

INDIANA'S CHILDREN 2011

INDIANA'S Children At a Glance

State Population ¹	6,423,113
Population, Children Under 18 ²	1,580,850
State Poverty Rate ³	16.1%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁴	26.3%
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁵	22.4%
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁶	25.0%

All "At a Glance" statistics are for 2008.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- Indiana had 83,046 total referrals for child abuse and neglect in 2009. Of those, 67,505 reports were referred for investigation.⁷
- In 2009, 16,198 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Indiana, a rate of 2.7 per 1,000 children, representing a 12.5% increase from 2006. These children experience varied—sometimes multiple—forms of maltreatment; 88% were neglected, 12% were physically abused, and 18% were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2009, 50 Indiana children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁹
- In 2009, 12,437 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 12,517 children in 2008. In 2009, 4,944 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,747 were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of Indiana children in out-of-home care in 2009, 7,235 were white, 3,458 black, 957 Hispanic, 6 American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 724 of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 8,448 children exiting out-of-home care in Indiana in 2009, 5,404 were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2009, 1,484 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Indiana, no statistical change from 1,484 in 2008.¹³
- Of the 12,437 children in out-of-home care in 2009, 3,136 or 25.20% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- In 2009, approximately 66,164 Indiana grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 12,437 children in out-of-home care in 2009, 2,980 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all Indiana children in kinship care in 2009, 1,980 were white, 651 were black, 148 were Hispanic, 3 were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 198 were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Indiana increased from 98,804 in September 2009 to 88,722 in September 2010, a 13.1% increase. The number of families receiving TANF in September 2010 was 36,006, a 6% decrease from September 2009.¹⁸
- In 2006, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Indiana was at 42% of the federal poverty guideline.¹⁹
- In 2009, Indiana spent \$180,186,593 in TANF funds, including 60% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 54% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2010, Indiana spent \$75,139,432 on the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), serving 174,119 participants.²¹
- In 2009, Indiana collected and distributed \$604,252,006 in child support funds.²²



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- In 2010, the fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Indiana was \$706 per month. The wage needed to afford this rent was \$13.58 per hour, working a 40-hour week.²³

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2009, Indiana had a monthly average of 35,200 children served by subsidized child care; 36,100 children received subsidized child care in 2008, and 34,900 in 2007.²⁴
- In 2010, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Indiana, a family of three could make no more than \$23,256, which is equivalent to 40% of the state's median income.²⁵
- As of early 2010, Indiana had 11,622 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁶
- In 2009, Head Start served 14,145 Indiana children, a 0.5% decrease from 2007.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2007, 599,200 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana—58.6% of the total number of enrollees.²⁸
- In 2008, 19,030 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana on the basis of being in foster care.²⁹
- Of these 19,030 children, 878 received Targeted Case Management services, and 54 received Rehabilitative Services.³⁰
- In 2008, Indiana had 70,496 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 1.1% decrease from 2007, when 71,253 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2009, Indiana had 95,000 uninsured children, representing 5.5% of its child population.³²
- In 2008, 7,398 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Indiana a rank of 26 nationally in percent of low-weight births (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2007, 681 infants under age 1 died in Indiana, giving it a rank of 35 nationally in terms of infant mortality rates (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³⁴
- In 2008, 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 44 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2009, 9,635 adults and adolescents, as well as 57 children younger than 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Indiana.³⁶
- In 2008, an estimated 58,000 children ages 12–17, and 259,000 adults age 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Indiana.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2009, 137 children aged out of out-of-home care in Indiana.³⁸
- In 2009, 27,000 Indiana teens ages 16–19 were high school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2009, 9% of Indiana teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2009, 110,000 people ages 18–24 in Indiana were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2008, approximately 27,000 children ages 12–17 in Indiana needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2008, approximately 26,000 children ages 12–17 in Indiana needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³



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- In 2007, 49 Indiana children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.62 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2007, 21 children under age 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Indiana, a 53% decrease from 45 in 2006.⁴⁵
- In 2009, 35,390 children younger than 18 were arrested in Indiana, a 8.5% decrease from 38,675 arrests in 2008. Of the arrests in 2009, 1,185 were for violent crimes and 300 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁶
- A 2007 census of juvenile offenders showed 2,727 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% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 7% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 1% was from Medicaid, 5% came from Social Services Block Grant, 26% was from TANF, and 0% came from other federal sources.⁴⁹
- Out of 12,437 children in out-of-home care in Indiana in 2009, only 4,625, or 37.2%, 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 2009, the median annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Indiana was \$33,920; the median income for a family of four in Indiana was \$68,109.⁵⁴

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