Children in Texas

March 2013

6,875,255 children live in Texas:

- 2,323,123 are White, non-Hispanic
- 841,872 are Black
- 3,327,775 are Hispanic
- 244,456 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 38,924 are American Indian/Alaska Native

- 1,959,608 are under the age of 5
- 3,498,153 are ages 5 to 13
- 1,502,977 are ages 14 to 17
- 5,001,130 are ages 5 to 17

In Texas:
A child is abused or neglected every 8 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 hours.

Texas Ranks:*

33rd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

23rd among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

43rd among states in per pupil expenditures.
   The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

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

Child Poverty in Texas

- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 1,829,214 (26.6%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 762,622 (11.1%)
- Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 95,371
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $260

Child Health in Texas

- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 1,072,815 (15.4%)
- Number of children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 972,715
- CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty ($47,100 for a family of four)
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 3,471,310
- Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 66.5%
- Medicaid and CHIP participation rate 79.7%
- Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 44.6%
- Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized 25.4%

Child Hunger in Texas

- Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps) 2,188,000
- Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps) 65%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 3,374,182
- Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program 177,353
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 969,893
### Early Childhood Development in Texas

- **Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force**: 58.4%
- **Number of children served by Head Start**: 93,132
- **Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG**: 140,700
- **Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center**: $6,414
- **Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs**: 15.5%
- **Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs**: 62.5%

### Education in Texas

- **Annual expenditure per public school pupil**: $8,788
- **Percent of public school fourth graders**: 61.0%
- **Percent of public school eighth graders**: 60.0%
- **Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school**: 88,226 (5.9%)

### Child Welfare in Texas

- **Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect**: 63,474
- **Number of children in foster care**: 30,109
- **Number of children adopted from foster care**: 4,718
- **Number of grandparents raising grandchildren**: 328,712

### Youth at Risk in Texas

- **Averaged freshman high school graduation rate**: 78.9%
- **Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed**: 25.6%
- **Number of juvenile arrests**: 121,237
- **Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities**: 5,831
- **Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil**: 2.3
- **Number of children and teens killed by firearms**: 202

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This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit: [www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits).

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