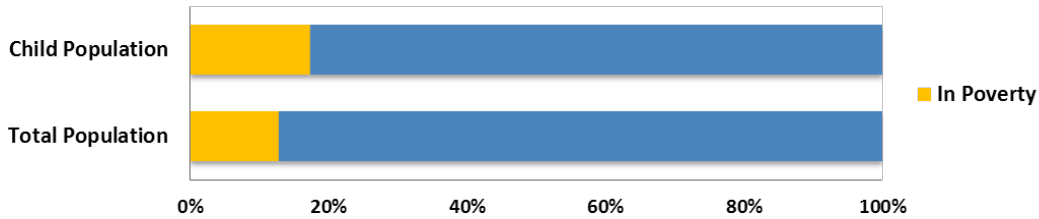


IOWA'S CHILDREN

Iowa's Children At a Glance¹



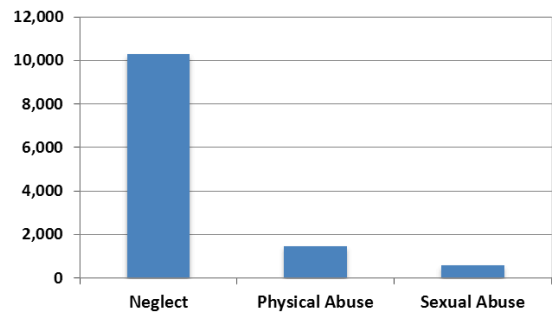
State Population².....3,062,309
 Population, Children Under 18³.....723,856
 State Poverty Rate⁴.....12.8%

Poverty Rate, Children Under 18⁵.....17.3%
 Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17⁶.....15.8%
 Poverty Rate, Children Under 5⁷.....20.0%

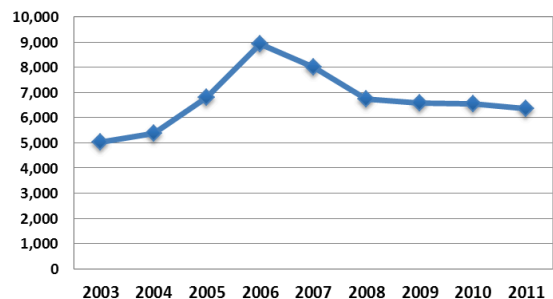
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Iowa had 49,355 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 28,810 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 11,028 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Iowa, a rate of 15.2 per 1,000 children, representing a 22.0% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 93.1% were neglected, 13.2% were physically abused, and 5.1% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 21.5% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 10 children in Iowa died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 6,344 children in Iowa lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 6,533 children in 2010. In 2011, 2,153 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 995 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 20.7% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of Iowa children in out-of-home care in 2011, 65.7% were white, 13.8% black, 10.0% Hispanic, 1.7% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 1.1% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4.3% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

Number of Child Victims, 2011
by type of abuse



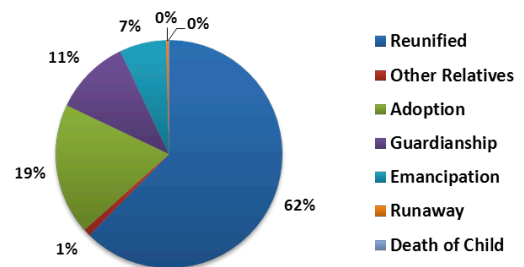
Number of Children in Foster Care, 2003-2011



ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 4,365 children exiting out-of-home care in Iowa in 2011, 62.5% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 864 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Iowa, a 7.9% increase from 801 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 6,344 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,072 or

Children Exiting Foster Care, 2011
by reason



16.9% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷

- In 2011, approximately 15,501 Iowa grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 6,344 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,459 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all Iowa children in kinship care in 2010, 16.4% were white, 2.7% black, 1.8% Hispanic, 0.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.2% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 2.7% 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 Iowa decreased from 45,824 in 2010 to 44,553 in 2011, an decrease of 2.8%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 17,504, a 2.3% decrease from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Iowa families living in poverty, only 35 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$195,699,997 was spent in Iowa on TANF assistance, including 35% on basic assistance, 6% on child care, 2% on transportation, and 57% on nonassistance.²³
- In 2011, 34,914,528 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Iowa, serving 70,931 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, Iowa distributed \$318,741,380 in child support funds, a 0.7% decrease from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in Iowa, 76,249 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 25% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Iowa had a monthly average of 15,700 children served by subsidized child care; 15,100 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 15,300 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Iowa, a family of three could make no more than \$26,880, which is equivalent to 44% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, Iowa had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 8,137 Iowa children, a 6.0% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 211,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Iowa—49% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, Iowa had 75,133 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 17.4% increase from 2010, when 63,985 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, Iowa had 36,000 uninsured children, representing 5% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 2,700 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Iowa.³⁴
- In 2010, 162 infants under age 1 died in Iowa.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Iowa was 13 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 49. This reflects a total rate of 29 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 2,163 adults and adolescents, as well as 14 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Iowa.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 19,000 children ages 12–17 and 210,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Iowa.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 427 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Iowa.³⁹
- In 2011, 11,000 Iowa teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 33,000 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 11,000 children ages 12–17 in Iowa needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 12,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 28 Iowa children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 3.41 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 16 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Iowa, an increase from fewer than 10 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 15,779 children younger than 18 were arrested in Iowa, a 5.0% decrease from 16,561 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 545 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 738 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Iowa.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 IOWA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 6,344 children in out-of-home care in Iowa in 2011, only 1,484, or 23%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, Iowa spent \$277,259,631 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$136,880,056 was from federal funds, \$140,135,908 from state funds, and \$243,667 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$136,880,056 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$63,848,668 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$5,646,277 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$0 was from Medicaid, \$16,445,747 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$45,365,325 was from TANF, and \$5,574,039 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- Iowa received \$23,949,157 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$12,493,901 for maintenance payments, \$6,468,621 for administration and child placement, \$592,999 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$1,425,528 for training.⁵⁵
- Iowa received \$34,747,036 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$32,747,431 for assistance payments, \$1,999,271 for administration and child placement, and \$334 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶

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