

# NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN 2003

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## State Population (2001)<sup>1</sup>

1,259,181\*

## State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)<sup>2</sup>

309,562\*

## State Poverty Rate (2001)<sup>3</sup>

4.4%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)<sup>4</sup>

7.4%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)<sup>5</sup>

7.1%

\*Estimated

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 5,736 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in New Hampshire, a rate of 18.5 per 1,000 children—a 40% decrease from 1990.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2000, 842 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in New Hampshire, a rate of 2.7 per 1,000 children—a 9% decrease from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 1.8 were neglected, 0.5 were physically abused, and 0.6 were sexually abused.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2000, 9 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>8</sup>
- On September 30, 2000, 1,342 children in New Hampshire lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 1,367 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 22.1% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 16.6% were 16 or older.<sup>9</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in New Hampshire increased from 14,217 in December 2001 to 14,581 in June 2002, an increase of 2.6%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 6,112, a 3.0% increase from December 2001.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in New Hampshire was 25% below the federal poverty level.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2000, New Hampshire spent \$73,219,394 in TANF funds, including 43.7% on cash assistance and 56.3% on a range of other services.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2000, 1,237 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.<sup>13</sup>
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New Hampshire was \$820 per month, or 99.5% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.<sup>14</sup>

## CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 6,790 New Hampshire children were in subsidized child care—9% of all eligible children.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2001, 1,632 New Hampshire children were served by Head Start, a 12.7% increase from 2000.<sup>16</sup>
- In 1999, 88.1% of high school seniors graduated in New Hampshire, compared with 84% in 1998.<sup>17</sup>
- In 1998, 58,861 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—59.9% of the state's total enrollees.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2001, New Hampshire had 5,982 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 28.6% increase from 2000, when 4,272 children were enrolled.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 35 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>20</sup>
- As of December 2001, 910 adults and adolescents, as well as 9 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in New Hampshire.<sup>21</sup>
- In 2000, an estimated 19,883 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in New Hampshire.<sup>22</sup>

**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 538 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 49.8% were reunited with their birthfamilies.<sup>23</sup>
- Of the 1,342 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 8.8% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2001, 95 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New Hampshire, a .34% increase from 2000.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2001, more than 5,472 New Hampshire grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>26</sup>

**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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