Children in Oklahoma
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922,098 children live in Oklahoma:
   521,683 are White, non-Hispanic
   76,600 are Black
   127,371 are Hispanic
   16,297 are Asian/Pacific Islander
   82,982 are American Indian/Alaska Native
   121,036 are two or more races

In Oklahoma:
A child is abused or neglected every 1 hour.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 22 hours.

Oklahoma Ranks:*  
29th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
   Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi  
34th among states in its infant mortality rate.  
   Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia  
49th 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 Oklahoma
Number of poor children (and percent poor)  226,679 (24.7%)  
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)  98,058 (10.7%)  
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  19,835  
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  $292

Child Health in Oklahoma
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)  113,925 (11.9%)  
Number of children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)  122,874  
CHIP eligibility: 185 percent of federal poverty ($42,643 for a family of four)  
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  477,181  
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment  56.6%  
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate  32.3%  
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures  84.5%  
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized  38.4%

Child Hunger in Oklahoma
Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)  264,000  
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)  68%  
Number of children in the School Lunch Program  452,415  
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program  10,628  
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)  126,944
### Early Childhood Development in Oklahoma

- **Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force**: 61.4%
- **Number of children served by Head Start**: 20,852
- **Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG**: 22,600
- **Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center**: $5,200
- **Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs**: 14.4%
- **Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs**: 85.8%

### Education in Oklahoma

- **Annual expenditure per public school pupil**: $7,878
- **Percent of public school fourth graders**:
  - unable to read at grade level: 73.4%
  - unable to do math at grade level: 66.5%
- **Percent of public school eighth graders**:
  - unable to read at grade level: 73.3%
  - unable to do math at grade level: 72.7%
- **Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who have dropped out of high school**: 15,743

### Child Welfare in Oklahoma

- **Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect**: 7,207
- **Number of children in foster care**: 7,857
- **Number of children adopted from foster care**: 1,628
- **Number of grandparents raising grandchildren**: 44,074

### Youth at Risk in Oklahoma

- **Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates**: 7.4%
- **Averaged freshman high school graduation rate**: 77.3%
- **Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed**: 22.0%
- **Number of juvenile arrests**: 16,365
- **Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities**: 923
- **Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil**: 2.34
- **Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides**: 25
- **Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides**: 17

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