



INDIANA'S CHILDREN 2010

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Indiana's Children At a Glance*

State Population ¹	6,376,792
Population, Children Under 18 ²	1,583,752
State Poverty Rate ³	14.3%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁴	23.3%
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁵	21.3%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁶	22.6%

*All statistics are for 2008.

- In 2007, Indiana had 68,971 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 41,900 reports were referred for investigation.⁷
- In 2007, 18,380 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Indiana, a rate of 11.6 per 1,000 children, representing a 12.2% decrease from 2006. Of these children, 12,302 were neglected, 1,361 were physically abused, and 2,861 were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2007, 53 children in Indiana died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁹
- In 2007, 11,372 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 11,384 children in 2006. In 2007, 4,322 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,814 were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of Indiana children in out-of-home care in 2007, 57.1% were white, 29.4% black, 7.3% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 6.1% children of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 7,427 children exiting out-of-home care in Indiana in 2007, 62.1% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2007, 1,291 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Indiana, a 9.1% increase from 1,183 in 2006.¹³
- Of the 11,372 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 3,211 or 28.2% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- In 2008, approximately 59,302 Indiana grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 11,372 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 15.2% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all Indiana children in kinship care in 2007, 55.8% were white, 32.9% were black, 4.3% were Hispanic, <.1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 7.0% were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Indiana decreased from 117,361 in March 2008 to 105,064 in March 2009, a decrease of 10.5%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2009 was 40,582, a 1.2% decrease from March 2008.¹⁸
- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Indiana was at 32.6% of the federal poverty guideline.¹⁹
- In 2007, Indiana spent \$284,534,514 in TANF funds, including 35.9% on basic assistance, 0.0% on child care, 2.0% on transportation, and 62% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2008, Indiana spent \$73,815,080 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), serving 155,816 participants.²¹
- In 2008, Indiana collected and distributed \$595,184,963 in child support funds, an increase of 11.0% from 2007.²²
- In 2009, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Indiana was \$697 per month. The wage needed to afford this rent was \$13.41 per hour, working a 40-hour week.²³

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2007, Indiana had a monthly average of 35,200 children served by subsidized child care; 32,800 children received subsidized child care in 2006, and 32,200 in 2005.²⁴
- In 2009, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Indiana, a family of three could make no more than \$22,356, which is equivalent to 39% of the state's median income.²⁵
- As of early 2009, Indiana had 9,629 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁶
- In 2007, Head Start served 14,213 Indiana children, a 0.3% decrease from 2001.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2006, 591,600 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana—58.2% of the total number of enrollees.²⁸
- In 2007, 17,268 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana on the basis of being in foster care.²⁹
- In 2007, of the 17,268 children enrolled in Medicaid on the basis of being in foster care, 601 received Targeted Case Management services, and 3,649 received Rehabilitative Services.³⁰
- In 2008, Indiana had 71,253 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 4.2% increase from 2007, when 68,394 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2008, Indiana had 96,000 uninsured children, representing 6.0% of its child population.³²
- In 2006, 7,268 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Indiana a rank of 24 nationally in percent of low-weight births (a rank of 1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2006, 708 infants under age 1 died in Indiana, giving it a rank of 40 nationally in terms of infant mortality rates (a rank of 1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³⁴
- In 2006, the birthrate for teens 15–17 in Indiana was 21 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 80. This reflects a total rate of 44 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2007, 8,572 adults and adolescents, as well as 56 children younger than 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Indiana.³⁶
- In 2007, an estimated 40,000 children ages 12–17, and 266,000 adults age 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Indiana.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2007, 304 children aged out of out-of-home care in Indiana.³⁸
- In 2008, 30,000 Indiana teens ages 16–19 were high-school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2008, 28,000 teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2007, 92,000 people ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2007, approximately 24,000 children ages 12–17 in Indiana needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2007, approximately 26,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2006, 48 Indiana children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.6 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2006, 45 children under age 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Indiana, a 66.7% increase from 27 in 2005.⁴⁵
- In 2008, 38,675 children younger than 18 were arrested in Indiana, a 10.0% increase from 35,144 arrests in 2007. Of the arrests in 2008, 1,498 were for violent crimes and 297 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁶
- A 2006 census of juvenile offenders showed 2,616 children in juvenile correction facilities in Indiana.⁴⁷

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR INDIANA'S CHILDREN

- In 2006, Indiana spent \$649,066,626 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 28% was from federal funds, 18% from state funds, and 54.4% from local funds.⁴⁸
- In 2006, of the \$178,666,198 in federal funds received for child welfare, 61% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 7% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 1% was from Medicaid, 5% came from the Social Services Block Grant, 26% was from TANF, and 0% came from other federal sources.⁴⁹
- Out of 11,372 children in out-of-home care in Indiana in 2007, only 4,417, or 38.8%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵⁰

INDIANA'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover, and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well-being for children.⁵¹
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for that child and family.⁵²
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵³
- In 2004, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Indiana was \$29,172; the median income for a family of four in Indiana was \$63,573.⁵⁴

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