

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN

New Hampshire's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	1,318,194	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	12.0%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	279,669	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	10.6%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	8.8%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	15.0%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, New Hampshire had 13,444 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 8,671 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 876 children were victims of abuse or neglect in New Hampshire, a rate of 3.1 per 1,000 children, representing a 2.6% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 84.2% were neglected, 9.5% were physically abused, and 10.8% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 3.9% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 2 children in New Hampshire died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 742 children in New Hampshire lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 839 children in 2010. In 2011, 230 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 139 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 32.7% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of New Hampshire children in out-of-home care in 2011, 76.1% were white, 2.8% black, 8.6% Hispanic, 0.5% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.5% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4.8% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 474 children exiting out-of-home care in New Hampshire in 2011, 43.9% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 144 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New Hampshire, a 16.8% decrease from 173 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 742 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 166 or 22.4% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 5,066 New Hampshire grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 742 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 157 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all New Hampshire children in kinship care in 2010, 16.6% were white, 0.4% black, 1.3% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.1% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 0.4% 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 New Hampshire decreased from 11,034 in 2010 to 10,604 in 2011, an decrease of 3.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 5,184, a 2.5% decrease from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 New Hampshire families living in poverty, only 49 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$78,295,365 was spent in New Hampshire on TANF assistance, including 47% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 44% on nonassistance.²³

- In 2011, 7,569,965 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in New Hampshire, serving 17,048 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, New Hampshire distributed \$83,861,937 in child support funds, a 2.0% increase from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in New Hampshire, 29,344 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 26% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, New Hampshire had a monthly average of 5,200 children served by subsidized child care; 7,600 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 7,700 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in New Hampshire, a family of three could make no more than \$46,325, which is equivalent to 60% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, New Hampshire had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 1,941 New Hampshire children, a 18.9% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 80,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in New Hampshire—60% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, New Hampshire had 10,801 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 1.6% increase from 2010, when 10,630 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, New Hampshire had 21,000 uninsured children, representing 7% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 881 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in New Hampshire.³⁴
- In 2010, 41 infants under age 1 died in New Hampshire.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in New Hampshire was 6 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 29. This reflects a total rate of 16 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 1,278 adults and adolescents, as well as 10 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in New Hampshire.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 10,000 children ages 12–17 and 100,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in New Hampshire.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 50 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in New Hampshire.³⁹
- In 2011, 4,000 New Hampshire teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 15,000 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 6,000 children ages 12–17 in New Hampshire needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 5,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 10 New Hampshire children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 3.07 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, fewer than 10 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New Hampshire, as was the case in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 5,299 children younger than 18 were arrested in New Hampshire, a 21.0% decrease from 6,675 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 85 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 117 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Hampshire.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 NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN

- Out of 742 children in out-of-home care in New Hampshire in 2011, only 411, or 55%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, New Hampshire spent \$95,781,304 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$42,745,713 was from federal funds, \$52,101,580 from state funds, and \$934,011 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$42,745,713 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$24,334,394 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$1,934,190 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$11,458,468 was from Medicaid, \$1,803,117 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$723,359 was from TANF, and \$2,492,185 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- New Hampshire received \$17,557,832 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$2,686,921 for maintenance payments, \$11,462,352 for administration and child placement, \$486,050 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$1,537,966 for training.⁵⁵
- New Hampshire received \$5,253,939 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$4,138,011 for assistance payments, and \$1,115,928 for administration and child placement.⁵⁶

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