

OHIO'S CHILDREN

Ohio's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	11,544,951	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	24.2%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	2,692,372	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	21.7%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	16.4%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	29.7%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Ohio had 151,732 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 80,875 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 30,601 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Ohio, a rate of 11.4 per 1,000 children, representing a 10.9% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 50.1% were neglected, 40.2% were physically abused, and 17.7% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 20.5% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- Ohio responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. 18,114 reports were responded to in this way in 2011.¹¹
- In 2011, 67 children in Ohio died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹²
- In 2011, 12,069 children in Ohio lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 11,949 children in 2010. In 2011, 4,355 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,652 were 16 or older.¹³
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 16.9% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹⁴
- Of Ohio children in out-of-home care in 2011, 51.1% were white, 34.7% black, 3.8% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.1% Asian or Pacific Islander and 6.6% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁵

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 9,471 children exiting out-of-home care in Ohio in 2011, 42.5% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁶
- In 2011, 1,420 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Ohio, a 1.3% decrease from 1,438 in 2010.¹⁷
- Of the 12,069 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 2,704 or 22.4% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁸
- In 2011, approximately 104,887 Ohio grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁹
- Of the 12,069 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,884 were living with relatives while in care.²⁰
- Of all Ohio children in kinship care in 2010, 8.5% were white, 4.7% black, 0.5% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 4.7% of more than one race or ethnicity.²¹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Ohio decreased from 237,312 in 2010 to 225,452 in 2011, an decrease of 5.0%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 99,471, a 3.5% decrease from 2010.²²
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Ohio families living in poverty, only 33 received TANF benefits.²³

- In 2011, \$1,187,487,786 was spent in Ohio on TANF assistance, including 37% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 63% on nonassistance.²⁴
- In 2011, 130,821,171 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Ohio, serving 281,306 participants.²⁵
- In 2011, Ohio distributed \$1,694,857,119 in child support funds, a 0.6% increase from 2010.²⁶
- In 2011 in Ohio, 370,138 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 30% of them are families with children.²⁷

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Ohio had a monthly average of 44,400 children served by subsidized child care; 52,000 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 48,200 in 2008.²⁸
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Ohio, a family of three could make no more than \$23,172, which is equivalent to 38% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2012, Ohio had no waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2011, Head Start served 39,147 Ohio children, a 5.6% increase from 2010.³¹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 974,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Ohio—49% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³²
- In 2011, Ohio had 280,650 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 10.6% increase from 2010, when 253,711 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2011, Ohio had 230,000 uninsured children, representing 9% of its child population.³⁴
- In 2010, 11,899 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Ohio.³⁵
- In 2010, 1,120 infants under age 1 died in Ohio.³⁶
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Ohio was 16 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 60. This reflects a total rate of 34 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2011, 18,678 adults and adolescents, as well as 151 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Ohio.³⁸
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 68,000 children ages 12–17 and 801,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Ohio.³⁹

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 1,346 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Ohio.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 44,000 Ohio teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴¹
- In 2011, 170,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 39,000 children ages 12–17 in Ohio needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 40,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴⁴
- In 2010, 70 Ohio children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.28 per 100,000 children.⁴⁵

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 80 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Ohio, a 11% decrease from 90 in 2009.⁴⁶
- In 2011, 29,697 children younger than 18 were arrested in Ohio, a 12.0% decrease from 33,821 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 1,027 were for violent crimes.⁴⁷
- In 2010, 2,865 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Ohio.⁴⁸

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁹

- 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.⁵⁰
- 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.⁵¹
- 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.⁵²

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR OHIO'S CHILDREN

- Out of 12,069 children in out-of-home care in Ohio in 2011, only 7,359, or 61%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵³
- In 2010, Ohio spent \$812,661,805 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$485,219,055 was from federal funds, \$72,352,725 from state funds, and \$255,090,025 from local funds.⁵⁴
- In 2010, of the \$485,219,055 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$395,518,081 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$43,794,574 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$1,398,688 was from Medicaid, \$23,759,358 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$17,748,354 was from TANF, and \$3,000,000 came from other federal sources.⁵⁵
- Ohio received \$202,194,628 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$118,856,934 for maintenance payments, \$56,677,298 for administration and child placement, \$4,475,517 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$7,564,963 for training.⁵⁶
- Ohio received \$167,388,716 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$76,881,223 for assistance payments, \$88,452,109 for administration and child placement, and \$2,055,384 for staff and provider training.⁵⁷

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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional child support, pre-placement, and demonstration funds for this state.

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