OHIO'S CHILDREN 2016

Ohio's Children at a Glance¹

State Population ²	11,594,163	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	22.9%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	2,635,640	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	21%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	15.8%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	26.9%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2014, Ohio had 169,808 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 79,241 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2014, there were 24,931 victims of abuse or neglect in Ohio, a rate of 9.4 per 1,000 children, decreasing 9.5% from 2013. Of these children, 43.5% were neglected, 43.5% were physically abused, and 18.5% were sexually abused.
- The number of child victims has decreased 20.3% in comparison to the number of victims in 2010. 10
- In 2014, there were 45 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Ohio. 11
- 12,519 children in Ohio lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2014, compared with 11,940 children in 2010. Of the children living apart from their families in 2013, there were 4,942 aged 5 or younger, and 2,005 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 4.8% 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 Ohio, 56% were white, 30% were black, 5% were Hispanic, less than 1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, less than 1% were Asian or Pacific Islander and between 8-9% were of more than one race or ethnicity/undetermined race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 9,212 children exiting out-of-home care in 2013 in Ohio, 46% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- 1,406 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Ohio in 2014, increasing 13% from 1,244 in 2013.¹⁶
- Of the 12,519 children in out-of-home care in 2014, there were 2,942 or 23.5% waiting to be adopted. 17
- In 2014, approximately 100,581 grandparents in Ohio had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren. 18
- 1,926 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 Ohio decreased from 122,033 in 2014 to 114,677 in 2015, a 6% change. 60,441 families received TANF in 2015, decreasing 4.2% from 2014.²⁰
- From 2013 to 2014, for every 100 of families living in poverty in Ohio, 26 received TANF benefits. 21
- \$1,052,489,369 was spent in 2014 on TANF assistance in Ohio, including approximately 27% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, approximately 1% on transportation, and approximately 73% on nonassistance.²²
- \$107,943,509 was spent in 2014 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Ohio, serving 250,370 participants.²³
- In 2014, Ohio distributed \$1,680,821,856 in child support funds, decreasing 1.4% from 2013.²⁴
- 794,000 children in Ohio 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 Ohio was 5.7%.²⁶
- 16.9% of households in Ohio 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, Ohio had a monthly average of 45,600 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 47,700 children received subsidized child care per month in 2013 and 47,700 were recepients in 2012.²⁸
- In 2014, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Ohio, a family of three could make no more than \$24,732 at application, which is equivalent to 39% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2015, Ohio had no children on its waiting list for child care assistance. 30
- In 2014, Head Start served 39,293 children in Ohio, increasing 7.33% from 2013.³¹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 1,250,655 children in Ohio were enrolled in Medicaid in 2014, increasing 3.4% from 2013.³²
- In 2014, Ohio had 136,169 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, decreasing 29.8% from 2013, when 194,013 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2014, Ohio had 126,139 uninsured children.³⁴
- 11,800 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Ohio in 2014.³⁵



- 1,018 infants under age 1 died in Ohio in 2013.36
- In 2014, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Ohio was 10.6 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 46.9 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 25.1 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2014, there were 19,627 adults and adolescents and 148 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Ohio.³⁸
- In 2014, an estimated 45,000 children ages 12 to 17 and 784,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Ohio.³⁹
- In 2014, approximately 24,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴⁰
- In 2014, approximately 27,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- 1,172 children in Ohio aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2013.⁴²
- 82% of high school students in Ohio graduated on time at the end of the 2012-13 year. 43
- 38,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Ohio were not enrolled in school and not working in 2014.⁴⁴
- 166,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school
 in 2013.⁴⁵
- 40% of young adults in Ohio ages 25 to 34 had an associate's degree or higher from 2011 to 2013.
- In 2014, there were 25 reports of children in Ohio aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 58 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- 90 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Ohio in 2014, compared to 96 in 2013.⁴⁸
- 24,585 children younger than 18 were arrested in Ohio in 2014. Violent crimes were the reason for 975 of the arrests in 2014.⁴⁹
- 2,283 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Ohio 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 OHIO'S CHILDREN

- In 2012, Ohio spent \$1,340,213,436 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$443,218,056 was from federal funds, \$86,867,877 from state funds, and \$810,127,503 from local funds.⁶⁰
- In 2012, of the \$443,218,056 in federal funds received for child welfare, 87.2% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 5.3% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 0.5% was from Medicaid, 5.9% came from Social Services Block Grant, 0.4% was from TANF, and 0.7% came from other federal sources.⁶¹
- Ohio received \$149,702,753 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2012, including \$64,135,088 for maintenance payments and \$85,567,665 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶²



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issues, academic degrees held, education and training received, and factors contributing to turnover. To address this, CWLA is calling for Congress to authorize the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an updated study on the child welfare workforce. It would make recommendations regarding caseloads and workloads, education levels, and training requirements. In addition, the study would examine data reporting and collection and make recommendations on how states might improve these efforts.

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