

# MISSOURI'S CHILDREN 2004

## Missouri's Children At a Glance

State Population (2002) <sup>1</sup> .....	5,672,579
State Population, Children	
Under 18 (2001) <sup>2</sup> .....	1,431,000
State Poverty Rate (2002) <sup>3</sup> .....	9.9%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Under 18 (2002) <sup>4</sup> .....	15.3%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Ages 5-17 (2002) <sup>5</sup> .....	13.7%
Poverty Rate, Children	
Birth to Age 4 (2002) <sup>6</sup> .....	17.9%

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2001, 51,752 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Missouri, a rate of 36.2 per 1,000 children.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2001, 9,237 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Missouri, a rate of 6.5 per 1,000 children, representing a 21% increase from 2000. Of every 1,000 children, 3.3 were neglected, 1.8 were physically abused, and 1.6 were sexually abused.<sup>8</sup>
- In 2001, 33 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in Missouri.<sup>9</sup>
- On September 30, 2001, 13,349 children in Missouri lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 13,181 children on September 30, 2000. In 2001, 26.6% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 17.3% were 16 or older.<sup>10</sup>
- On September 30, 2001, 8,174 white children, 4,982 black children, 192 Hispanic children, 36 American Indian/Alaskan Native children, and 157 children of other races and ethnicities were in out-of-home care in the state.<sup>11</sup>

## PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 5,749 children leaving out-of-home care in 2001, 59% were reunited with their families.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2001, 1,102 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Missouri, a 107% increase from 533 in 1997.<sup>13</sup>
- Of the 13,349 children in out-of-home care in 2001, 4,364 or 33% were waiting to be adopted.<sup>14</sup>
- Of the 13,349 children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2001, 22% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2002, more than 52,054 Missouri grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>16</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The number of people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Missouri declined from 120,920 in March 2002 to 108,561 in March 2003, a decrease of 10.2%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2003 was 42,219, a 7.8% decrease from March 2002.<sup>17</sup>
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and Food Stamp benefits in Missouri was 48% below the federal poverty guideline.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2002, Missouri spent \$326,273,257 in TANF funds, including 45.3% on cash assistance, 17.4% on a range of other services, and 37.3% on nonassistance.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2001, Missouri collected and distributed \$372,654,718 in child support funds, an increase of 9.9% from 2000.<sup>20</sup>
- In 2003, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Missouri was \$578 per month, or 70% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the state minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour.<sup>21</sup>

## **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 35,900 of Missouri's children received subsidized child care, no change from 35,900 in 2000 and 58,400 in 1999.<sup>22</sup>
- In 2003, a family of three could make no more than 42% of Missouri's median income, or \$17,784, to be eligible for subsidized child care.<sup>23</sup>
- Due to the state budget shortfall, Missouri moved approximately \$6 million in tobacco money from early childhood education to other areas.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2002, Head Start served 17,646 Missouri children, a 0.4% decrease from 2001.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2000, 76% of all 18- to 24-year-olds in Missouri had at least a high school degree or equivalent.<sup>26</sup>

## **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, 542,414 children younger than 18 were enrolled in Medicaid in Missouri, representing 39% of Missouri's total enrollees.<sup>27</sup>
- In 2002, Missouri had 112,004 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 5.1% increase from 2001, when 106,594 children were enrolled.<sup>28</sup>
- In 2001, 119 babies in Missouri were born to girls younger than 15. In 2001, the number of babies born to teens ages 15–19 was 9,317—a rate of 46 births per 1,000 girls.<sup>29</sup>
- As of December 2002, 9,946 adults and adolescents, as well as 60 children younger than 13, had been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Missouri.<sup>30</sup>
- In 2002, 50 Missouri children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 3.18 per 100,000 children in the population.<sup>31</sup>
- In 2001, an estimated 18,000 children ages 12–17, and 59,000 adults 18 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol.<sup>32</sup>

## **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, 25 children younger than 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Missouri, a 19% increase from 21 in 2000.<sup>33</sup>
- In 2002, 38,813 children younger than 18 were arrested in Missouri, a 13% increase from 34,297 arrests in 1998. Of the arrests in 2002, 10,907 were for violent crimes and 532 were for possession of a weapon.<sup>34</sup>
- A 1999 census of juvenile offenders showed 1,161 children in juvenile correction facilities in Missouri.<sup>35</sup>

## **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 S S O U R I ' S C H I L D R E N**

- In 2000, Missouri spent \$480,671,688 for child welfare services—all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families.<sup>36</sup> Of this amount, 58% came from federal funds, and 42% from state funds; none came from local funds.<sup>37</sup>
- In 2000, of the \$279,668,680 in federal funds received for child welfare, 31% 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, 7% from Medicaid, 11% from the Social Services Block Grant, 8% from TANF, 1% from Supplemental Security Income, 1% from Survivors Benefits, and 37% from other federal sources.<sup>38</sup>
- Of the 13,349 children in out-of-home care in Missouri on September 30, 2001, only 5,201, or 39.0%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.<sup>39</sup>

## MISSOURI'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- The child welfare workforce is facing challenges in every state. A combination of high case-loads, 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.<sup>40</sup>
- In 2000, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of child abuse and neglect in Missouri was \$22,848.<sup>41</sup>
- In 2002, the median income in Missouri for a family of four was \$61,173.<sup>42</sup>

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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