

PENNSYLVANIA'S CHILDREN

Pennsylvania's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	12,742,886	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	19.6%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	2,760,914	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	17.8%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	13.8%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	23.1%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, 3,287 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Pennsylvania, a rate of 1.2 per 1,000 children, representing a 12.7% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 3.5% were neglected, 32.1% were physically abused, and 65.2% were sexually abused.⁸
- The number of child victims has decreased 21.3% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.⁹
- In 2011, 37 children in Pennsylvania died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹⁰
- In 2011, 14,175 children in Pennsylvania lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 15,346 children in 2010. In 2011, 4,362 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 3,419 were 16 or older.¹¹
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 32.5% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹²
- Of Pennsylvania children in out-of-home care in 2011, 40.3% were white, 43.7% black, 11.7% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.4% Asian or Pacific Islander and 2.0% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹³

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 9,584 children exiting out-of-home care in Pennsylvania in 2011, 52.0% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁴
- In 2011, 2,013 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Pennsylvania, a 14.9% decrease from 2,365 in 2010.¹⁵
- Of the 14,175 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 2,042 or 14.4% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁶
- In 2011, approximately 80,521 Pennsylvania grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁷
- Of the 14,175 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 3,276 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁸
- Of all Pennsylvania children in kinship care in 2010, 9.4% were white, 10.7% black, 2.1% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.1% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 10.7% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Pennsylvania increased from 125,925 in 2010 to 145,977 in 2011, an increase of 15.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 59,927, a 15.5% increase from 2010.²⁰
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Pennsylvania families living in poverty, only 39 received TANF benefits.²¹
- In 2011, \$943,154,587 was spent in Pennsylvania on TANF assistance, including 20% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 1% on transportation, and 79% on nonassistance.²²
- In 2011, 161,926,585 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

in Pennsylvania, serving 257,908 participants.²³

- In 2011, Pennsylvania distributed \$1,351,340,919 in child support funds, a 1.9% decrease from 2010.²⁴
- In 2011 in Pennsylvania, 366,443 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 24% of them are families with children.²⁵

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Pennsylvania had a monthly average of 96,700 children served by subsidized child care; 93,800 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 93,400 in 2008.²⁶
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Pennsylvania, a family of three could make no more than \$37,060, which is equivalent to 56% of the state's median income.²⁷
- As of early 2012, Pennsylvania had 11,563 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁸
- In 2011, Head Start served 37,248 Pennsylvania children, a 5.7% increase from 2010.²⁹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 1,058,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Pennsylvania—48% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³⁰
- In 2011, Pennsylvania had 272,492 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 0.3% decrease from 2010, when 273,221 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2011, Pennsylvania had 206,000 uninsured children, representing 8% of its child population.³²
- In 2010, 11,941 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Pennsylvania.³³
- In 2010, 1,110 infants under age 1 died in Pennsylvania.³⁴
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Pennsylvania was 14 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 44. This reflects a total rate of 27 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2011, 40,179 adults and adolescents, as well as 375 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Pennsylvania.³⁶
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 68,000 children ages 12–17 and 858,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Pennsylvania.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 884 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Pennsylvania.³⁸
- In 2011, 50,000 Pennsylvania teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.³⁹
- In 2011, 190,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴⁰
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 41,000 children ages 12–17 in Pennsylvania needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 39,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2010, 90 Pennsylvania children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.83 per 100,000 children.⁴³

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 132 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Pennsylvania, a 35% increase from 98 in 2009.⁴⁴

- In 2011, 67,659 children younger than 18 were arrested in Pennsylvania, a 17.0% decrease from 81,412 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 4,143 were for violent crimes.⁴⁵
- In 2010, 4,134 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Pennsylvania.⁴⁶

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁷

- 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.⁴⁸
- 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.⁴⁹
- 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.⁵⁰

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR PENNSYLVANIA’S CHILDREN

- Out of 14,175 children in out-of-home care in Pennsylvania in 2011, only 14,702, or 96%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵¹
- In 2010, Pennsylvania spent \$1,904,261,504 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$509,538,596 was from federal funds, \$1,026,948,959 from state funds, and \$367,773,949 from local funds.⁵²
- In 2010, of the \$509,538,596 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$367,512,202 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$21,219,023 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$1,605,313 was from Medicaid, \$12,021,000 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$67,883,157 was from TANF, and \$39,297,901 came from other federal sources.⁵³
- Pennsylvania received \$177,063,822 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$72,981,555 for maintenance payments, \$86,597,898 for administration and child placement, and \$8,403,711 for training.⁵⁴
- Pennsylvania received \$90,033,419 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$64,514,300 for assistance payments, and \$25,570,797 for administration and child placement.⁵⁵

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Key Committee Jurisdictions

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