Children’s Defense Fund

Children in the States: Sources

Data are the most current available as of November 2008. More recent data on many of these indicators will become available throughout the year. Web sites were correct as of November 2008.


**Moments**

All "moments" are calculated by Children’s Defense Fund, based on data from these sources:

**Born Poor:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17001.

**Abuse and Neglect:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, *Child Maltreatment 2006* (2008), Table 3-3.


**Rankings**

All rankings are calculated by Children’s Defense Fund, based on data from the following sources. 1st represents the best state for children on the specific measure, 51st represents the worst state for children.


**Child Poverty**

**Poor Children, number and percent:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17001.

**Children in Extreme Poverty, number and percent:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B17024.

Number of recipients as of March 2008.


Maximum benefit levels for a three-person family as of January 2005.

Child Hunger

Children Receiving Food Stamps: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations from the FSPQC datafiles.

Number of children for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.


Participation rates are for all eligible persons, both adults and children.


Participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.


Participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

Child Health


The estimated percentage of uninsured children in each state is the average of the percentage of uninsured children in that state over three years. Three-year averages are used because of small sample sizes in some states. In March 2007, the Census Bureau changed the way health coverage was determined and issued revised data for a number of years of the ASEC including 2006. The average percentage of uninsured children in this table is based on the revised 2006 ASEC, and the 2007 and 2008 ASEC surveys. The estimated number of uninsured children in each state is calculated by applying that average percentage to the most recent Census estimates of children younger than 19 in the state.


Children between the ages of 19 and 35 months old at the time of the survey.

Based on the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series, which consists of 4 or more doses of any diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccines (DTaP/DTP/DT), 3 or more doses of any poliovirus vaccine, 1 or more doses of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, 3 or more doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine, 3 or more doses of hepatitis B vaccine, and 1 or more doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Early Childhood Development


Enrollment for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.


Recipients for Federal Fiscal Year 2006.

Cost of Child Care: National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, Parents and the High Price of Child Care (October 2007), Detail Table 1, used with permission.


Education


Child Welfare


Youth at Risk


Percent of teens ages 16 through 19 who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.


Percentage of high school students who graduate on time, that is, within four years of entering 9th grade.


Percent of teens ages 16 through 19 in the labor force who do not have a job. The labor force is made up of those who have a job and those who are looking for work.


Costs are operating costs only, and do not include facility construction or renovation.

Total firearm deaths and homicides exclude legal intervention deaths (deaths as a result of law enforcement activity).

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