4 accidents; and 3 undetermined

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Children in Rhode Island

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233,115 children live in Rhode Island:

1,427 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
5,999 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
7,151 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
16,186 are Black, non-Hispanic
42,318 are Hispanic
160,034 are White, non-Hispanic

In Rhode Island:

A child is born into poverty every 3 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 8 weeks.

Rhode Island Ranks:*

6th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
19th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
19th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in Rhode Island

Number of poor children (and percent poor) 40,468 (17.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 17,697 (7.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 19,030
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $554

Child Hunger in Rhode Island

Number of children who receive food stamps 35,963
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 56%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 85,020
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 24,220

Child Health in Rhode Island

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 18,000 (7.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 26,067
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 91,974
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.1%
| Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures | 24.6% |
| Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized | 25.0% |

### Early Childhood Development in Rhode Island

| Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force | 69.7% |
| Number of children served by Head Start | 3,104 |
| Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG | 7,100 |
| Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center | $7,800 |
| Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 10.2% |
| Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 19.9% |

### Education in Rhode Island

| Amount spent per pupil in the public schools | $11,667 |
| Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level | 69% |
| Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math | 66% |

### Child Welfare in Rhode Island

| Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 4,400 |
| Number of children in foster care | 2,842 |
| Number of children adopted from foster care | 258 |
| Number of grandparents raising grandchildren | 4,275 |

### Youth at Risk in Rhode Island

| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates | 5.7% |
| Averaged freshman high school graduation rate | 77.8% |
| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed | 13.0% |
| Number of juvenile arrests | 4,900 |
| Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities | 348 |
| Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil | 4.0:1 |
| Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 6 homicides; 1 suicide; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined |

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Children in South Carolina

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1,059,917 children live in South Carolina:
  3,795 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  13,249 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  19,121 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  60,350 are Hispanic
  355,062 are Black, non-Hispanic
  608,340 are White, non-Hispanic

In South Carolina:
A child is born into poverty every 35 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 49 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 16 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 8 days.

South Carolina Ranks:* 
38th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
47th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
48th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia

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Child Poverty in South Carolina
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 218,250 (20.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 103,398 (9.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 32,399
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $205

Child Hunger in South Carolina
Number of children who receive food stamps 257,284
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 496,133
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 114,737

Child Health in South Carolina
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 137,000 (12.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 59,920
### Early Childhood Development in South Carolina

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Children in South Dakota

November 2008

196,890 children live in South Dakota:
   1,807 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   3,240 are Black, non-Hispanic
   5,495 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   7,501 are Hispanic
   25,861 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   152,986 are White, non-Hispanic

In South Dakota:
A child is born into poverty every 3 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 6 weeks.

South Dakota Ranks:*
7th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
30th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
39th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in South Dakota
Number of poor children (and percent poor)      32,511 (16.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)    16,166 (8.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)       5,673
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $501

Child Hunger in South Dakota
Number of children who receive food stamps      29,105
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 57%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 106,067
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 21,795

Child Health in South Dakota
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 18,000 (8.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 14,982
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 68,379
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 59.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 28.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 23.1%

**Early Childhood Development in South Dakota**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 76.4%
Number of children served by Head Start 2,827
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 4,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,240
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 19.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 29.3%

**Education in South Dakota**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $7,464
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 59%

**Child Welfare in South Dakota**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 1,529
Number of children in foster care 1,648
Number of children adopted from foster care 150
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 5,858

**Youth at Risk in South Dakota**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 84.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 8.1%
Number of juvenile arrests 2,214
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 597
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 1.9:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 11
  2 homicides; 7 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Tennessee

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1,471,486 children live in Tennessee:
   3,474 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   20,598 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   27,586 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   80,150 are Hispanic
   307,396 are Black, non-Hispanic
   1,032,282 are White, non-Hispanic

In Tennessee:
A child is born into poverty every 23 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 27 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 12 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 5 days.

Tennessee Ranks:* 
43rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
45th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
45th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Tennessee
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 331,269 (23.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 148,229 (10.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 131,024
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $185

Child Hunger in Tennessee
Number of children who receive food stamps 374,945
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 88%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 696,175
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 160,058

Child Health in Tennessee
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 132,000 (8.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 41,363
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid       649,356
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment     41.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures  16.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized        21.3%

**Early Childhood Development in Tennessee**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 62.6%
Number of children served by Head Start  16,397
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 42,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,436
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 11.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 32.9%

**Education in Tennessee**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $6,850
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 73%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 71%

**Child Welfare in Tennessee**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 19,182
Number of children in foster care 8,818
Number of children adopted from foster care 994
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 71,802

**Youth at Risk in Tennessee**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 71.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 17.0%
Number of juvenile arrests 35,228
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 1,419
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.2:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 77
  48 homicides; 22 suicides; 7 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Texas

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6,623,366 children live in Texas:
   21,845 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   106,586 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   197,497 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   800,050 are Black, non-Hispanic
   2,486,828 are White, non-Hispanic
   3,010,560 are Hispanic

In Texas:
A child is born into poverty every 5 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 8 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 2 days.

Texas Ranks:*
21st among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
27th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
40th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Texas
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 1,512,819
   (23.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 644,798 (9.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 116,201
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $223

Child Hunger in Texas
Number of children who receive food stamps 1,365,363
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 60%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 3,061,259
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 900,396

Child Health in Texas
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 1,454,000
   (20.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 710,690
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 2,660,468
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 66.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 36.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 22.7%

**Early Childhood Development in Texas**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 56.5%
Number of children served by Head Start: 67,630
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 126,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $5,799
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 14.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 58.1%

**Education in Texas**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $7,246
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 70%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 60%

**Child Welfare in Texas**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 69,065
Number of children in foster care: 30,848
Number of children adopted from foster care: 3,409
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 281,681

**Youth at Risk in Texas**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 8.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 72.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 14.6%
Number of juvenile arrests: 169,460
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 8,247
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 264
164 homicides; 84 suicides; 13 accidents; and 3 undetermined

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Children in Utah

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816,822 children live in Utah:
   10,415 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   10,744 are Black, non-Hispanic
   19,761 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   20,420 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   121,014 are Hispanic
   634,468 are White, non-Hispanic

In Utah:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every 40 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks.

Utah Ranks:*  
1st among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
10th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
51st among states in per pupil expenditures.  
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Utah
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 88,741 (11.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 28,176 (3.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 11,364
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $474

Child Hunger in Utah
Number of children who receive food stamps 63,880
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 61%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 312,438
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 64,218

Child Health in Utah
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 112,000 (13.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 44,785
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 174,939
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 57.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 29.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 26.9%

**Early Childhood Development in Utah**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 50.3%
Number of children served by Head Start 5,400
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 13,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,400
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 7.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 13.6%

**Education in Utah**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $5,216
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 66%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 61%

**Child Welfare in Utah**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 13,043
Number of children in foster care 2,427
Number of children adopted from foster care 503
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 16,464

**Youth at Risk in Utah**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.2%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 77.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 8.3%
Number of juvenile arrests 23,519
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 864
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 7.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3 homicides; 7 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Vermont

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131,353 children live in Vermont:
   407 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   1,835 are Black, non-Hispanic
   1,955 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   2,416 are Hispanic
   2,619 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   122,121 are White, non-Hispanic

In Vermont:
   A child is born into poverty every 9 hours.
   A child is abused or neglected every 10 hours.
   A child dies before his or her first birthday every 9 days.
   A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 months.

Vermont Ranks:* 
   4th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
       Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
   5th among states in per pupil expenditures.
       Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
   24th among states in its infant mortality rate.
       Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Vermont
   Number of poor children (and percent poor) 15,907 (12.4%)
   Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 5,888 (4.6%)
   Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 8,858
   Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $709

Child Hunger in Vermont
   Number of children who receive food stamps 18,822
   Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 68%
   Number of children in the School Lunch Program 55,358
   Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 16,308

Child Health in Vermont
   Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 11,000 (7.7%)
   Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 6,132
   Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 68,640
   Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 42.5%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 27.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 32.7%

**Early Childhood Development in Vermont**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 76.1%
Number of children served by Head Start 1,552
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 6,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $7,056
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 30.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 63.7%

**Education in Vermont**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $11,972
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 59%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 51%

**Child Welfare in Vermont**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 861
Number of children in foster care 1,379
Number of children adopted from foster care 164
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 2,175

**Youth at Risk in Vermont**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 3.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 82.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 13.5%
Number of juvenile arrests 1,645
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 54
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 4.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 3
  1 homicide; 2 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Virginia

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1,826,179 children live in Virginia:
   4,563 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   55,807 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   85,299 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   165,220 are Hispanic
   410,319 are Black, non-Hispanic
   1,104,971 are White, non-Hispanic

In Virginia:
A child is born into poverty every 36 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 11 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 5 days.

Virginia Ranks:
22nd among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
35th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
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Child Poverty in Virginia
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  233,841
   (13.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  97,487 (5.4%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  62,469
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $389

Child Hunger in Virginia,
Number of children who receive food stamps  235,793
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  749,702
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  143,271

Child Health in Virginia
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  194,000
   (10.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  144,163
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 459,391
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 55.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 23.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 24.5%

**Early Childhood Development in Virginia**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 64.8%
Number of children served by Head Start: 13,518
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 27,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $7,176
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 8.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 25.5%

**Education in Virginia**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $8,886
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 62%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 58%

**Child Welfare in Virginia**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 6,828
Number of children in foster care: 7,843
Number of children adopted from foster care: 551
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 61,333

**Youth at Risk in Virginia**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 4.8%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 74.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 11.5%
Number of juvenile arrests: 34,797
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 2,310
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2.4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 79
54 homicides; 22 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined

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Children in Washington

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1,536,368 children live in Washington:
   25,579 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   62,313 are Black, non-Hispanic
   82,353 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   99,829 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   237,859 are Hispanic
   1,028,435 are White, non-Hispanic

In Washington:
A child is born into poverty every 36 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 21 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 8 days.

Washington Ranks:*
1st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
2nd among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
35th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
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Child Poverty in Washington
Number of poor children (and percent poor)       226,424
                                                 (15.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)       104,261 (6.9%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)       113,364
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three       $546

Child Hunger in Washington
Number of children who receive food stamps       219,633
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps       68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program       526,669
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)       165,206

Child Health in Washington
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)       126,000 (7.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)       14,734
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid       635,396
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 52.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 25.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 31.0%

Early Childhood Development in Washington
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 57.6%
Number of children served by Head Start: 11,278
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 53,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $8,804
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 10.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 20.5%

Education in Washington
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $7,717
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 56%

Child Welfare in Washington
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 7,294
Number of children in foster care: 10,457
Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,196
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 40,370

Youth at Risk in Washington
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 6.9%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 72.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 17.6%
Number of juvenile arrests: 34,902
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,455
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 4.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 44
  20 homicides; 21 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined

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Children in West Virginia

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387,381 children live in West Virginia:
   669 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
   2,757 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
   5,963 are Hispanic
   7,300 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
   18,017 are Black, non-Hispanic
   352,675 are White, non-Hispanic

In West Virginia:
A child is born into poverty every 1 hour.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 3 weeks.

West Virginia Ranks:* 
18th among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
41st among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
46th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in West Virginia
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 86,277 (22.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 40,505 (10.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 18,702
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $340

Child Hunger in West Virginia
Number of children who receive food stamps 104,475
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 80%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 208,204
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 49,588

Child Health in West Virginia
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 29,000 (7.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 38,582
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 195,095
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 51.1%
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Children in Wisconsin

November 2008

1,321,279 children live in Wisconsin:
- 14,568 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
- 30,182 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
- 38,689 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- 102,221 are Hispanic
- 112,987 are Black, non-Hispanic
- 1,022,632 are White, non-Hispanic

**In Wisconsin:**

A child is born into poverty every 45 minutes.
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 19 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 1 week.

**Wisconsin Ranks:**

- 14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  - Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
- 15th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
- 22nd 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 Wisconsin**

- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 186,980 (14.4%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 75,959 (5.9%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 37,522
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $673

**Child Hunger in Wisconsin**

- Number of children who receive food stamps 202,616
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 59%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 597,202
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 116,761

**Child Health in Wisconsin**

- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 81,000 (5.8%)
- Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 62,523
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 417,492
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**Early Childhood Development in Wisconsin**

- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 72.1%
- Number of children served by Head Start: 13,538
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 29,500
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $10,524
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 15.2%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 53.3%

**Education in Wisconsin**

- Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $9,755
- Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 64%
- Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 53%

**Child Welfare in Wisconsin**

- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 8,583
- Number of children in foster care: 7,556
- Number of children adopted from foster care: 885
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 27,417

**Youth at Risk in Wisconsin**

- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 4.2%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 87.5%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 15.3%
- Number of juvenile arrests: 103,275
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 1,347
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3:1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 56
  - 33 homicides; 20 suicides; 3 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Wyoming

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125,365 children live in Wyoming:
  985 are Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
  2,124 are Black, non-Hispanic
  3,002 are two or more races, non-Hispanic
  4,028 are American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic
  13,296 are Hispanic
  101,930 are White, non-Hispanic

In Wyoming:
A child is born into poverty every 9 hours.
A child is abused or neglected every 12 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 week.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire ever 7 weeks.

Wyoming Ranks:*
12th among states in per pupil expenditures.
  Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
25th among states in its infant mortality rate.
  Best state is Utah; worst is the District of Columbia
35th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
  Best states are Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; worst state is Mississippi
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Child Poverty in Wyoming
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 14,318 (11.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 6,314 (5.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 513
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $340

Child Hunger in Wyoming
Number of children who receive food stamps 10,681
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 49%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 53,565
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 12,341

Child Health in Wyoming
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 13,000 (9.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 8,570
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 50,582
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 63.6%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 30.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 29.8%

**Early Childhood Development in Wyoming**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 66.2%
Number of children served by Head Start 1,840
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 4,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $6,248
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 21.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 30.5%

**Education in Wyoming**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $10,190
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 56%

**Child Welfare in Wyoming**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 786
Number of children in foster care 1,304
Number of children adopted from foster care 57
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 4,564

**Youth at Risk in Wyoming**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 76.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 11.4%
Number of juvenile arrests 6,682
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 315
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 4.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 7

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