

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.

Number of Children, total and by race/ethnicity: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State Single Year of Age and Sex Population Estimates: April 1, 200 to July 1, 2007 - RESIDENT," at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2007-AGESEX-RES.csv>>; and Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin," at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2007-alldata6.csv>>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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.

Infant Deaths: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 56, No. 10, "Deaths: Final Data for 2005" (January 2008), Table 32.

Firearm Deaths: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS, at <<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/>>.

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.

Low Birthweight: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 56, No. 6, "Births: Final Data for 2005" (December 5, 2007), Table 36.

Infant Mortality: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 56, No. 10, "Deaths: Final Data for 2005" (January 2008), Table 32.

Per Pupil Expenditures: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics 2007* (March 2008), Table 172.

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.

TANF Recipients: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/2008/caseload_2008_1.xls> .

Number of recipients as of March 2008.

TANF Benefit Levels: U.S. Congress, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, CRS Report for Congress, "The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions" (August 1, 2007), Table 5.

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.

Percent Food Stamp Eligibles: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, *Reaching Those In Need: State Food Stamp Participation Rates in 2005* (October 2007), p. 5.

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

Recipients of School Lunch: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations from the National Data Bank.

Participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

WIC Recipients: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations from the National Data Bank.

Participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

Child Health

Uninsured Children, number and percent: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2006 (revised), 2007, and 2008 Annual Social & Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS); and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State Single Year of Age and Sex Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007 - RESIDENT" at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2007-AGESEX-RES.csv>>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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.

SCHIP Enrollment: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, SCHIP Statistical Enrollment Data System (SEDS) (February 7, 2008), at <<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalSCHIPPolicy/downloads/SCHIPEverEnrolledYEARFY2007FINAL.PDF>>, accessed October 2008.

Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicaid Statistical Information System, FY 2005, at <<http://msis.cms.hhs.gov/>>, accessed October 2008. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Immunization: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2007 National Immunization Survey, at <<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/stats-surv/imz-coverage.htm>>, accessed October 2009. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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

Parents in the Labor Force: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B23008, at <<http://factfinder.census.gov>> . Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Head Start Enrollment: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Head Start Bureau, "Head Start Program Fact Sheet," at <<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/about/fy2008.html>> .

Enrollment for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

Children Served by CCDF/CCDBG: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Child Care and Development Fund, Table 1, "Average Monthly Adjusted Number of Families and Children Served," at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/06acf800/table1.htm>.

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.

3-year-olds and 4-year-olds Enrolled in State Pre-K Programs: National Institute for Early Education Research, *The State of Preschool 2007* (2007), Tables 2, 4 and 5.

Education

Per Pupil Expenditures: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics 2007* (March 2008), Table 172.

4th Grade Reading Achievement: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Education Progress, *The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2007* (2007), Tables A-8 and A-9. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

4th Grade Math Achievement: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Education Progress, *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2007* (2007), Tables A-8 and A-9. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Child Welfare

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

Children in Foster Care: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, "Foster Care FY2002 - FY2006 Entries, Exits, and Numbers of Children In Care on the Last Day of Each Federal Fiscal Year," at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2006.htm>.

Children Adopted from Foster Care: Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, "Adoptions of Children with Public Welfare Agency Involvement by State FY 1995 - FY 2006," at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/adoptchild06.pdf> .

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B10050.

Youth at Risk

Dropout percent: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2007 American Community Survey, Table B14005. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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

Averaged Freshman Graduation Rate: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public School Graduates and Dropouts from the Common Core of Data: School Year 2005-06, First Look* (August 2008), Table 1.

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

Teen Unemployment Rate: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2007 annual averages," at <<http://www.bls.gov/lau/ptable14full2007.pdf>> .

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.

Juvenile Arrests: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2006* (September 2007), Tables 32 and 69.

Children and Teens in Juvenile Residential Facilities: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and National Center for Juvenile Justice, OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book, "Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook," at <<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/cjrp/asp/Selection.asp>>.

Ratio, Cost Per Prisoner vs. Cost Per Pupil: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics 2005* (July 2006), Table 166; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *State Government Finances: 2003*, at <<http://www.census.gov/govs/www/state.html>>, extracted May 2006; and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2003* (May 2004), NCJ 203947, Table 2. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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

Firearm Deaths of Children and Teens: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS, at <<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/>>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

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

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