

VIRGINIA'S CHILDREN

Virginia's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	8,096,604	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	15.3%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	1,853,093	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	14.1%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	11.5%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	17.6%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Virginia had 64,596 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 32,566 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 5,964 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Virginia, a rate of 3.2 per 1,000 children, representing a 11.0% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 62.3% were neglected, 29.6% were physically abused, and 15.3% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 7.0% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- Virginia responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. 35,580 reports were responded to in this way in 2011.¹¹
- In 2011, 36 children in Virginia died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹²
- In 2011, 4,846 children in Virginia lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 5,326 children in 2010. In 2011, 1,306 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 942 were 16 or older.¹³
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 37.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹⁴
- Of Virginia children in out-of-home care in 2011, 49.9% were white, 32.9% black, 9.4% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.4% Asian or Pacific Islander and 6.5% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁵

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 2,991 children exiting out-of-home care in Virginia in 2011, 29.7% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁶
- In 2011, 755 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Virginia, a 1.1% increase from 747 in 2010.¹⁷
- Of the 4,846 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,352 or 27.9% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁸
- In 2011, approximately 70,351 Virginia grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁹
- Of the 4,846 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 342 were living with relatives while in care.²⁰
- Of all Virginia children in kinship care in 2010, 4.5% were white, 1.5% black, 0.4% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 1.5% of more than one race or ethnicity.²¹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Virginia decreased from 79,499 in 2010 to 75,077 in 2011, an decrease of 5.6%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 33,847, a 3.9% decrease from 2010.²²
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Virginia families living in poverty, only 29 received TANF benefits.²³

- In 2011, \$287,626,635 was spent in Virginia on TANF assistance, including 42% on basic assistance, 1% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 57% on nonassistance.²⁴
- In 2011, 68,618,393 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Virginia, serving 156,085 participants.²⁵
- In 2011, Virginia distributed \$597,903,773 in child support funds, a 2.1% increase from 2010.²⁶
- In 2011 in Virginia, 215,040 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 31% of them are families with children.²⁷

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Virginia had a monthly average of 23,300 children served by subsidized child care; 24,000 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 23,900 in 2008.²⁸
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Virginia, a family of three could make no more than \$27,468-\$45,780, which is equivalent to 38-64% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2012, Virginia had 11,415 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2011, Head Start served 14,460 Virginia children, a 7.0% increase from 2010.³¹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 455,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Virginia—56% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³²
- In 2011, Virginia had 182,128 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 5.0% increase from 2010, when 173,515 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2011, Virginia had 111,000 uninsured children, representing 6% of its child population.³⁴
- In 2010, 8,448 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Virginia.³⁵
- In 2010, 667 infants under age 1 died in Virginia.³⁶
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Virginia was 13 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 48. This reflects a total rate of 27 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2011, 20,522 adults and adolescents, as well as 188 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Virginia.³⁸
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 46,000 children ages 12–17 and 574,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Virginia.³⁹

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 743 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Virginia.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 32,000 Virginia teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴¹
- In 2011, 110,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 27,000 children ages 12–17 in Virginia needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 29,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴⁴
- In 2010, 40 Virginia children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.92 per 100,000 children.⁴⁵

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 56 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Virginia, a 8% decrease from 61 in 2009.⁴⁶
- In 2011, 28,056 children younger than 18 were arrested in Virginia, a 10.0% decrease from 31,261 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 876 were for violent crimes.⁴⁷
- In 2010, 1,860 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Virginia.⁴⁸

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁹

- 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.⁵⁰
- 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.⁵¹
- 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.⁵²

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR VIRGINIA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 4,846 children in out-of-home care in Virginia in 2011, only 2,354, or 49%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵³
- In 2010, Virginia spent \$622,525,179 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$184,805,009 was from federal funds, \$270,463,023 from state funds, and \$167,257,147 from local funds.⁵⁴
- In 2010, of the \$184,805,009 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$88,284,694 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$11,148,629 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$50,761,244 was from Medicaid, \$26,027,289 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$5,680,742 was from TANF, and \$2,902,411 came from other federal sources.⁵⁵
- Virginia received \$56,872,678 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$28,514,916 for maintenance payments, \$25,141,514 for administration and child placement, and \$480,107 for training.⁵⁶
- Virginia received \$28,245,604 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$23,306,404 for assistance payments, \$4,430,986 for administration and child placement, and \$508,214 for staff and provider training.⁵⁷

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