

ILLINOIS'S CHILDREN 2003

State Population (2001)¹

12,482,301*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

3,245,451*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

7.8%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

15.3%

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

15.3%

*Estimated

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 60,547 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Illinois, a rate of 18.7 per 1,000 children—a 42% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 31,446 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Illinois, a rate of 9.7 per 1,000 children—a 5% decrease from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 4.3 were neglected, 1.2 were physically abused, and 1.0 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 76 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 33,125 children in Illinois lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 40,270 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 28.2% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 21.7% were 16 or older.⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in Illinois declined from 153,898 in December 2001 to 123,092 in June 2002, a decrease of 20.0%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 44,831, a 16.8% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Illinois was 41% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, Illinois spent \$879,912,743 in TANF funds, including 30.6% on cash assistance and 1.2% on transportation and support activities.¹²
- In 2000, 109,920 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Illinois was \$805 per month, or 97.7% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.¹⁴

CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 92,030 Illinois children were in subsidized child care—14% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 39,805 Illinois children were served by Head Start, a 5.1% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 85.5% of high school seniors graduated in Illinois, compared with 84.2% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 1,045,873 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—58.6% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, Illinois had 83,510 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 25.2% increase from 2000, when 62,507 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 47 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 26,047 adults and adolescents, as well as 272 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 164,309 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Illinois.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 11,505 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 31.5% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 33,125 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 32.1% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 7,031 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Illinois.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 111,012 Illinois 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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