

SOUTH DAKOTA'S CHILDREN 2003

State Population (2001)¹

756,600*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

202,649*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

5.6%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

7.7%

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

6.9%

*Estimated

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 4,843 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in South Dakota, a rate of 23.9 per 1,000 children—a 57% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 3,081 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in South Dakota, a rate of 15.2 per 1,000 children—a 20% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 10.7 were neglected, 3.3 were physically abused, and 1.0 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 6 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 1,215 children in South Dakota lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 1,119 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 35.6% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 9.6% were 16 or older.⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in South Dakota declined from 6,738 in December 2001 to 6,450 in June 2002, a decrease of 4.3%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 2,808, a 2.6% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in South Dakota was 37% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, South Dakota spent \$21,035,132 in TANF funds, including 47.9% on cash assistance, 3.8% on child care, and 48.3% on a range of other services.¹²
- In 2000, 241 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in South Dakota was \$543 per month, or 65.9% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.¹⁴

CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 3,680 South Dakota children were in subsidized child care—8% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 2,925 South Dakota children were served by Head Start, a 11.6% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 91.8% of high school seniors graduated in South Dakota, compared with 86.3% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 52,925 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—63.7% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, South Dakota had 8,937 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 34.1% increase from 2000, when 5,888 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 22 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 187 adults and adolescents, as well as 4 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in South Dakota.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 9,262 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in South Dakota.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 1,042 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 76.6% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 1,215 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 18.4% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 87 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in South Dakota, a .06% increase from 2000.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 4,043 South Dakota 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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