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State Population (2001)¹

1,321,006*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

369,030*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

8.7%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

15.1%

State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)⁵

13.1%

*Estimated

C H I L D A B U S E A N D N E G L E C T

- In 2000, 9,063 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Idaho, a rate of 24.6 per 1,000 children—a 34% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 3,171 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Idaho, a rate of 8.6 per 1,000 children—an 8% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 4.0 were neglected, 1.9 were physically abused, and 0.9 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 1 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 1,034 children in Idaho lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 959 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 31.7% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 14.4% were 16 or older.⁹

C H I L D P O V E R T Y A N D I N C O M E S U P P O R T

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in Idaho declined from 2,360 in December 2001 to 2,289 in June 2002, a decrease of 3.0%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 1,340, a .80% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Idaho was 48% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, Idaho spent \$43,706,409 in TANF funds, including 7.5% on cash assistance and 0.7% on transportation and support activities.¹²
- In 2000, 286 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Idaho was \$513 per month, or 62.3% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.¹⁴

C H I L D C A R E , H E A L T H , A N D F A M I L Y S U P P O R T

- In 1999, 7,560 Idaho children were in subsidized child care—11% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 2,890 Idaho children were served by Head Start, a 17.4% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 86.2% of high school seniors graduated in Idaho, compared with 82.7% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 74,589 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—63.9% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, Idaho had 13,276 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 6.2% increase from 2000, when 12,449 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 17 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 514 adults and adolescents, as well as 3 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Idaho.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 19,700 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Idaho.²²

P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N

- Of the 991 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 81.0% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 1,034 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 10.5% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 107 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Idaho.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 9,528 Idaho grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.²⁶

For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.

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