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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Children in Alabama

November 2008

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

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 578,954
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

November 2008

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
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**Early Childhood Development in Arizona**

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<td>Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force</td>
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<td>Number of children served by Head Start</td>
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<td>Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center</td>
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<td>Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs</td>
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<td>Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs</td>
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<td>Amount spent per pupil in the public schools</td>
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<td>Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level</td>
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**Child Welfare in Arizona**

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<td>Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect</td>
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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>
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<td>Number of grandparents raising grandchildren</td>
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**Youth at Risk in Arizona**

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<td>Averaged freshman high school graduation rate</td>
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
<td>14.1%</td>
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<td>Number of juvenile arrests</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>
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<td>Number of children and teens killed by firearms:</td>
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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 every 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

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<td>Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)</td>
<td>8,749 (10.0%)</td>
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<td>Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</td>
<td>18,965</td>
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<td>Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three</td>
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Child Hunger in Arkansas

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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>
<td>347,040</td>
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<td>Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)</td>
<td>84,457</td>
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Child Health in Arkansas

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<td>Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)</td>
<td>70,000 (9.5%)</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</td>
<td>89,642</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in Medicaid</td>
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<td>Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment</td>
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<td>Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures</td>
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<td>Number of children served by Head Start</td>
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<td>Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center</td>
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<td>Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs</td>
<td>31.3%</td>
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<td>Education in Arkansas</td>
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<td>Amount spent per pupil in the public schools</td>
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<td>Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level</td>
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<td>Youth at Risk in Arkansas</td>
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates</td>
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<td>Averaged freshman high school graduation rate</td>
<td>80.4%</td>
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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<td>Number of juvenile arrests</td>
<td>11,389</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>2.5:1</td>
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<td>Number of children and teens killed by firearms:</td>
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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 every 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:
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: 44
19 homicides; 20 suicides; 4 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in Connecticut

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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 every 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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Children in Delaware

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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 ever 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: 7
4 homicides; 3 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in The District of Columbia

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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
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 25,597 (22.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 13,570 (12.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 11,965
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $379

Child Hunger in The District of Columbia
Number of children who receive food stamps 34,796
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 42,685
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 15,190

Child Health in The District of Columbia
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 9,000 (7.3%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 6,566
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 77,573
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 48.4%
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 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 ever 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

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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
Number of poor children (and percent poor) 27,608 (9.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 13,181 (4.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 13,739
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $570

Child Hunger in Hawaii
Number of children who receive food stamps 36,989
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps 70%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program 101,491
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 32,612

Child Health in Hawaii
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 18,000 (5.8%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) 23,958
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 91,521
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 43.0%
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

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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
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment: 51.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures: 19.7%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized: 26.5%

**Early Childhood Development in Illinois**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 62.5%
Number of children served by Head Start: 39,640
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 82,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $7,802
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 31.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 44.6%

**Education in Illinois**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools: $8,896
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level: 68%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math: 64%

**Child Welfare in Illinois**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 27,756
Number of children in foster care: 18,367
Number of children adopted from foster care: 1,740
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 101,879

**Youth at Risk in Illinois**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates: 6.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 79.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 16.7%
Number of juvenile arrests: 33,775
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 2,631
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 2.8:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:
111 homicides; 13 suicides; 6 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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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 every 6 days.

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

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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
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**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 every 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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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
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**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:
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   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: 110
67 homicides; 30 suicides; 12 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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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 ever 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**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force  64.7%
Number of children served by Head Start  3,871
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG  5,400
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center  $7,020
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs  16.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs  40.8%

**Education in Maine**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools  $10,342
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level  64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math  58%

**Child Welfare in Maine**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect  3,548
Number of children in foster care  2,076
Number of children adopted from foster care  331
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren  7,471

**Youth at Risk in Maine**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates  4.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate  76.6%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed  14.4%
Number of juvenile arrests  7,765
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities  210
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil  4:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms:  0 homicides; 1 suicide; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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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 every 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
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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 every 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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768,704 children live in Mississippi:
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   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:
  12 homicides; 9 suicides; 7 accidents; and 2 undetermined

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Children in Missouri

November 2008

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

November 2008

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 ever 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 ever 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
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
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<td>Number of juvenile arrests</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>
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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 ever 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 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

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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 New Jersey

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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) (12.5%)</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</td>
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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 mong 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
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 38.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 14.5%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 22.2%

**Early Childhood Development in New York**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 58.4%
Number of children served by Head Start 48,818
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 123,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $10,473
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 16.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 54.7%

**Education in New York**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $13,703
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 New York**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 80,077
Number of children in foster care 29,973
Number of children adopted from foster care 2,810
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 132,010

**Youth at Risk in New York**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.5%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 67.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 17.6%
Number of juvenile arrests 48,209
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 4,197
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 2.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 93
66 homicides; 20 suicides; 6 accidents; and 1 undetermined

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Children in North Carolina

November 2008

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
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**Early Childhood Development in North Carolina**

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<td>Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force</td>
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<td>Number of children served by Head Start</td>
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<td>Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG</td>
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<td>Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center</td>
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**Education in North Carolina**

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<td>Amount spent per pupil in the public schools</td>
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<td>Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level</td>
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**Child Welfare in North Carolina**

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<td>Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect</td>
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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>
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**Youth at Risk in North Carolina**

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<td>Averaged freshman high school graduation rate</td>
<td>71.8%</td>
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<td>Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed</td>
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<td>Number of juvenile arrests</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>
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<td>Number of children and teens killed by firearms:</td>
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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

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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
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 49.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 16.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 22.3%

**Early Childhood Development in Ohio**
Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force 66.5%
Number of children served by Head Start 37,940
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG 39,900
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center $5,385
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 14.9%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs 21.3%

**Education in Ohio**
Amount spent per pupil in the public schools $9,330
Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level 64%
Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math 54%

**Child Welfare in Ohio**
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect 41,449
Number of children in foster care 16,631
Number of children adopted from foster care 1,803
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren 90,447

**Youth at Risk in Ohio**
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates 5.1%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate 79.4%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed 16.4%
Number of juvenile arrests 38,509
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities 4,149
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil 3.1:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 118
78 homicides; 28 suicides; 12 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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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 every 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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Children in Oregon

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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 every 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 every 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:  7
  6 homicides; 1 suicide; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in South Carolina

November 2008

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)  
  (20.9%) 218,250
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)  
  (12.2%) 137,000
Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)  
  59,920
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid
445,826

Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment
47.7%

Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures
28.6%

Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized
20.5%

**Early Childhood Development in South Carolina**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force
65.4%

Number of children served by Head Start
12,248

Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG
19,700

Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center
$5,460

Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs
19.9%

Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs
54.3%

**Education in South Carolina**

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools
$7,549

Percent of public school fourth graders reading below grade level
74%

Percent of public school fourth graders below grade level in math
64%

**Child Welfare in South Carolina**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect
10,795

Number of children in foster care
4,920

Number of children adopted from foster care
425

Number of grandparents raising grandchildren
50,206

**Youth at Risk in South Carolina**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates
8.5%

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate
No data

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed
21.6%

Number of juvenile arrests
23,565

Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities
1,320

Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil
2.2:1

Number of children and teens killed by firearms:

24 homicides; 12 suicides; 5 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in South Dakota

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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

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<td>Number of children enrolled in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in Medicaid</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: 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: 10
3 homicides; 7 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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Children in Vermont

November 2008

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
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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: 54 homicides; 22 suicides; 1 accident; and 2 undetermined

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Children in Washington

November 2008

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

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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  
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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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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 every 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
3 homicides; 4 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined

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