

INDIANA'S CHILDREN 2009

Indiana's Children At a Glance*

State Population ¹	6,345,289
Population, Children Under 18 ²	1,586,518
State Poverty Rate ³	11.8%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁴	18.8%
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5-17 ⁵	16.9%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁶	17.8%

*All statistics are for 2007.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2006, Indiana had 67,290 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 44,051 reports were referred for investigation.⁷
- In 2006, 20,925 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Indiana, a rate of 13.3 per 1,000 children, representing a 9.8% increase from 2005. Of these children, 15,247 were neglected, 2,609 were physically abused, and 4,346 were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2006, 42 children in Indiana died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁹
- In 2006, 11,384 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 11,257 children in 2005. In 2006, 37.2% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 15.2% were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of Indiana children in out-of-home care in 2006, 56.6% were white, 31.0% black, 6.5% Hispanic, 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 5.8% children of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 6,716 children exiting out-of-home care in Indiana in 2006, 62% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2006, 1,183 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Indiana, a 17% increase from 1,010 in 2005.¹³
- Of the 11,384 children in out-of-home care in 2006, 3,423 or 30.1% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- In 2007, approximately 49,044 Indiana grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 11,384 children in out-of-home care in 2006, 14.0% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all Indiana children in kinship care in 2006, 52.4% were white, 38.9% were black, 3.0% were Hispanic, 0.1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 5.6% were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Indiana decreased from 119,136 in March 2007 to 117,361 in March 2008, a decrease of 1.5%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2008 was 41,056, a 0.4% decrease from March 2007.¹⁸



- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Indiana was at 32.6% of the federal poverty guideline.¹⁹
- In 2006, Indiana spent \$315,966,663 in TANF funds, including 34.4% on basic assistance, 0.9% on transportation, and 64.8% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2007, Indiana spent \$61,333,429 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), serving 140,891 participants.²¹
- In 2007, Indiana collected and distributed \$536,260,330 in child support funds, a 5.6% increase from 2006.²²
- In 2008, the fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Indiana was \$674 per month. The wage needed to afford this rent was \$12.95 per hour, working a 40-hour week.²³

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2006, Indiana had a monthly average of 32,800 children served by subsidized child care; 32,200 children received subsidized child care in 2005, and 34,100 in 2004.²⁴
- In 2008, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Indiana, a family of three could make no more than \$21,804, which is equivalent to 40% of the state's median income.²⁵
- As of early 2008, Indiana had 4,788 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁶
- In 2007, Head Start served 14,213 Indiana children, a 0.3% decrease from 2001.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2005, 60,200 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana—59.0% of the total number of enrollees.²⁸
- In 2005, 15,219 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana on the basis of being in foster care.²⁹
- In 2005, of the 15,219 children enrolled in Medicaid on the basis of being in foster care, 641 received Targeted Case Management services, and 3,534 received Rehabilitative Services.³⁰
- In 2007, Indiana had 68,394 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 2.0% decrease from 2006, when 69,787 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2007, Indiana had 83,000 uninsured children, representing 5.2% of its child population.³²
- In 2005, 7,232 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Indiana a rank of 37 nationally in percent of low-weight births (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2005, 698 infants under age 1 died in Indiana, giving it a rank of 38 nationally in terms of infant mortality rates (a rank of 1 being the best and 50 the worst).³⁴
- In 2005, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Indiana was 21 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 79. This reflects a total rate of 43 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2006, 8,239 adults and adolescents, as well as 56 children younger than 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Indiana.³⁶



- In 2006, an estimated 40,000 children ages 12–17, and 426,000 adults age 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Indiana.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2006, 328 children aged out of out-of-home care in Indiana.³⁸
- In 2007, 25,000 Indiana teens ages 16-19 were high-school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2007, 8% of teens ages 16-19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2006, 15% of people ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2006, approximately 24,000 children ages 12–17 in Indiana needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2006, approximately 26,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2005, 60 Indiana children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 3.26 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2005, 27 children under age 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Indiana, an 8% increase from 25 in 2004.⁴⁵
- In 2007, 35,144 children younger than 18 were arrested in Indiana, a 26.6% increase from 27,770 arrests in 2006. Of those arrests, 1,080 were for violent crimes and 306 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁶
- A 2006 census of juvenile offenders showed 2,616 children in juvenile correction facilities in Indiana.⁴⁷

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR INDIANA'S CHILDREN

- In 2006, Indiana spent \$649,066,626 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 28% was from federal funds, 18% from state funds, and 54.4% from local funds.⁴⁸
- In 2006, of the \$178,666,198 in federal funds received for child welfare, 61% came from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 7% from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 1% from Medicaid, 5% from the Social Services Block Grant, and 26% from TANF.⁴⁹
- Out of 11,384 children in out-of-home care in Indiana in 2006, only 4,662, or 41.0%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵⁰



INDIANA'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁵¹
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵²
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵³
- In 2004, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Indiana was \$29,172; the median income for a family of four in Indiana was \$65,009.⁵⁴

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