179,356 children lived in Alaska in 2021. 52% were children of color: 3% were Black; 10% were Hispanic; 8% were Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; and 19% were American Indian/Alaska Native.

12% of Alaska’s children were poor in 2021—a total of 21,833 children—and children of color were disproportionately poor. 0% of Black; 4% of Hispanic; and 8% of White children were poor.

6% of children were extremely poor (their family had income below half the poverty level).

11% of children under 6 were poor.

$108,600 was the median income for White families with children compared with $81,200 for Hispanic families in 2021.

2,578 unhoused children were enrolled in public schools during 2020-2021.

2.4 full-time jobs at minimum wage were needed for a family to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent in FY2022.

15% of children lived in food-insecure households in 2020.

17% of children relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in FY2020.

80% of children receiving free or reduced price lunch during the 2020-2021 school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2021.

14,699 children ages 0-18 (8%) were uninsured in 2021.

104,013 children ages 0-18 were enrolled in Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) and All Kids (Children’s Health Insurance Program) in 2022.

$711,760 was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2021.

5% of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state funded preschool during 2020-2021.

72% of Hispanic and 65% of White 4th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2022.

75% of Hispanic and 60% of White 8th grade public school students were not proficient in reading in 2022.

74% of Black; 77% of Hispanic; and 84% of White students graduated high school on time during 2019-2020.

9% of Black; 4% of Hispanic; and 3% of White public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2017-2018.

2,733 children were abused or neglected in 2021.

2,828 children were in foster care on the last day of FY2021.

255 children were in residential placement in 2019; 12% were Black; 1% were Hispanic; and 36% were White.

0 children were in adult jails or prisons in 2021.

17 children and teens were killed with guns in 2021.