



Children in Wyoming

116,932 children live in Wyoming

15,941 are poor

- A child in Wyoming is born into poverty every 8 hours.**
- A child in Wyoming is abused or neglected every 11 hours.**
- A child in Wyoming dies before his or her first birthday every week.**
- A child or teen in Wyoming is killed by gunfire every 2 months.**

Wyoming Ranks:*

- 14th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 - 15th among states in the percent of babies born to mothers who received early prenatal care.
 - 15th among states in the percent of children who are poor.
 - 16th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 - 39th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
- [*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Wyoming

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	15,941 (14.0 %)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	516
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$340

Child Health in Wyoming

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	15,000 (12.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	5,525
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	47,543
Children as percent of total Medicaid enrollment	61.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as percent of total Medicaid expenditures	27.0%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	16.7%

Child Hunger in Wyoming

Number of children who receive food stamps	12,690
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	46%
Number of children in School Lunch Program	51,210
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)	12,701

Child Welfare in Wyoming

Number of children who were victims of abuse and neglect	786
Number of children in foster care	1,055
Number of children adopted from foster care	56
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	4,026

Early Childhood Development in Wyoming

Percent of children under age six with all parents in the labor force	59.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	1,792
Number of children served by the Child Care and Development Block Grant	4,500
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$5,438
Number of 3- and 4-year-olds not enrolled in preschool (and percent not enrolled)	7,087 (56.9%)
Number of poor 3- and 4-year-olds not enrolled in preschool (and percent not enrolled)	969 (0.0%)

Education in Wyoming

Amount spent per pupil in the public schools	\$8,985
Percent of fourth graders reading below grade level	66%
Percent of fourth graders below grade level in math	58%

Youth At Risk in Wyoming

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	7.6%
High school completion rate	87.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	11.2%
Number of juveniles arrested	6,704
Number of children and teens in juvenile or adult correctional facilities	448
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	4.3:1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 2 homicides; 7 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined	11

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For a list of sources, see *Notes and Sources*; go to the CDF web site at <<http://www.childrensdefense.org>>, click on the Research tab, click on State Data, then click on Children in the States.

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