

MINNESOTA'S CHILDREN 2004

Minnesota's Children At a Glance

State Population (2002) ¹	5,019,720
State Population, Children	
Under 18 (2001) ²	1,289,000
State Poverty Rate (2002) ³	6.5%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Under 18 (2002) ⁴	7.7%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Ages 5-17 (2002) ⁵	7.4%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Birth to Age 4 (2002) ⁶	13.5%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2001, 16,384 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Minnesota, a rate of 12.6 per 1,000 children.⁷
- In 2001, 9,840 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Minnesota, a rate of 7.6 per 1,000 children, representing a 17% decrease from 2000. Of every 1,000 children, 5.5 were neglected, 1.7 were physically abused, and 0.7 were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2001, 16 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in Minnesota.⁹
- On September 30, 2001, 8,167 children in Minnesota lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 8,530 children on September 30, 2000. In 2001, 18.3% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 26.1% were 16 or older.¹⁰
- On September 30, 2001, 4,528 white children, 1,745 black children, 478 Hispanic children, 1,090 American Indian/Alaskan Native children, and 767 children of other races and ethnicities were in out-of-home care in the state.¹¹

PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 9,269 children leaving out-of-home care in 2001, 81% were reunited with their families.¹²
- In 2001, 567 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Minnesota, an 88% increase from 302 in 1997.¹³
- Of the 8,167 children in out-of-home care in 2001, 2,332 or 29% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- Of the 8,167 children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2001, 16% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁵
- In 2002, more than 16,391 Minnesota grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁶

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The number of people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Minnesota declined from 94,631 in March 2002 to 93,665 in March 2003, a decrease of 1%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2003 was 36,257, a 1.2% increase from March 2002.¹⁷
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and Food Stamp benefits in Minnesota was 28% below the federal poverty guideline.¹⁸
- In 2002, Minnesota spent \$465,752,656 in TANF funds, including 39.5% on cash assistance and 60.5% on nonassistance.¹⁹
- In 2001, Minnesota collected and distributed \$512,122,192 in child support funds, an increase of 7.3% from 2000.²⁰
- In 2003, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Minnesota was \$788 per month, or 101% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the state minimum wage of \$4.90 per hour.²¹

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C H I L D C A R E A N D H E A D S T A R T

- In 2001, an estimated monthly average of 26,400 of Minnesota's children received subsidized child care, an increase from 24,500 in 2000 and 17,600 in 1999.²²
- In 2003, a family of three could make no more than 75% of Minnesota's median income, or \$42,012, to be eligible for subsidized child care.²³
- In 2001, Minnesota had 4,714 children on the waiting list for subsidized child care.²⁴
- Due to the state budget shortfall, Minnesota cut \$500,000 from its base in child care development. This program funds resource and referral, cultural dynamics, facilities, service delivery grants, and other programs and services.²⁵
- In 2002, Head Start served 10,331 Minnesota children, a 1.6% increase from 2001.²⁶
- In 2000, 79% of all 18- to 24-year-olds in Minnesota had at least a high school degree or equivalent.²⁷

H E A L T H , M E N T A L H E A L T H , A N D S U B S T A N C E A B U S E

- In 2000, 305,981 children younger than 18 were enrolled in Medicaid in Minnesota, representing 24.8% of Minnesota's total enrollees.²⁸
- In 2001, 49 children were enrolled in Minnesota's State Children's Health Insurance Program.²⁹
- In 2001, 70 babies in Minnesota were born to girls younger than 15. In 2001, the number of babies born to teens ages 15–19 was 5,240—a rate of 28 births per 1,000 girls.³⁰
- As of December 2002, 4,049 adults and adolescents, as well as 27 children younger than 13, had been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota.³¹
- In 2002, 46 Minnesota children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 3.25 per 100,000 children in the population.³²
- In 2001, an estimated 22,000 children ages 12–17, and 71,000 adults 18 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol.³³

J U V E N I L E J U S T I C E A N D D E L I N Q U E N C Y P R E V E N T I O N

- In 2001, nine children younger than 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Minnesota, a 29% increase from seven in 2000.³⁴
- In 2002, 42,874 children younger than 18 were arrested in Minnesota, a 38% decrease from 68,814 arrests in 1998. Of the arrests in 2002, 10,997 were for violent crimes and 422 were for possession of a weapon.³⁵
- A 1999 census of juvenile offenders showed 1,760 children in juvenile correction facilities in Minnesota.³⁶

F U N D I N G C H I L D W E L F A R E S E R V I C E S F O R M I N N E S O T A ' S C H I L D R E N

- In 2000, Minnesota spent \$499,122,487 for child welfare services—all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families.³⁷ Of this amount, 38% came from federal funds, 22% from state funds, and 39% from local funds.³⁸
- In 2000, of the \$191,677,520 in federal funds received for child welfare, 47% came from the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program, 4% from the Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs, 20% from Medicaid, 11% from the Social Services Block Grant, 3% from TANF, and 14% from other federal sources.³⁹
- Of the 8,167 children in out-of-home care in Minnesota on September 30, 2001, only 3,873, or 47.4%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁴⁰

M I N N E S O T A ' S C H I L D W E L F A R E W O R K F O R C E

- The child welfare workforce is facing challenges in every state. A combination of high

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caseloads, high worker turnover, and low salaries impinges on the delivery of services to achieve safety, permanency, and child well-being.

- In 2000, the national average starting salary for child protective service workers was \$26,900; for direct service workers, \$27,500. The yearly turnover rate for these workers was 15.6% and 19.5%, respectively.⁴¹
- In 2002, the median income in Minnesota for a family of four was \$70,553.⁴³

**Additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes are available on
CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.**

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