

# MISSOURI'S CHILDREN

## Missouri's Children At a Glance<sup>1</sup>

State Population <sup>2</sup> .....	6,010,688	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 <sup>5</sup> .....	22.1%
Population, Children Under 18 <sup>3</sup> .....	1,413,695	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 <sup>6</sup> .....	19.8%
State Poverty Rate <sup>4</sup> .....	15.8%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 <sup>7</sup> .....	26.5%

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Missouri had 100,761 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 58,782 reports were referred for investigation.<sup>8</sup>
- In 2011, 5,826 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Missouri, a rate of 4.1 per 1,000 children, representing a 5.4% increase from 2010. Of these children, 60.9% were neglected, 29.8% were physically abused, and 24.1% were sexually abused.<sup>9</sup>
- The number of child victims has decreased 19.5% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.<sup>10</sup>
- Missouri responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. 41,206 reports were responded to in this way in 2011.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2011, 36 children in Missouri died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2011, 10,620 children in Missouri lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 9,880 children in 2010. In 2011, 3,575 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,854 were 16 or older.<sup>13</sup>
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 3.3% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.<sup>14</sup>
- Of Missouri children in out-of-home care in 2011, 69.2% were white, 24.2% black, 3.0% Hispanic, 0.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.3% Asian or Pacific Islander and 1.1% of more than one race or ethnicity.<sup>15</sup>

## ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 5,296 children exiting out-of-home care in Missouri in 2011, 51.9% were reunited with their parents or other family members.<sup>16</sup>
- In 2011, 1,199 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Missouri, a 3.0% decrease from 1,236 in 2010.<sup>17</sup>
- Of the 10,620 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,969 or 18.5% were waiting to be adopted.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2011, approximately 46,743 Missouri grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>19</sup>
- Of the 10,620 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 2,493 were living with relatives while in care.<sup>20</sup>
- Of all Missouri children in kinship care in 2010, 17.1% were white, 5.0% black, 0.6% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 5.0% of more than one race or ethnicity.<sup>21</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Missouri increased from 85,952 in 2010 to 86,730 in 2011, an increase of 0.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 36,078, a 1.0% increase from 2010.<sup>22</sup>
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Missouri families living in poverty, only 28 received TANF benefits.<sup>23</sup>

- In 2011, \$323,315,070 was spent in Missouri on TANF assistance, including 28% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 72% on nonassistance.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2011, 70,914,720 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Missouri, serving 145,767 participants.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2011, Missouri distributed \$562,254,612 in child support funds, a 0.4% increase from 2010.<sup>26</sup>
- In 2011 in Missouri, 169,371 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 29% of them are families with children.<sup>27</sup>

## CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Missouri had a monthly average of 38,300 children served by subsidized child care; 36,800 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 35,900 in 2008.<sup>28</sup>
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Missouri, a family of three could make no more than \$23,520, which is equivalent to 40% of the state's median income.<sup>29</sup>
- As of early 2012, Missouri had no waiting list for child care assistance.<sup>30</sup>
- In 2011, Head Start served 18,419 Missouri children, a 5.6% increase from 2010.<sup>31</sup>

## HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 475,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Missouri—58% of the total number of enrollees in the state.<sup>32</sup>
- In 2011, Missouri had 93,734 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 2.6% increase from 2010, when 91,376 children were enrolled.<sup>33</sup>
- In 2011, Missouri had 162,000 uninsured children, representing 12% of its child population.<sup>34</sup>
- In 2010, 6,286 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Missouri.<sup>35</sup>
- In 2010, 610 infants under age 1 died in Missouri.<sup>36</sup>
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Missouri was 17 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 65. This reflects a total rate of 37 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>37</sup>
- Cumulative through 2011, 13,275 adults and adolescents, as well as 64 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Missouri.<sup>38</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 33,000 children ages 12–17 and 361,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Missouri.<sup>39</sup>

## VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 431 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Missouri.<sup>40</sup>
- In 2011, 27,000 Missouri teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.<sup>41</sup>
- In 2011, 93,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.<sup>42</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 18,000 children ages 12–17 in Missouri needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.<sup>43</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 21,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.<sup>44</sup>
- In 2010, 44 Missouri children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.75 per 100,000 children.<sup>45</sup>

## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 84 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Missouri, a 18% decrease from 102 in 2009.<sup>46</sup>
- In 2011, 31,503 children younger than 18 were arrested in Missouri, a 8.0% decrease from 34,168 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 1,171 were for violent crimes.<sup>47</sup>
- In 2010, 1,197 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Missouri.<sup>48</sup>

## CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE<sup>49</sup>

- 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.<sup>50</sup>
- 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.<sup>51</sup>
- 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.<sup>52</sup>

## FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR MISSOURI'S CHILDREN

- Out of 10,620 children in out-of-home care in Missouri in 2011, only 3,575, or 34%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.<sup>53</sup>
- In 2010, Missouri spent \$465,276,172 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$220,838,945 was from federal funds, \$244,437,227 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.<sup>54</sup>
- In 2010, of the \$220,838,945 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$97,863,222 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$16,918,929 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$29,847,103 was from Medicaid, \$28,172,076 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$35,382,599 was from TANF, and \$12,655,016 came from other federal sources.<sup>55</sup>
- Missouri received \$50,324,050 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$18,035,378 for maintenance payments, \$26,343,615 for administration and child placement, \$2,852,477 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$2,144,502 for training.<sup>56</sup>
- Missouri received \$32,851,514 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$29,203,212 for assistance payments, and \$3,648,302 for administration and child placement.<sup>57</sup>

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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.

<sup>57</sup> Ibid.

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