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713,155 children live in Iowa:
  5,035 are American Indian/Alaska Native
  14,567 are Asian/Pacific Islander
  19,325 are two or more races
  31,058 are Black
  55,999 are Hispanic
  592,652 are White, non-Hispanic

In Iowa:
A child is abused or neglected every 40 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 24 days.

Iowa Ranks:*
8th among states in its infant mortality rate.
   Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia
8th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
   Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
31st among states in per pupil expenditures.
   Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Iowa
Number of poor children (and percent poor)                    109,423 (15.7%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 44,221 (6.3%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 55,888
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three $426

Child Health in Iowa
Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 41,000 (5.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)* 52,608**
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty ($66,150 for a family of four)
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 224,616**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate 86.5%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 47.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures 23.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 34.4%

*States may have a different name for CHIP
**The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day
### Child Hunger in Iowa
- Number of children who receive food stamps: 111,610
- Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps: 74%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only): 147,839
- Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program: 8,982
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children): 72,555

### Early Childhood Development in Iowa
- Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force: 75.4%
- Number of children served by Head Start: 9,347
- Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG: 15,100
- Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center: $7,062
- Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 11.1%
- Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs: 39.2%

### Education in Iowa
- Annual expenditure per prisoner: $25,652
- Annual expenditure per public school pupil: $8,355
- Percent of public school fourth graders:
  - unable to read at grade level: 66%
  - unable to do math at grade level: 59%
- Percent of public school eighth graders:
  - unable to read at grade level: 68%
  - unable to do math at grade level: 66%
- Number of high school students who drop out of school annually: 8,965

### Child Welfare in Iowa
- Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect: 13,007
- Number of children in foster care: 6,564
- Number of children adopted from foster care: 967
- Number of grandparents raising grandchildren: 14,450

### Youth at Risk in Iowa
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates: 5.1%
- Averaged freshman high school graduation rate: 86.4%
- Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed: 16.4%
- Number of juvenile arrests: 18,341
- Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities: 954
- Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil: 3.1
- Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 15
  - 4 homicides; 10 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit [www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits)

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