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State Population (2001)¹

11,373,541*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

2,888,339*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

8%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

14.9%

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

15%

*Estimated

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

- In 2000, 73,798 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Ohio, a rate of 25.6 per 1,000 children.⁶
- In 2000, 54,084 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Ohio, a rate of 18.7 per 1,000 children—a 1% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 9.9 were neglected, 5.2 were physically abused, and 2.6 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 58 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 20,365 children in Ohio lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 20,078 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 30.1% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 17.4% 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 Ohio declined from 195,091 in December 2001 to 184,813 in June 2002, a decrease of 5.3%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 82,345, a 2.8% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Ohio was 41% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, Ohio spent \$986,713,505 in TANF funds, including 37.3% on cash assistance and 2.6% on transportation and support activities.¹²
- In 2000, 42,179 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Ohio was \$613 per month, or 74.4% 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, 58,440 Ohio children were in subsidized child care—10% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 38,072 Ohio children were served by Head Start, a 0.5% decrease from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 87.0% of high school seniors graduated in Ohio, compared with 86.2% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 796,056 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—56.8% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, Ohio had 158,265 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 29.6% increase from 2000, when 111,436 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, 11,834 adults and adolescents, as well as 124 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Ohio.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 150,150 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Ohio.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 14,131 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 64.2% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 20,365 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 16.0% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 1,777 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Ohio, a .10% increase from 2000.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 97,081 Ohio 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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