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State Population (2001)¹

6,114,745*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

1,574,396*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

6.1%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

10.8%

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

9.6%

*Estimated

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

- In 2000, 15,641 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Indiana, a rate of 9.9 per 1,000 children—a 69% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 21,890 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Indiana, a rate of 13.9 per 1,000 children—a 1% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 9.2 were neglected, 2.5 were physically abused, and 2.7 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 44 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 7,482 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 8,933 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 30.4% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 15.4% 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 Indiana increased from 134,862 in December 2001 to 140,989 in June 2002, an increase of 4.5%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 50,018, a 4.6% increase from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Indiana was 48% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, Indiana spent \$342,153,429 in TANF funds, including 25.3% on cash assistance, 5.9% on child care, and 1.8% on transportation and support activities.¹²
- In 2000, 16,990 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Indiana was \$568 per month, or 68.9% 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, 20,230 Indiana children were in subsidized child care—7% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 14,256 Indiana children were served by Head Start, a 6.5% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 84.6% of high school seniors graduated in Indiana, compared with 83.5% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 371,973 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—61% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, Indiana had 56,986 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 22.1% increase from 2000, when 44,373 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 38 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 6,466 adults and adolescents, as well as 49 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Indiana.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 82,093 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Indiana.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 5,197 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 62.0% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 7,482 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 16.5% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 1,143 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Indiana, a .32% increase from 2000.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 44,578 Indiana 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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