



NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN 2010

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

New Hampshire's Children At a Glance*

State Population ¹	1,315,809
Population, Children Under 18 ²	292,764
State Poverty Rate ³	7.0%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁴	8.6%
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁵	8.1%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁶	11.0%

*All statistics are for 2008.

- In 2007, New Hampshire had 16,350 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 6,834 reports were referred for investigation.⁷
- In 2007, 912 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in New Hampshire, a rate of 3.1 per 1,000 children, representing a 10.9% increase from 2006. Of these children, 556 were neglected, 114 were physically abused, and 115 were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2007, 5 children in New Hampshire died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁹
- In 2007, 1,084 children in New Hampshire lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 1,146 children in 2006. In 2007, 290 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 276 were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of New Hampshire children in out-of-home care in 2007, 80.0% were white, 4.1% black, 6.1% Hispanic, <.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 9.7% children of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 591 children exiting out-of-home care in New Hampshire in 2007, 34.2% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2007, 138 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New Hampshire, a 2.2% increase from 135 in 2006.¹³
- Of the 1,084 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 244 or 22.5% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- In 2008, approximately 4,833 New Hampshire grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 1,084 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 14.8% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all New Hampshire children in kinship care in 2007, 81.3% were white, 2.5% were black, 5.6% were Hispanic, 0.0% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 10.6% were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in New Hampshire increased from 9,886 in March 2008 to 11,950 in March 2009, an increase of 20.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2009 was 5,573, a 17.8% increase from March 2008.¹⁸
- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in New Hampshire was at 51.6% of the federal poverty guideline.¹⁹
- In 2007, New Hampshire spent \$87,876,935 in TANF funds, including 32.8% on basic assistance, 0.0% on child care, 0.0% on transportation, and 60% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2008, New Hampshire spent \$8,977,934 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), serving 17,905 participants.²¹
- In 2008, New Hampshire collected and distributed \$86,864,481 in child support funds, an increase of 3.7% from 2007.²²
- In 2009, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New Hampshire was \$1,015 per month. The wage needed to afford this rent was \$19.51 per hour, working a 40-hour week.²³

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2007, New Hampshire had a monthly average of 7,600 children served by subsidized child care; 7,500 children received subsidized child care in 2006, and 7,100 in 2005.²⁴
- In 2009, to be eligible for subsidized child care in New Hampshire, a family of three could make no more than \$44,000, which is equivalent to 60% of the state's median income.²⁵
- As of early 2009, New Hampshire had no children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁶
- In 2007, Head Start served 1,632 New Hampshire children, statistically no change from 2001.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2006, 86,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in New Hampshire—60.7% of the total number of enrollees.²⁸
- In 2007, 2,678 children were enrolled in Medicaid in New Hampshire on the basis of being in foster care.²⁹
- In 2007, of the 2,678 children enrolled in Medicaid on the basis of being in foster care, 0 received Targeted Case Management services, and 126 received Rehabilitative Services.³⁰
- In 2008, New Hampshire had 8,009 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 8.0% increase from 2007, when 7,415 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2008, New Hampshire had 11,000 uninsured children, representing 3.7% of its child population.³²
- In 2006, 994 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving New Hampshire a rank of 8 nationally in percent of low-weight births (a rank of 1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2006, 87 infants under age 1 died in New Hampshire, giving it a rank of 17 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 New Hampshire was 8 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 36. This reflects a total rate of 19 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2007, 1,124 adults and adolescents, as well as 10 children younger than 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in New Hampshire.³⁶
- In 2007, an estimated 10,000 children ages 12–17, and 66,000 adults age 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in New Hampshire.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2007, 56 children aged out of out-of-home care in New Hampshire.³⁸
- In 2008, 3,000 New Hampshire teens ages 16–19 were high-school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2008, 3,000 teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2007, 11,000 people ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2007, approximately 5,000 children ages 12–17 in New Hampshire needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2007, approximately 7,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2006, 4 New Hampshire children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.12 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2006, 1 child under age 18 was killed in firearm homicides in New Hampshire, no change from 1 in 2005.⁴⁵
- In 2008, 6,906 children younger than 18 were arrested in New Hampshire, a 4.6% increase from 6,602 arrests in 2007. Of the arrests in 2008, 93 were for violent crimes and 13 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁶

- A 2006 census of juvenile offenders showed 189 children in juvenile correction facilities in New Hampshire.⁴⁷

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN

- In 2006, New Hampshire spent \$81,554,399 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 59% was from federal funds, 33% from state funds, and 8.2% from local funds.⁴⁸
- In 2006, of the \$48,316,595 in federal funds received for child welfare, 36% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 4% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 34% was from Medicaid, 9% came from the Social Services Block Grant, 13% was from TANF, and 5% came from other federal sources.⁴⁹
- Out of 1,084 children in out-of-home care in New Hampshire in 2007, only 472, or 43.5%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵⁰

NEW HAMPSHIRE'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 New Hampshire was \$25,798; the median income for a family of four in New Hampshire was \$72,606.⁵⁴
-

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. (2008). *Table GCT-T1: Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GCTTable?_bm=y&-geo_id=01000US&-_box_head_nbr=GCT-T1&-ds_name=PEP_2008_EST&-_lang=en&-format=US-40&-_sse=on. Washington, DC: Author.
2. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *2008 American Community Survey, Data Profile. Selected Population Profiles: 2008*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS. Washington, DC: Author.
3. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Current Population Survey, 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement. Poverty Status by State: 2008*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/new46_100125_01.htm. Washington, DC: Author.
4. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Current Population Survey, 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement. Poverty Status by State: 2008: People Under 18 Years of Age*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/new46_100125_03.htm. Washington, DC: Author.
5. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Current Population Survey, 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement. Poverty Status by State: 2008: Related Children 5 to 17 Years of Age*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/new46_100125_02.htm. Washington, DC: Author.
6. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *2008 American Community Survey, Data Profile. Selected Population Profiles: 2008*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS. Washington, DC: Author.
7. Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. (2009). *Child Maltreatment 2007: Reports From the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System*. Retrieved October 6, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/table2_1.htm. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
8. Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. (2009). *Child Maltreatment 2007: Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System*. Retrieved October 6, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/table3_3.htm and www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/table3_8.htm. Washington, DC: HHS.
9. Ibid., retrieved October 6, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/table4_1.htm.
10. Special tabulation of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) by National Data Archive for Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) and CWLA.
11. *Other races and ethnicities* includes Asian, Pacific Islander, Hawaiian Native, unknown or unable to determine, missing data, and two or more races. CWLA, special tabulation from AFCARS.
12. Ibid.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.
15. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *2008 American Community Survey, Data Profile. Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2008*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPGeoSearchByListServlet?ds_name=ACS_2008_1YR_G00_&state=adp&q_r_name=ACS_2008_1YR_G00_DP2&-_lang=en&-_ts=272978192013. Washington, DC: Author.
16. Special tabulation of AFCARS by NDACAN and CWLA.
17. Ibid.
18. U.S. Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. (2009). *Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Separate State Program—Maintenance of Effort Aid to Families with Dependant Children: Caseload Data*. Retrieved December 11, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/caseload_current.htm#2009. Washington, DC: HHS.
19. Calculations by CWLA, based on: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2006). *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program: Sixth Annual Report to Congress*. Retrieved February 2, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/annual-report6/ar6index.htm. Washington, DC: Author.
- U.S. Food and Nutrition Service. (2005). Food Stamp Program—Annual State Level Data—State Level Participation. *Characteristics of Food Stamp Households: FY 2003*. Retrieved February 2, 2009, from www.fns.usda.gov/oane/menu/Published/SNAP/FILES/Participation/2003Characteristics.htm. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. (2003). *The 2003 HHS Poverty Guidelines*. Retrieved February 2, 2009, from <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/03poverty.htm>. Washington, DC: HHS.
20. Administration for Children and Families. (2008). *Combined Spending of Federal and State Funds Expended in FY 2007*. Retrieved October 7, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/data/2007/tableF_2007.htm. Washington, DC: HHS.
21. Food and Nutrition Service. (2009). *WIC Program: Food Cost*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from [www.fns.usda.gov/pd/24wicfood\\$.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/24wicfood$.htm). Washington, DC: USDA.
- Food and Nutrition Service. (2009). *WIC Program: Total Participation*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.fns.usda.gov/pd/26wifypart.htm. Washington, DC: USDA.
22. Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement. (2009). *Preliminary Data Report FY 2008 (Preliminary)*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2009/reports/preliminary_report_fy2008/state.html. Washington,

DC: HHS.

23. National Low Income Housing Coalition. (2009). *Out of Reach*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2009/data.cfm?getstate=on&state=_all&CFID=39961440&CFTOKEN=15638621. Washington, DC: Author.
24. Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau. (2009). *FFY 2007 CCDF Data Tables (Preliminary Estimates); Average Monthly Adjusted Number of Children and Families Served*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/07acf800_preliminary/table1.htm. Washington, DC: HHS.
Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau. (2008). *FFY 2006 CCDF Data Tables (Final, July 2008); Average Monthly Adjusted Number of Children and Families Served*. Retrieved November 10, 2008, www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/06acf800/table1.htm. Washington, DC: HHS.
Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau. (2007). *FFY 2005 CCDF Data Tables and Charts; Average Monthly Adjusted Number of Children and Families Served*. Retrieved November 22, 2008, www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/05acf800/table1.htm. Washington, DC: HHS.
25. Schulman, K. & Blank, H. (2009). *State Child Care Assistance Policies 2009: Most States Hold the Line, But Some Lose Ground in Hard Times*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.nwlc.org/pdf/nwlcstatechildcareassistancepolicies2009.pdf. Washington, DC: National Women's Law Center.
26. Ibid.
27. Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start. (2008). *Head Start Program Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008*. Retrieved October 6, 2008, www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/about/fy2008.html. Washington, DC: HHS.
28. Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. (n.d.). *State Medicaid Fact Sheets*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.state-healthfacts.org/medicaid.jsp. Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.
29. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (n.d.). Medicaid Statistical Information System. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from <http://msis.cms.hhs.gov>. Washington, DC: HHS.
30. Ibid.
31. Smith, V., Roberts, D., Marks, C., & Rousseau, D. (2009). *CHIP Enrollment: June 2008 Data Snapshot*. Retrieved October 14, 2009, from www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7642-03.pdf. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.
32. U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Current Population Survey, 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/health/h05_000.htm. Washington, DC: Author.
33. Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Low birth weight babies: Number: 2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=a&order=a&ind=15&dtm=273&tf=17>. Baltimore: Author.
Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Low birth weight babies: Percent: 2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=v&order=a&ind=15&dtm=274&tf=17>. Baltimore: Author.
34. Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Infant Mortality: Number: 2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=a&order=a&ind=20&dtm=282&tf=17>. Baltimore: Author.
Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Infant Mortality: Rate: 2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=v&order=a&ind=20&dtm=283&tf=17>. Baltimore, MD: Author.
35. Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Teen Births, by Age Group, Rate per 1,000: 2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?ind=2>. Baltimore: Author.
36. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2009). *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2007. Vol. 19*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2007report/table16.htm. Atlanta: Author.
37. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies. (2009). *State Estimates of Substance Use & Mental Health from the 2006–2007 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from www.oas.samhsa.gov/statesList.cfm. Rockville, MD: Author.
38. Children who age out of foster care are captured by the AFCARS emancipation data element. Children who exit care to emancipation are those who reach the age of majority according to state law by virtue of age, marriage, etc. CWLA, Special AFCARS tabulation.
39. Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Teens who are high school dropouts: Number: 2008*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=a&order=a&ind=73&dtm=380&tf=35>. Baltimore: Author.
40. Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Teens not attending school and not working: Percent: 2008*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=a&order=a&ind=35&dtm=309&tf=35>. Baltimore: Author.
41. Annie E. Casey Foundation (2009). *Kids Count. State Level Data Online: Comparisons by Topic: Persons Age 18–24 not attending school,*

- not working, and no degree beyond high school: Percent 2007*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?loct=2&by=a&order=a&ind=37&dtm=313&tf=18>. Baltimore: Author.
42. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies. (2009). *State Estimates of Substance Use & Mental Health from the 2006–2007 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from www.oas.samhsa.gov/statesList.cfm.
 43. Ibid.
 44. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. (2009). *Injury Mortality Reports, 1999–2006*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate10_sy.html. Atlanta: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 45. Ibid.
 46. Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2009). *Crime in the United States 2008 (Table 69)*. Retrieved October 21, 2009, from www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_69.html. Washington, DC: Author.
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2008). *Crime in the United States 2007 (Table 69)*. Retrieved November 5, 2008, www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_69.html. Washington, DC: Author.
 47. Sickmund, M., Sladky, T.J., & Kang, W. (2008). *Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook*. Retrieved November 5, 2008, www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/cjrp/asp/State_Adj.asp. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
 48. Examples of direct services include child abuse/neglect investigations, foster care, community-based programs, case management, and all such services required for the safety, permanency, and well-being of children. Examples of administrative services include management information systems, training programs, eligibility determination processes, and all services that provide the infrastructure supports for the public agency.
 - DeVooght, K., Allen, T., & Geen, R. (2008). *Federal, State, and Local Spending to Address Child Abuse and Neglect in SFY 2006*. Washington, DC: Child Trends.
 49. Ibid.
 50. Special tabulation of AFCARS by NDACAN and CWLA.
 51. U.S. General Accounting Office. (2003). *Child Welfare: HHS Could Play a Greater Role in Helping Child Welfare Agencies Recruit and Retain Staff*. Retrieved January 27, 2009, from www.gao.gov/new.items/d03357.pdf. Washington, DC: Author.
 52. Ibid.
 53. Ibid.
 54. CWLA. (2006). *State Child Welfare Agency Survey*. Washington, DC: Author.
 - U.S. Census Bureau. (2005). *Median Income for 4-Person Families, by State*. Retrieved October 3, 2006, www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/4person.html. Washington, DC: Author.