

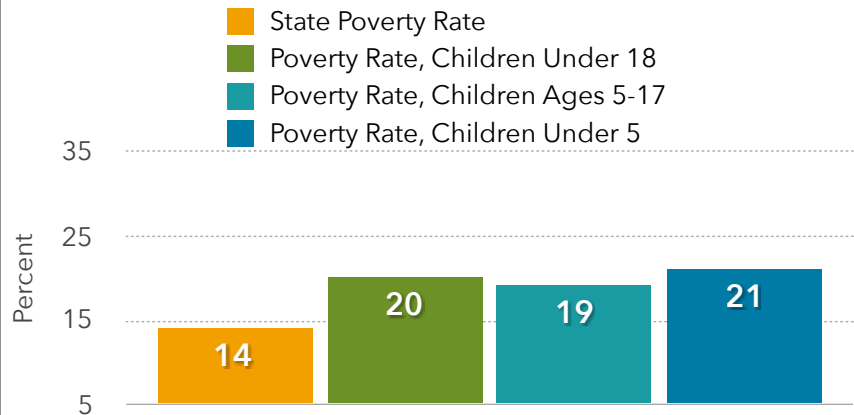
INDIANA'S CHILDREN 2018

State Population: 6,589,578 | Population of Children Under 18:1,544,329

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the **9,478** children exiting out-of-home care in 2016 in Indiana, 67% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- **1,536** children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Indiana in 2016, an increase of 33.3% from **1,152** in 2015.¹⁶
- Of the **19,837** children in out-of-home care in 2016, there were **3,773** or 19.02% waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2016, approximately **59,544** grandparents in Indiana had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- **6,210** of the children in out-of-home care in 2015 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹

Poverty Rates



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2016, Indiana had 170,515 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 112,563 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2016, there were 28,430 victims of abuse or neglect in Indiana, a rate of 18.0 per 1,000 children, an increase of 7.7% from 2015. Of these children, 89.1% were neglected, 7.2% were physically abused, and 9.1% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has increased 7.7% in comparison to the number of victims in 2015.¹⁰

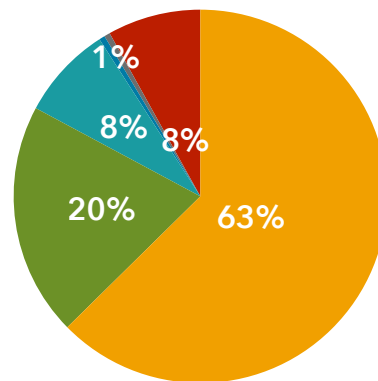


CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2015, Indiana had a monthly average of 34,800 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 40,200 children received subsidized child care per month in 2014 and 36,600 were recipients in 2013.²⁸
- In 2016, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Indiana, a family of three could make no more than \$25,512 at application, which is equivalent to 42% of the state’s median income.²⁹
- As of early 2016, Indiana had 6,226 children on it’s waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2016, Head Start served 14,733 children in Indiana, a decrease of 3.8% from 2015.³¹
- Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Indiana made 37,827 home visits to 5,313 parents and children in 2,710 families, as well as enrolled 2,121 new parents and children to the program.⁶⁴

- In 2016, there were 70 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Indiana.¹¹
- 19,837 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2016, compared with 17,023 children in 2015.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 19.1% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2015.¹³

Children in Out-of-Home Care 2015



- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: < 0.5%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: < 0.5%
- More Than One Race/Ethnicity or Undetermined Race or Ethnicity

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The monthly average number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Indiana decreased from 17,743 in 2015 to 15,951 in 2016, a 11.2% change. There was a 8,023 monthly average of families received TANF in 2016, a decrease of 11.4% from 2015.²⁰

- In 2016, for every 100 poor families with children, only 7 received TANF assistance.²¹
- \$240,062,352 was spent in 2016 on TANF assistance in Indiana, including 3.8% on basic assistance and 10.9% on child care.²²
- \$32,793,857 was spent in 2016 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Indiana, serving 147,906 participants.²³
- 19.1% of households in Indiana were food insecure in 2015, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 700,002 children in Indiana were enrolled in Medicaid in 2016, an increase of 1.5% from 2015.³²
- In 2016, Indiana had 114,927 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, an increase of 14.3% from 2015, when 100,560 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2016, Indiana had 115,030 uninsured children.³⁴
- 6,802 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Indiana in 2016.³⁵
- 620 infants under age 1 died in Indiana in 2016.³⁶
- In 2015, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Indiana was 11.1 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 48.7 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 26 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2016, there were 11,295 adults and adolescents and 62 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Indiana.³⁸
- In 2015, health care costs related to opioid abuse in Indiana reached \$650,271,374.³⁹

YOUTH WHO ARE VULNERABLE

- 245 children in Indiana aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2015.⁴²

- 24,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Indiana were not enrolled in school and not working in 2016.⁴⁴
- 81,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2016.⁴⁵
- In 2016, there were 10 reports of children in Indiana aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 47 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- 85 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Indiana in 2016, compared to 82 in 2015⁴⁸
- 12,420 children younger than 18 were arrested in Indiana in 2016. Violent crimes were the reason for 758 of the arrests in 2016.⁴⁹
- 1,563 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Indiana in 2015.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

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

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- In 2014, Indiana's sum of expenditures for services totaled \$23,037,421. The most utilized service in Indiana was Protective Services for Children totaling \$8,873,178.⁶⁰

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR INDIANA'S CHILDREN

- In 2014, Indiana spent \$793,901,864 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$256,470,918 was from federal funds and \$147,350,866 was from state and local funds.⁶¹
- In 2014, of the \$134,535,982 in federal funds received for child welfare, 29.8% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 8.2% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 34.4% was from Medicaid, 14.3% came from Social Services Block Grant, 11.2% was from TANF, and 2.0% came from other federal sources.⁶²

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