Child Hunger and Nutrition
- 27 percent of children ages 10-17 were overweight or obese in 2017.
- 90 percent of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch during the 2017-2018 school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2018.

Child Health
- 33,715 children ages 0-18 (5 percent) were uninsured in 2018.
- 426,599 children ages 0-18 were enrolled in ARKids First (Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs) in 2018.

Early Childhood
- $6,443 was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2018.
- 32 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded preschool during 2017-2018.

Education
- 85 percent of Black, 73 percent of Hispanic and 63 percent of white 4th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2019.
- 89 percent of Black, 71 percent of Hispanic and 65 percent of white 8th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2019.
- 83 percent of Black, 86 percent of Hispanic and 90 percent of white students graduated high school on time during 2016-2017.
- 18 percent of Black, 4 percent of Hispanic and 5 percent of white public school students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2013-2014.

Child Welfare
- 8,538 children were abused or neglected in 2018.
- 4,234 children were in foster care on the last day of FY2018.

Youth Justice
- 585 children were in residential placement in 2017. 42 percent were Black; 14 percent were Hispanic; and 40 percent were white.
- 24 children were in adult prisons in 2017.

Gun Violence
- 58 children and teens were killed with guns in 2017.

Note: All numbers in this factsheet are included in the Children’s Defense Fund’s The State of America’s Children® 2020 report, and most have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Facts for states and the District of Columbia were omitted when data were not available. Citations for all data may be found in The State of America’s Children® 2020.