

ARIZONA'S CHILDREN

Arizona's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	6,482,505	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	27.2%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	1,624,024	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	25.9%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	19.0%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	29.6%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Arizona had 51,553 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 31,364 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 8,708 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Arizona, a rate of 5.4 per 1,000 children, representing a 28.1% increase from 2010. Of these children, 93.9% were neglected, 12.5% were physically abused, and 3.9% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has increased 116.3% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 34 children in Arizona died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 10,883 children in Arizona lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 9,930 children in 2009. In 2010, 4,477 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,032 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 19.6% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of Arizona children in out-of-home care in 2011, 38.7% were white, 10.5% black, 39.6% Hispanic, 3.7% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.4% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4.3% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 7,259 children exiting out-of-home care in Arizona in 2011, 48.4% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 2,275 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Arizona, a 11.2% increase from 2,045 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 10,883 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 2,774 or 25.5% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 64,023 Arizona grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 10,883 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 3,893 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all Arizona children in kinship care in 2010, 13.8% were white, 2.8% black, 15.3% Hispanic, 1.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.2% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 2.8% of more than one race or ethnicity.²⁰

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Arizona decreased from 70,222 in 2010 to 41,395 in 2011, an decrease of 41.1%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 18,335, a 43.5% decrease from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Arizona families living in poverty, only 18 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$358,556,919 was spent in Arizona on TANF assistance, including 24% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 75% on nonassistance.²³



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- In 2011, 89,331,448 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Arizona, serving 176,648 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, Arizona distributed \$322,358,501 in child support funds, a 1.4% decrease from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in Arizona, 202,328 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 32% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Arizona had a monthly average of 30,200 children served by subsidized child care; 31,000 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 32,100 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Arizona, a family of three could make no more than \$30,600, which is equivalent to 53% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, Arizona had 7,661 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 14,137 Arizona children, a 9.2% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 634,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Arizona—52% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, Arizona had 20,043 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 49.4% decrease from 2010, when 39,589 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, Arizona had 219,000 uninsured children, representing 14% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 6,190 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Arizona.³⁴
- In 2010, 526 infants under age 1 died in Arizona.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Arizona was 22 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 70. This reflects a total rate of 42 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 13,026 adults and adolescents, as well as 47 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Arizona.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 41,000 children ages 12–17 and 462,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Arizona.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 700 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Arizona.³⁹
- In 2011, 41,000 Arizona teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 133,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 24,000 children ages 12–17 in Arizona needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 25,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 49 Arizona children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.69 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 54 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Arizona, a 10% decrease from 60 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 37,596 children younger than 18 were arrested in Arizona, a 3.0% decrease from 38,852 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 1,059 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 1,092 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Arizona.⁴⁷

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- 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.⁴⁹
- 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.⁵⁰
- 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.⁵¹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR ARIZONA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 10,883 children in out-of-home care in Arizona in 2011, only 4,410, or 41%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, Arizona spent \$525,194,723 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$292,003,721 was from federal funds, \$233,191,002 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$292,003,721 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$165,783,696 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$13,929,124 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$0 was from Medicaid, \$34,851,518 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$75,584,783 was from TANF, and \$1,854,600 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- Arizona received \$73,999,499 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$35,940,839 for maintenance payments, \$24,512,879 for administration and child placement, \$3,140,738 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$9,772,912 for training.⁵⁵
- Arizona received \$81,601,750 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$73,963,992 for assistance payments, and \$7,637,758 for administration and child placement.⁵⁶

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