

MISSISSIPPI'S CHILDREN 2016

Mississippi's Children at a Glance¹

State Population ²	2,994,079	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	29.4%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	732,553	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	28.2%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	21.5%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	31.4%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2014, Mississippi had 27,967 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 22,706 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2014, there were 8,435 victims of abuse or neglect in Mississippi, a rate of 11.5 per 1,000 children, increasing 13.8% from 2013. Of these children, 71.4% were neglected, 17.5% were physically abused, and 11.8% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has increased 13.9% in comparison to the number of victims in 2010.¹⁰
- In 2014, there were 22 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Mississippi.¹¹
- 4,380 children in Mississippi lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2014, compared with 3,582 children in 2010. Of the children living apart from their families in 2013, there were 1,415 aged 5 or younger, and 633 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 22.3% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2010.¹³
- In 2013, of children in out-of-home care in Mississippi, 47% were white, 46% were black, 3% were Hispanic, less than 1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, less than 1% were Asian or Pacific Islander and 3% were of more than one race or ethnicity/undetermined race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 2,340 children exiting out-of-home care in 2013 in Mississippi, 62% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- 314 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Mississippi in 2014, decreasing 10.8% from 352 in 2013.¹⁶
- Of the 4,380 children in out-of-home care in 2014, there were 1,184 or 27% waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2014, approximately 48,486 grandparents in Mississippi had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸

- 1,146 of the children in out-of-home care in 2013 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Mississippi decreased from 18,036 in 2014 to 14,333 in 2015, a 20.5% change. 7,135 families received TANF in 2015, decreasing 17.9% from 2014.²⁰
- From 2013 to 2014, for every 100 of families living in poverty in Mississippi, 10 received TANF benefits.²¹
- \$73,186,977 was spent in 2014 on TANF assistance in Mississippi, including 20% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 7% on transportation, and 73% on nonassistance.²²
- \$55,935,525 was spent in 2014 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Mississippi, serving 87,973 participants.²³
- In 2014, Mississippi distributed \$309,697,386 in child support funds, increasing 2.4% from 2013.²⁴
- 240,000 children in Mississippi lived in households with a high housing burden in 2013, where more than 30% of monthly income is spent on housing costs.²⁵
- In 2014, the unemployment rate in Mississippi was 7.8%.²⁶
- 22% of households in Mississippi were food insecure on average from 2012 to 2014, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year.²⁷

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2014, Mississippi had a monthly average of 17,800 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 18,200 children received subsidized child care per month in 2013 and 19,500 were recipients in 2012.²⁸
- In 2014, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Mississippi, a family of three could make no more than \$34,999 at application, which is equivalent to 74% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2015, Mississippi had 2,200 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2014, Head Start served 26,782 children in Mississippi, increasing 2.42% from 2013.³¹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 452,565 children in Mississippi were enrolled in Medicaid in 2014, decreasing 3.3% from 2013.³²
- In 2014, Mississippi had 80,575 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, decreasing 13.5% from 2013, when 93,120 children were enrolled.³³

- In 2014, Mississippi had 38,832 uninsured children.³⁴
- 4,374 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Mississippi in 2014.³⁵
- 373 infants under age 1 died in Mississippi in 2013.³⁶
- In 2014, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Mississippi was 17.6 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 67.3 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 38 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2014, there were 9,355 adults and adolescents and 58 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Mississippi.³⁸
- In 2014, an estimated 12,000 children ages 12 to 17 and 175,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Mississippi.³⁹
- In 2014, approximately 5,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴⁰
- In 2014, approximately 7,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- 92 children in Mississippi aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2013.⁴²
- 76% of high school students in Mississippi graduated on time at the end of the 2012-13 year.⁴³
- 18,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Mississippi were not enrolled in school and not working in 2014.⁴⁴
- 69,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2013.⁴⁵
- 32.1% of young adults in Mississippi ages 25 to 34 had an associate's degree or higher from 2011 to 2013.⁴⁶
- In 2014, there were less than 10 reports of children in Mississippi aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 12 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- 49 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Mississippi in 2014, compared to 38 in 2013.⁴⁸
- 5,277 children younger than 18 were arrested in Mississippi in 2014. Violent crimes were the reason for 121 of the arrests in 2014.⁴⁹

- 243 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Mississippi in 2013.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁵¹

- 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.⁵²
- According to a 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.⁵³
- Average turnover rates for child welfare agencies range from 20% to 40%.⁵⁴ Turnover rates at around 10% are considered to be optimal in any agency.⁵⁵
- Caseworker turnover has negative outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including placement disruptions and increased time in out-of-home care.⁵⁶
- According to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being II baseline report, 75% of caseworkers earned a salary between \$30,000 and \$49,999.⁵⁷
- The majority of caseworkers hold a bachelor’s degree (52.3%) or a bachelor of social work degree (21.9%). Only 25% of caseworkers hold a master’s degree.⁵⁸
- A workload model in Colorado found that approximately 574 additional caseworkers were needed in their state to adequately provide child welfare services, due to estimated time requirements for meaningful services. This number represents a 49% increase that is needed on top of hours already spent on case related tasks.⁵⁹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR MISSISSIPPI’S CHILDREN

- In 2012, Mississippi spent \$111,666,884 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$58,328,884 was from federal funds, \$53,338,000 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.⁶⁰
- In 2012, of the \$58,328,884 in federal funds received for child welfare, 40.3% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 13.5% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 0% was from Medicaid, 23.4% came from Social Services Block Grant, 15.7% was from TANF, and 7.1% came from other federal sources.⁶¹
- Mississippi received \$15,378,145 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2012, including \$8,133,871 for maintenance payments and \$7,244,274 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶²

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