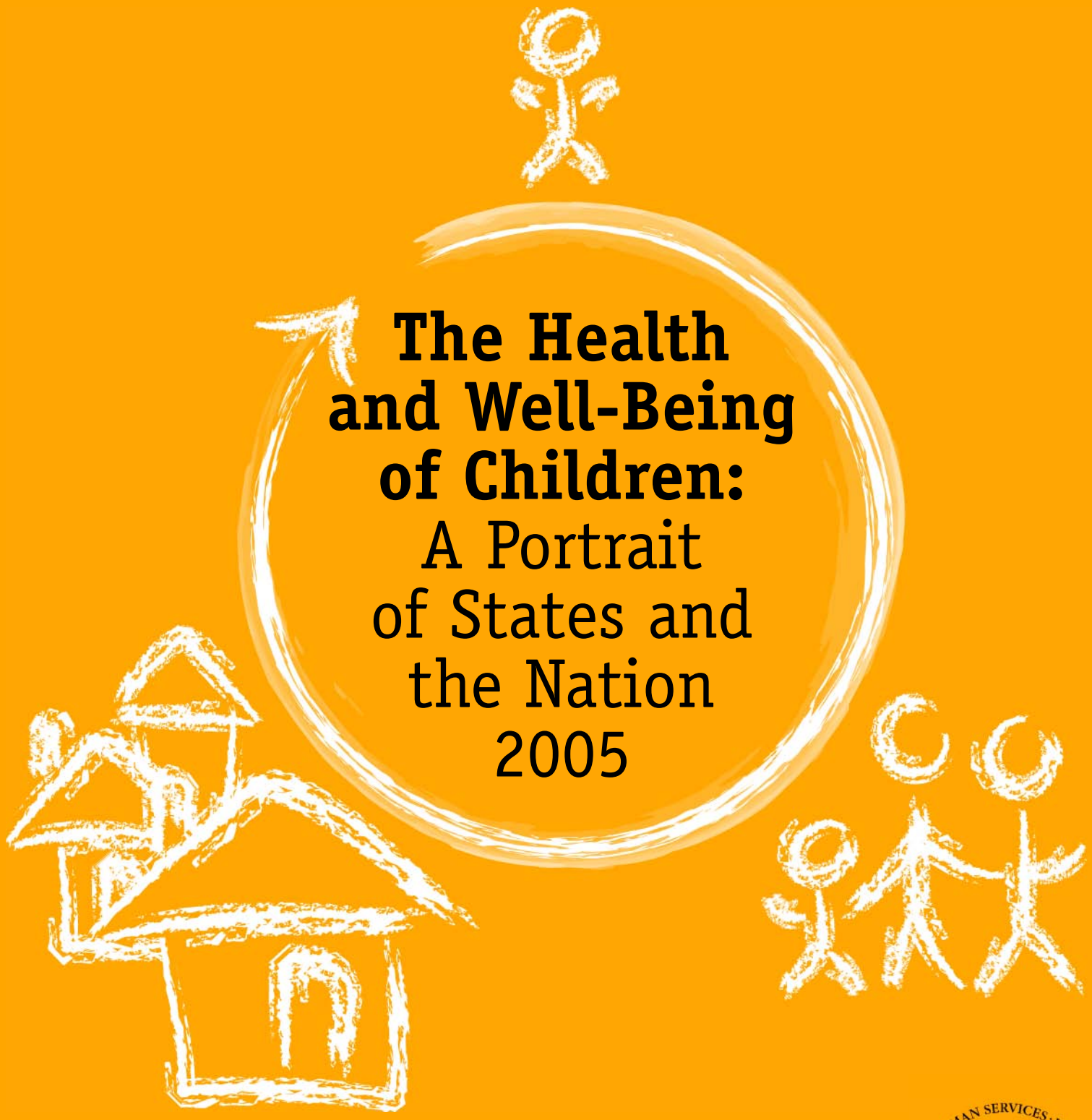

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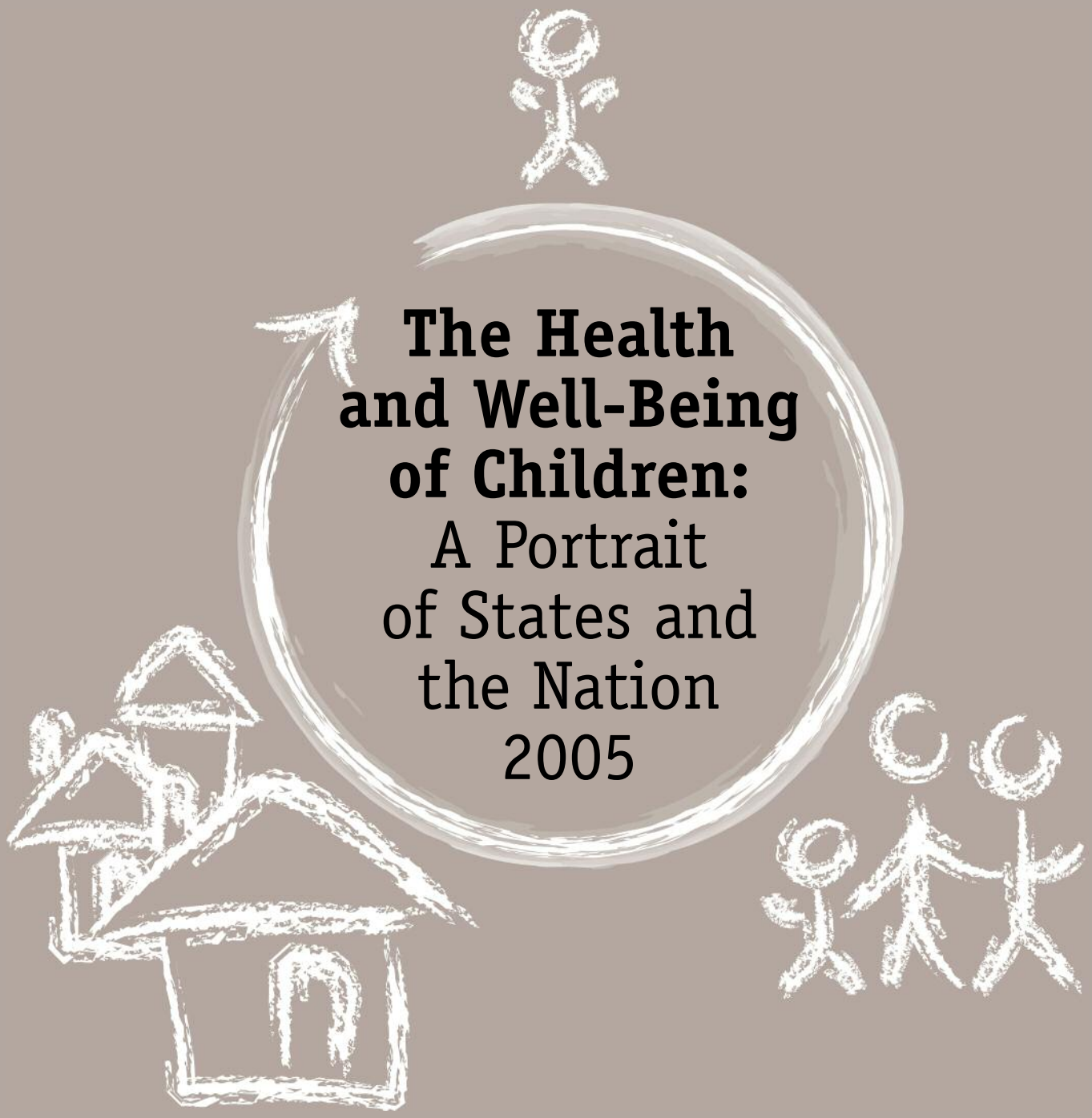

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Dear Colleagues:

The Health Resources and Services Administration is pleased to present this chartbook highlighting the major findings of the National Survey of Children's Health. This survey, the first of its kind, presents National- and State-level information on the health and well-being of children as well as contextual information about their families and communities.

The survey includes many positive findings about our Nation's children. Overall, 84.1 percent of children are reported to be in excellent or very good health, 91.2 percent have health insurance, and 77.8 percent receive an annual preventive health care checkup. Many aspects of children's home and family environment support their health and development as well: parents report that 83 percent of school-aged children read for pleasure on a typical day, and more than two-thirds of children (70.5 percent) live in households where no one smokes. Most parents express confidence in their communities as well: according to their parents, 81.4 percent of children live in neighborhoods that are supportive of them, 83.8 percent are safe in their neighborhood, and 88.4 percent are safe at school.

The survey also highlights areas where room remains for improvement. While most children receive an annual preventive physical health visit, for example, fewer receive an annual dental checkup. In addition, the survey highlights those populations of children who are particularly vulnerable to health risks, such as children in low-income families, children without health insurance, and children with special health care needs.

We at HRSA hope that these findings provide a new perspective on children's health and well-being and provide a useful guidepost in your efforts to address child health issues.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Duke
Administrator

Introduction

While many data sources exist to measure the health of children in the United States, few take into account the many contexts in which children grow and develop, including their family and community environments. The National Survey of Children's Health, conducted for the first time in 2003, addresses multiple aspects of children's health and well-being—including physical and mental health, health care, and social well-being—as well as aspects of the family and the neighborhood that can affect children's health, on both the National and State levels. The survey was supported and developed by the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration and conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The survey found that, in general, children in the United States are in good health and grow up in healthy environments. Overall, 84.1 percent of children are reported to be in excellent or very good health, 91.2 percent have health insurance, and 77.8 percent receive an annual preventive health care checkup. Most parents are satisfied with their children's health care as well; 65.6 percent of children have a personal doctor or nurse who communicates clearly with them and is sensitive to their culture, according to their parents.

Many aspects of children's home and family environment support their health and development. Eighty-three percent of school-aged children read for pleasure on a typical day, a habit that can improve their school performance and support their intellectual development. More than two-thirds of children (70.5 percent) live in households where no one smokes, and the parents of 92.0 percent of children do not report usually or always feeling aggravation from their parenting roles.

Most parents express confidence in their communities as well: 81.4 percent of children live in neighborhoods that their parents find to be supportive of them, the parents of 83.8 percent feel that their children are safe in their neighborhood, and parents of 88.4 percent report that their children are safe at school. These statistics represent good news about children's prospects for healthy development.

Just as children's family environments influence their health, children's health can affect the well-being of the family. The needs of children who have asthma or other special health care needs, including emotional and behavioral problems, can place demands on their families due to the time and expense required for their care. The families of 16.3 percent of children with asthma are affected a great deal or a medium amount by the child's condition. The families of 28 percent of children who experience socio-emotional difficulties are moderately or greatly affected by these difficulties.

The survey also shows areas of children's health and health care where room remains for improvement. While a large majority of children receive annual preventive health care visits, fewer receive both annual preventive medical and dental care; only 58.8 percent of children received both types of preventive care in the past year. In addition, many children with developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions need mental health services, but only 58.7 percent of these children receive any mental health services, according to their parents.

Another measure of children's access to appropriate health care is whether or not they have a "medical home," a regular source of medical care that meets the standards of accessibility, continuousness, comprehensiveness, coordination, compassion, and cultural sensitivity. The parents of fewer than half of children (46.1 percent) report that their children's care meets this standard.

While children's family environments appear to support children's development, some parents may not be able to offer an environment that provides maximum stimulation for young children. For example, of children under age 6, fewer than half (47.8 percent) are read to every day by a parent or other caregiver.

Some groups of children are at higher risk of health problems and barriers to access to health care as well. Children in low-income families are less likely to be in excellent or very good health, miss more days of school due to illness, and are more likely to have moderate or severe emotional or behavioral problems than children in higher-income families. Low-income children are less likely to be read to daily, more likely to live in households where someone smokes, and more likely to live in neighborhoods that do not feel safe or supportive, and their parents are more likely to report parenting aggravation. Moreover, mothers in low-income families are one-third as likely as higher-income mothers to be in excellent or very good physical and mental health themselves, which affects their ability to care for their children. These circumstances may combine to put children in low-income families at a health, developmental, and educational disadvantage.

In addition to the health risks experienced by children in low-income families, these children are also less likely to participate in the activities at home and in the community that can enrich their lives. Children from low-income families are less likely than children from higher-income households to do volunteer work or community service, to work for pay, to read for pleasure on a typical weekday, or to participate in activities outside of school like sports teams, Scouts, and religious groups.

Having adequate and consistent health insurance can help to assure access to needed health care. Children without health insurance are less likely to receive preventive medical and dental care, receive all of the mental health services they need, and receive care that is culturally sensitive.

Another population of children who may be especially vulnerable is children with special health care needs (CSHCN), defined as those who have a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.[1] Compared to other children, CSHCN are more likely to have conditions that are moderate or severe, more likely to have injuries that require medical care, and miss more days of school each year. However, CSHCN are also more likely to have health insurance and less likely to have a gap in coverage over the course of a year than are children without special health care needs.

This chartbook presents indicators of the health and well-being of children, the supportive and risk factors in the family environment, and aspects of the neighborhood that may support or threaten families and children. These indicators present basic information on the health status and risk and protective factors experienced by children on the national level, and show the sub-populations who are at particular risk in each area by race and ethnicity, income, sex and other characteristics. Data reported for White, Black, multiracial and children of other races do not include Hispanics, who may be of any race. This is followed by analyses of key indicators on the State level for each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

The Technical Appendix at the end of this book presents information about the survey methodology and sample. For more in-depth information about the survey and its findings, other resources are available. For more detailed analyses of the survey's findings, the Data Resource Center on Child and Adolescent Health (DRC) Web site provides online access to the survey data. The interactive data query feature allows users to create their own tables and to compare survey results at the National and State levels and by relevant subgroups such as age, race, ethnicity, and income. The Child & Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI) is sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau within the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Web site for the DRC is:
www.nschdata.org

More complex analyses can be conducted using the public use data set available from the National Center for Health Statistics at:
www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/slaits/nsch.htm

The Child

The National Survey of Children's Health took several approaches to monitoring the health and well-being of children. This section presents information on children's health status, their health care, and their activities in and outside of school. Taken together, these measures present a snapshot of children's health and well-being that reflects a wide range of aspects of their lives.

Children's health status was measured through parents' reports of their children's overall health status as well as whether they were affected by specific conditions, such as asthma. In addition, parents were asked about their concerns about their children's development and behavior, and about the impact of their children's health conditions on the child and the family as a whole.

Children's access to health care and parents' satisfaction with the health care their children receive were measured through questions about children's health insurance coverage, their use of preventive medical and dental services, their access to needed mental health services, and the communication skills and cultural sensitivity of their children's health care providers. Several survey questions were also combined to assess whether children had a "medical home," a source of primary care that is accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective.

Children's participation in activities in school and in the community represents another important aspect of their well-being. The survey addressed whether young children went to preschool or kindergarten, and whether school-aged children had ever repeated a grade. In addition, parents were asked about their children's participation in activities such as reading for pleasure, volunteering, working for pay, and other activities outside of school.

Child Health Status

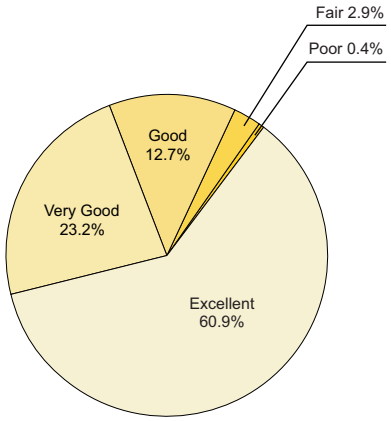
The general state of a child's health as perceived by their parents is a useful measure of the child's overall health and ability to function. Parents were asked to rate their child's health status as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. Overall, the parents of 84.1 percent of children reported that their children's health was excellent or very good. This proportion does not vary substantially by the sex of the child; the parents of 83.5 percent of boys rated their children's health as excellent or very good, as did the parents of 84.7 percent of girls.

Younger children are more likely to be reported to be in excellent or very good health than are school-aged children or adolescents. Of children aged 5 and under, 86 percent were reported to be in excellent or very good health, compared to 83.8 percent of children aged 6-11 and 82.6 percent of children aged 12-17.

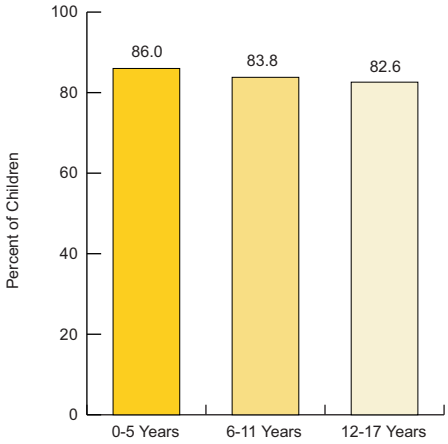
Children in low-income families are also much more likely to have poorer reported health status than children with higher levels of income. Two-thirds of children with family incomes below the Federal poverty level ($18,400 for a family of four in 2003) were reported to be in excellent or very good health, compared to 80.9 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of the Federal poverty level. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 300 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), 90.2 percent are in excellent or very good health, as are 93.8 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

A child whose mother is herself in good health appears to be more likely to be reported to be in excellent or very good health. Of children whose mothers were reported to be in excellent or very good mental, emotional, and physical health, 93.3 percent were themselves reported to be in excellent or very good health; of the children of mothers whose health was good, fair, or poor, 71.8 percent were themselves in excellent or very good health.

Child Health Status



Percent of Children in Excellent or Very Good Health, by Age



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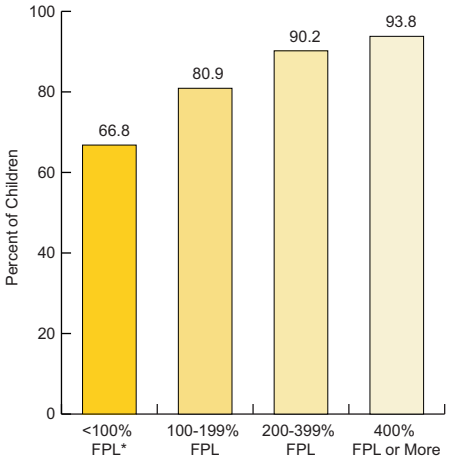

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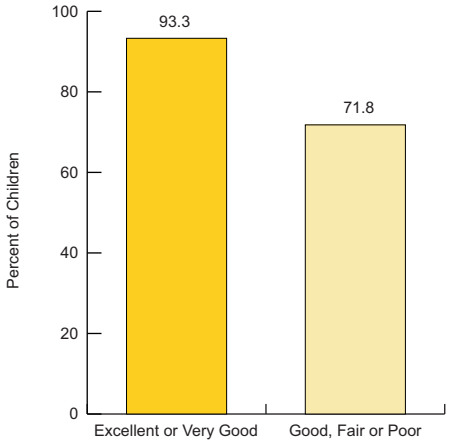


Health Status

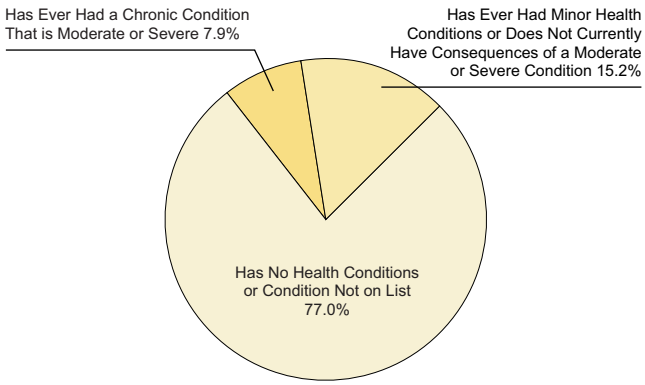
Moderate or Severe Health Problems

Children may have chronic physical or mental health problems, such as asthma or emotional or behavioral problems, which may have an impact on the child. Overall, the parents of 7.9 percent of children reported that their child has, or has had at least one of a list of chronic health conditions* and that this condition is moderate or severe.

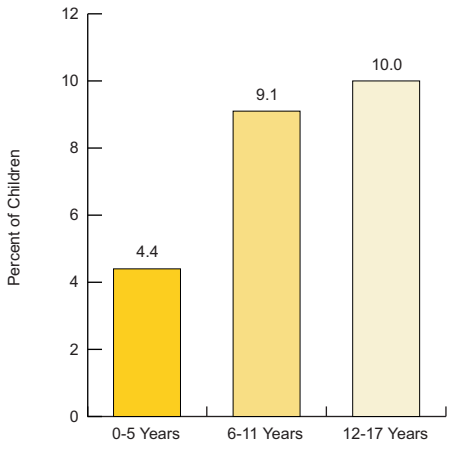
This percentage rises with age. Of children aged 0-5, 4.4 percent are reported to have ever had a chronic condition that is moderate or severe, compared to 9.1 percent of children aged 6-11 and 10.0 percent of children aged 12-17.

Children in lower-income families are more likely to be reported to have ever had moderate or severe chronic conditions than are children in higher-income families. Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 11.4 percent are reported to have had moderate or severe conditions, as do 9.4 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of FPL, 7.3 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, and 5.7 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Children with Moderate or Severe Health Conditions*



Percent of Children with Moderate or Severe Health Conditions, by Age



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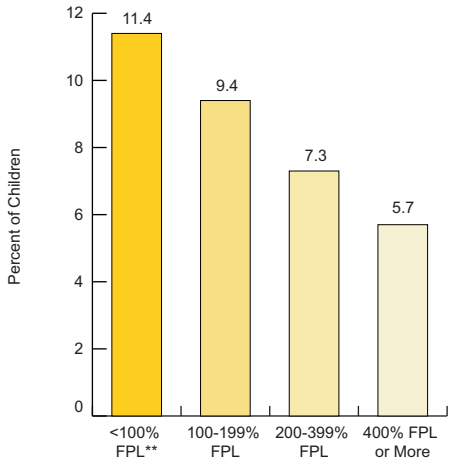


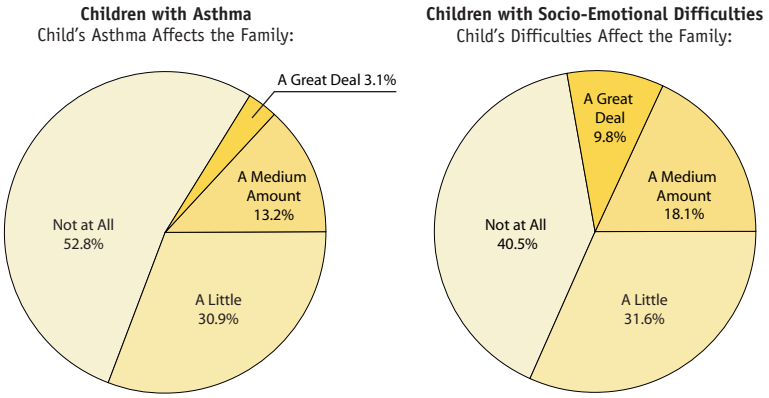
Including asthma; hearing or vision problems not correctable with glasses; Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); depression or anxiety; behavioral or conduct problems; bone, joint, or muscle problems; diabetes; autism; a developmental delay or physical impairment; severe respiratory, food, or skin allergies; frequent or severe headaches; or speech problems.
***Federal Poverty Level, equal to $18,400 for a family of four in 2003.*

Impact of Child's Health Problems on the Family

Children's physical and mental health conditions can affect the family as a whole as well, due to the time and expense that can be required to assure that the child receives the care that he or she needs. Parents of children with asthma or socio-emotional difficulties were asked about the degree of "burden" their child's condition puts on the family: a great deal, a medium amount, a little, or not at all. Overall, the families of 16.3 percent of children with asthma are affected a great deal or a medium amount by the child's condition. The families of 28 percent of children who experience socio-emotional difficulties report that they are moderately or greatly affected by these difficulties.

While families' reports of the impact of asthma declines as children grow older, the reverse is the case for emotional or behavioral difficulties. Among children with asthma, 18.9 percent of those aged 0-5 years, 17.5 percent of those in the 6- to 11-year-old age group, and 13.5 percent of adolescents aged 12-17 have families who are greatly or moderately affected. In contrast, of children with socio-emotional problems, the families of 22.1 percent of children aged 0-5, 24.6 percent of those aged 6-11, and 32.8 percent of adolescents reported a moderate or great deal of impact.

Impact of Child's Health Problems on the Family



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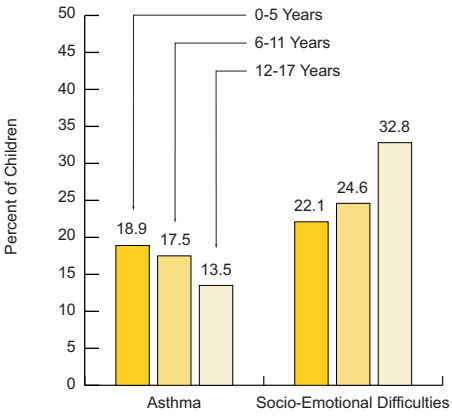

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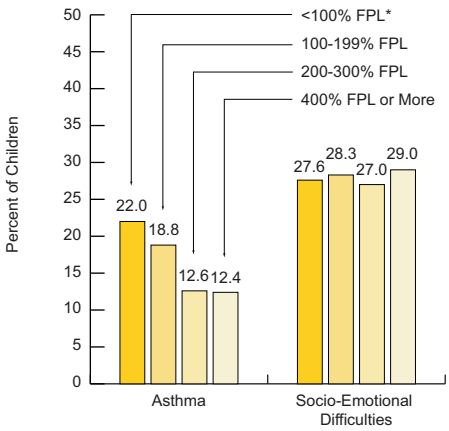

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Likewise, while the impact of children's asthma on families appears to be related to family income, the impact of socio-emotional difficulties is not. Of children with asthma, the families of 22.0 percent of those with family incomes below poverty reported that the condition affected them moderately or a great deal, compared to 18.8 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty, 12.6 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, and 12.4 percent of children in higher-income families. Of children with socio-emotional difficulties, the families of approximately 27 to 29 percent of children reported this level of impact regardless of income.

Impact of Asthma on Children

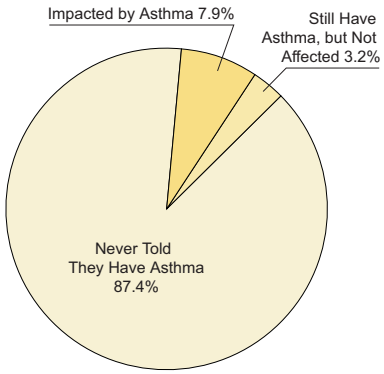
Asthma, a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways, is one of the most common chronic diseases in children. It can cause wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing, particularly at night or after exercise. More severe asthma attacks can result in breathlessness, agitation, and respiratory failure.

The survey asked parents whether they have been told that their child had (and still has) asthma, used medication for asthma in the past year, had moderate or severe difficulties and/or an asthma attack in the past year, or had been hospitalized for asthma in the past year. Overall, 7.9 percent of children are affected by asthma in at least one of these ways. Boys are more likely to have these effects than girls: 9.1 percent of boys have at least one of these effects, compared to 6.6 percent of girls.

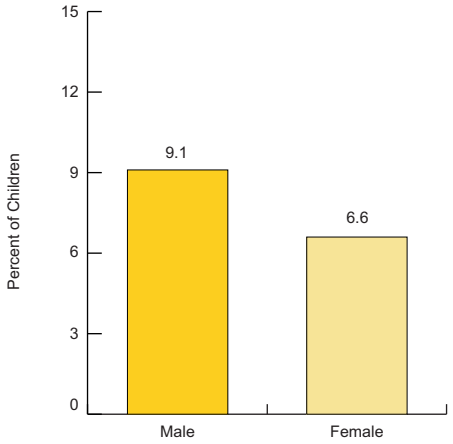
The proportion of children affected by asthma during the past year varies by race and ethnicity as well. Of White children, the parents of 7.2 percent reported at least one of the effects of asthma listed above, as did the parents of 6.4 percent of Hispanic children and 12.4 percent of parents of Black children. Of children of other races, 7.3 percent are affected by asthma, as are 11.2 percent of multiracial children.

The severity of asthma's effects also declines as family income rises.

Percent of Children Affected by Asthma



Percent of Children Affected by Asthma, by Sex



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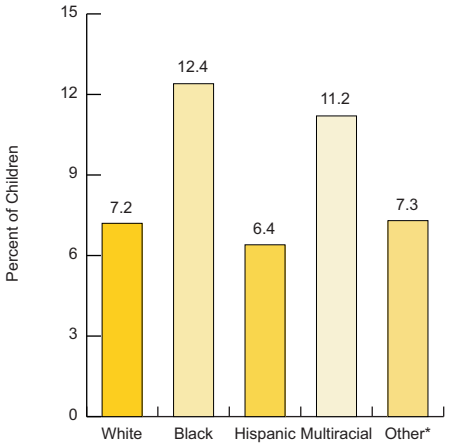

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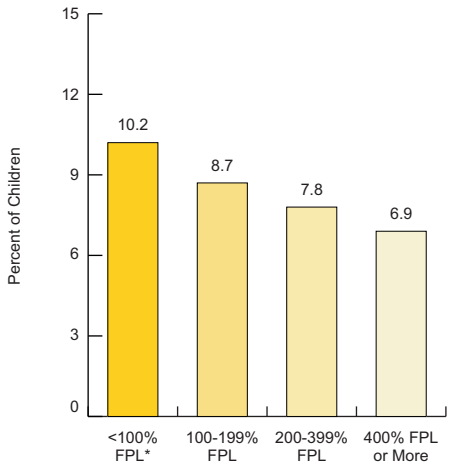
Percent of Children Affected by Asthma, by Family Income



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Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 10.2 percent are affected by asthma, compared to 8.7 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty, 7.8 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, and 6.9 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

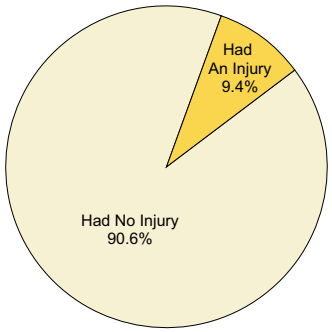
Injury and Poisoning

Unintentional injury, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, and cuts, is a major risk to children's health and the leading cause of death for children over age 1. Parents of children aged 5 and under were asked if their child had required medical attention for an accidental injury or poisoning over the past year. While fewer than 1 percent (0.6 percent) of children had been poisoned, 9.4 percent had had an injury that required medical attention.

Boys may be more likely to experience serious injury than girls: 10.5 percent of boys aged 0-5 had an injury requiring medical attention, compared to 8.2 percent of girls in this age group. A similar disparity is evident in the reported rates of poisoning. Of boys aged 0-5, 0.7 percent were reported to have had a poisoning that required medical attention in the past year, as did 0.5 percent of girls aged 0-5.

Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) may be especially likely to need medical care for their injuries. Of CSHCN aged 0-5, 14.5 percent had an injury requiring medical attention, compared to 8.8 percent of children without special health care needs. Similarly, almost twice as many CSHCN in this age group (1.1 percent) were reported to have experienced an accidental poisoning than children without special health care needs (0.5 percent) of the same age.

Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years with Injuries* in the Past Year



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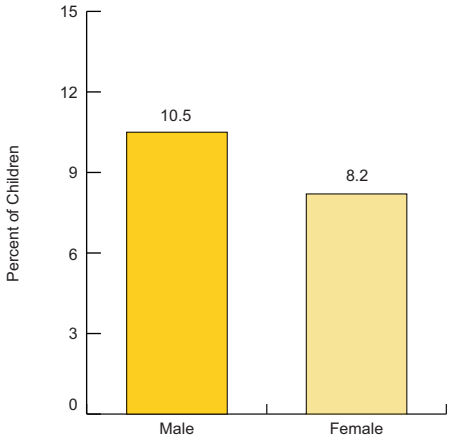
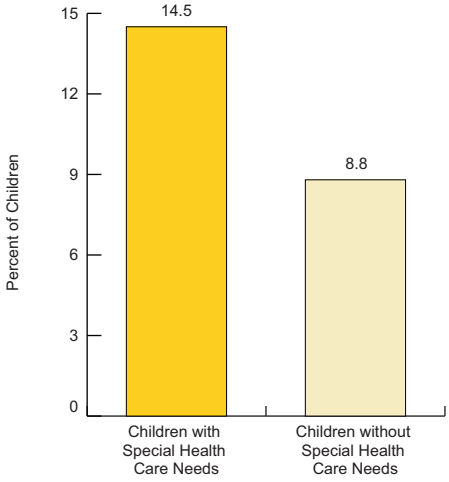
Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years with Injuries in the Past Year, by Sex



Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years with Injuries in the Past Year, by CSHCN Status



Health Status

Breastfeeding

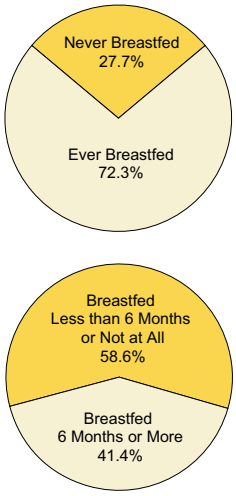
Breast milk is widely recognized to be the ideal form of nutrition for infants. Breastfed infants are less susceptible to infectious diseases and are less likely to suffer from diabetes; overweight and obesity; lymphoma, leukemia, and Hodgkin's disease, and asthma compared to children who were not breastfed. In addition, rates of postneonatal mortality (death between the first month and the end of the first year of life) are lower among breastfed infants.[2] Therefore, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that, with few exceptions, all infants be fed with breast milk exclusively for the first 6 months of life.

Overall, 72.3 percent of children aged 0-5 were ever breastfed. This proportion varies by race and ethnicity: 77.3 percent of Hispanic children, 74.9 percent of White children, and 72.6 percent of multiracial children were ever breastfed, compared to 51.4 percent of Black children. The highest rate of breastfeeding was found among children of other races, of whom 80.5 percent were ever breastfed.

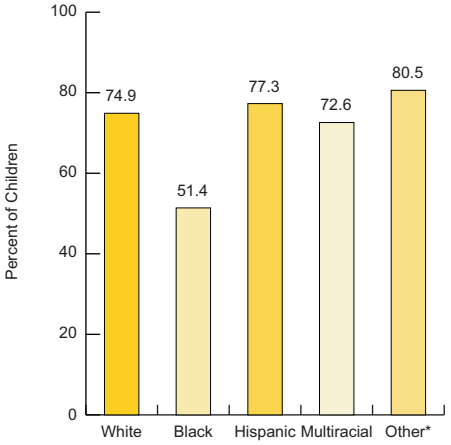
Of children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years, 41.4 percent were breastfed for at least 6 months (or are still breastfeeding). Again, this proportion varies by race and ethnicity. Of White children, 44.1 percent were breastfed for at least 6 months, compared to 42.8 percent of Hispanic children, 25.8 percent of Black children, 43.6 percent of multiracial children, and 46.7 percent of children of other races.

The likelihood of breastfeeding for 6 months also appears to rise with family income. Among children with family incomes below the poverty level, fewer than one-third (32.1 percent) are breastfed for 6 months or more, compared to 36.7 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of FPL. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 43.3 percent are breastfed for at least 6 months, as are 50.5 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Breastfeeding Among Children Aged 0-5 Years



Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years Ever Breastfed, by Race and Ethnicity



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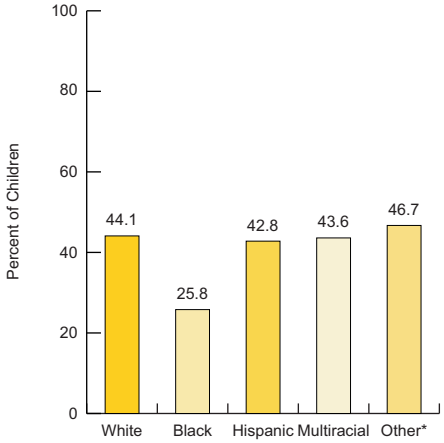

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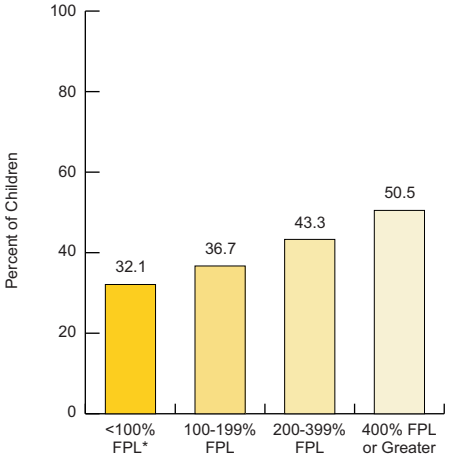

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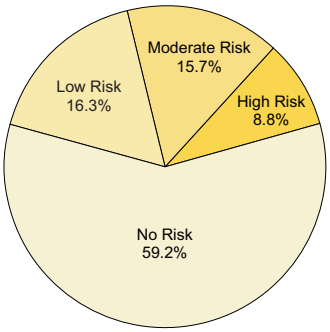
Risk of Developmental Delay

Parents of young children may have specific concerns about their children's development and whether they are achieving developmental milestones appropriately. Parents of young children (aged 1-5) were asked whether they were concerned a lot, a little, or not at all about their children's language skills, ability to get along with others, and ability to use their arms and legs. Children were considered to be at high risk of developmental delay if their parents reported concerns about any two items, as appropriate for their child's age; moderate risk if they had concerns about any one item; and low risk if they expressed general concerns about their child's development but no concerns in specific areas. Overall, 24.6 percent of children in this age group met the criteria for moderate or high risk of developmental delay.

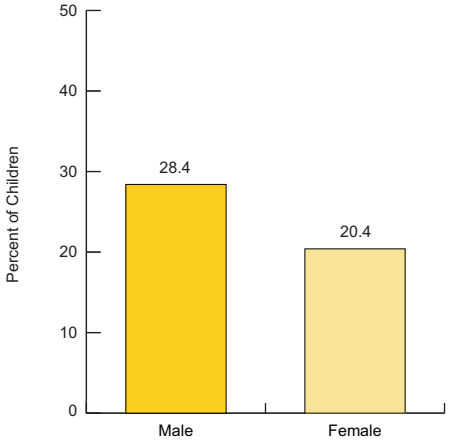
Boys appear to be slightly more likely to be at risk than girls. Of boys aged 1-5, 28.4 percent are reported to be at moderate or high risk of delays, compared to 20.4 percent of girls.

Parents of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) aged 1-5 are particularly likely to report concerns about their children's development. Of CSHCN in this age group, 43.7 percent are reported to be at moderate or high risk of developmental delay, compared to 21.8 percent of children without special health care needs.

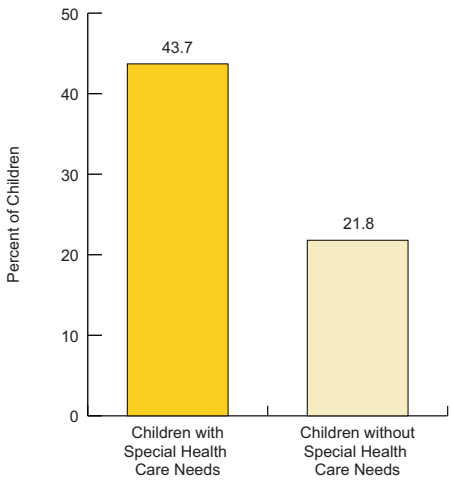
Risk of Developmental Delay Among Children Aged 1-5 Years



Percent of Children Aged 1-5 Years at Moderate or High Risk of Developmental Delay, by Sex



Percent of Children Aged 1-5 Years at Moderate or High Risk of Developmental Delay, by CSHCN Status



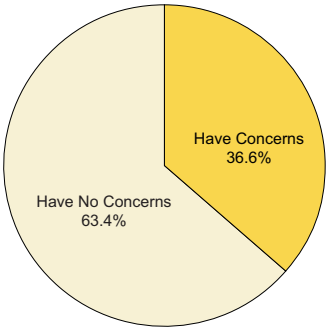
Parents' Concerns

Parents often have concerns about the learning, development, or behavior of their children, particularly preschool children. The survey asked parents of children aged 5 and under about specific concerns in the areas of speech, language comprehension, manual dexterity, motor skills, behavior, getting along with others, the ability to do things for themselves, and pre-school and school skills. Of children aged 5 and under, the parents of 36.6 percent reported that they had a concern about their children in at least one of these areas.

Parents of boys are more likely to report these concerns than are parents of girls. The parents of 40 percent of boys aged 0-5 reported at least one concern about learning, development, or behavior, compared to the parents of 33 percent of girls in this age group.

Low-income parents were more likely to report concerns than were parents with higher income levels. Of children in families with incomes below the poverty level, the parents of 43.6 percent reported having at least one concern about their child, compared to 38.9 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty, 35.1 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of poverty and 31.7 percent of children in higher-income families.

Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years with Parent-Reported Concerns about Their Development



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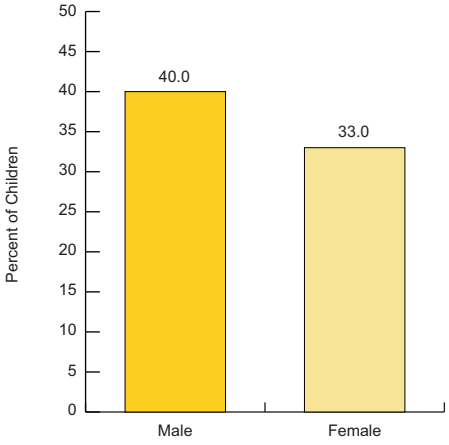

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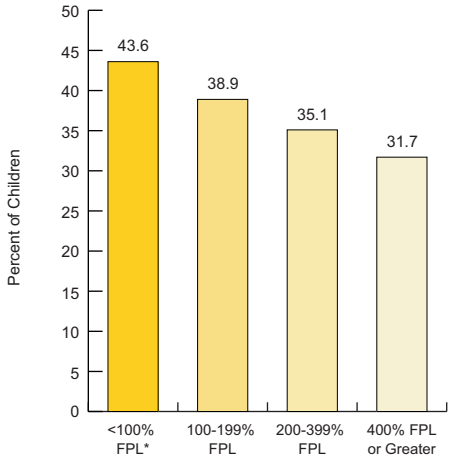

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Socio-Emotional Difficulties

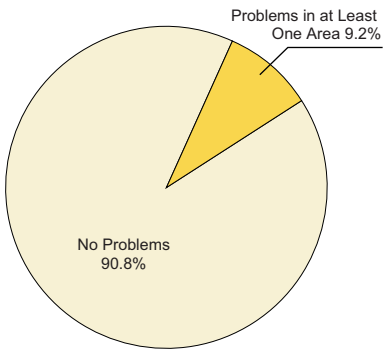
Parents may also have concerns about older children's emotions, behavior, concentration or ability to get along with others. Parents were asked whether they felt that their 3- to 17-year-old children had difficulties in any of these areas and to rate these difficulties as minor, moderate, or severe. Overall, the parents of 9.2 percent of children in this age group reported that their children had moderate or severe difficulties in at least one of these areas.

Again, parents of boys were more likely to report concerns about their children's emotional or behavioral health than were girls. Of boys aged 3-17, 11.3 percent were reported to have moderate or severe difficulties, compared to parents of 6.9 percent of girls in this age group.

The prevalence of parents' concerns about these problems appears to increase with their children's age as well. While only 4.9 percent of 3- to 5-year-olds had parent-reported socio-emotional difficulties, 9.6 percent of 6- to 11-year-olds and 10.9 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds did so.

Children in poor families were twice as likely as those in higher-income families to be reported to have socio-emotional difficulties. Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 14 percent were reported to have these problems, compared to 11.6 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 7.9 percent were reported to have socio-emotional problems, as were 6.1 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Percent of Children Aged 3-17 Years with Moderate or Severe Socio-Emotional Difficulties



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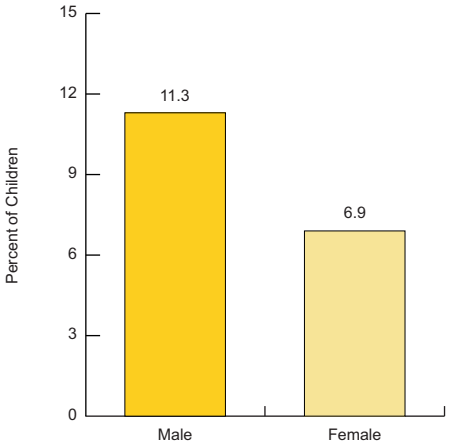

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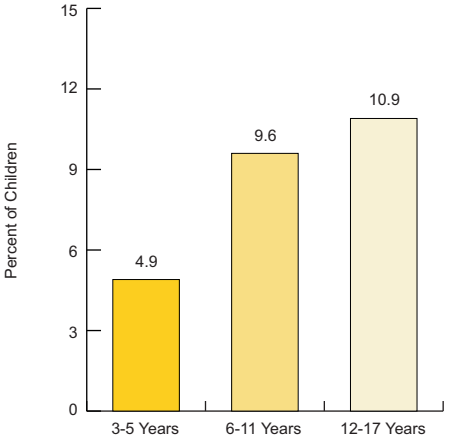

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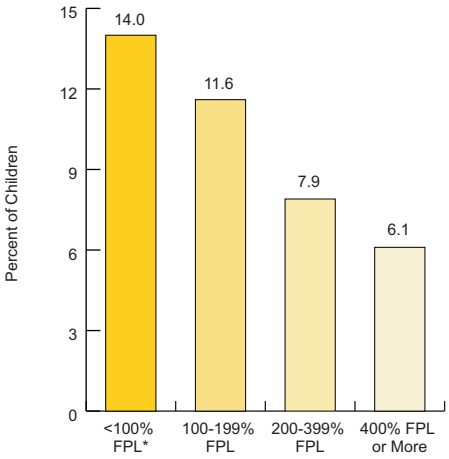

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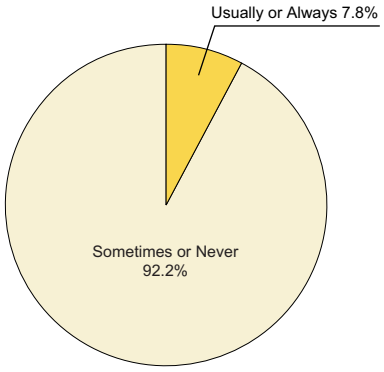
Health Status

Problems with Social Behaviors

Some children have trouble getting along with others. Parents of 6- to 17-year-olds were asked if their children never, sometimes, usually, or always exhibited each of the following: arguing too much, bullying or being cruel or mean to others, being disobedient, or being stubborn, sullen, or irritable. While many children may occasionally misbehave, children were considered to have problems with social behaviors if their parents reported that their children "usually" or "always" displayed at least two of these behaviors. Overall, 7.8 percent of children aged 6-17 met this standard.

While the prevalence of these problems does not differ substantially by sex, it does decrease with income. Of children aged 6-17 with family incomes below the poverty level, 13.1 percent have social behavior problems, compared to 9.3 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty in this age group. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 6.7 percent have social behavior problems, as do 5.0 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Percent of Children Aged 6-17 Years with Problems with Social Behaviors



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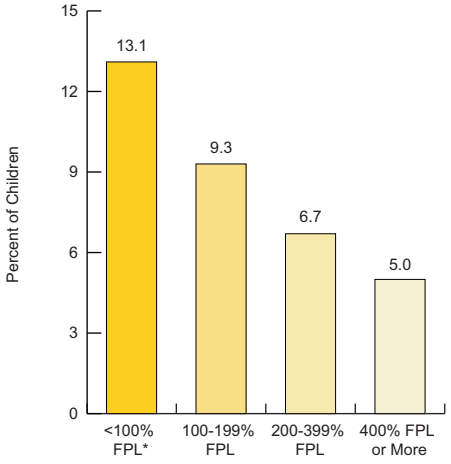

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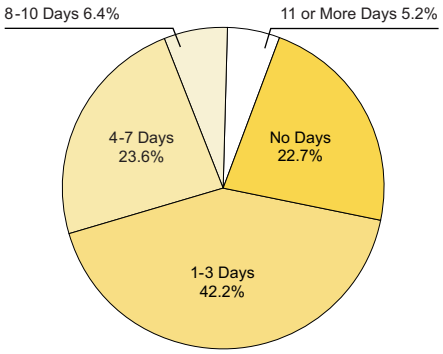
Missed School Days

Parents of school-aged children (ages 6-17) were asked how many days of school their children had missed because of illness or injury during the past year. Overall, parents of 5.2 percent of children were reported to have missed 11 or more days of school.

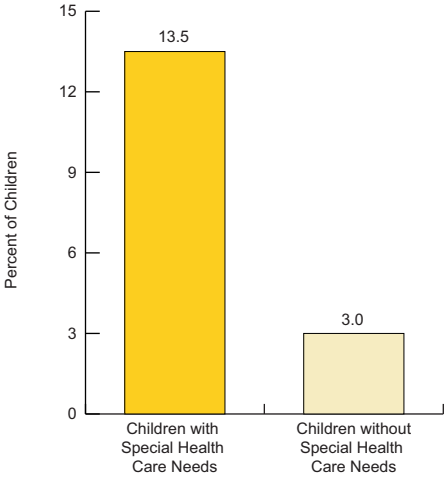
Children with special health care needs (CSHCN), whose conditions may cause complications that require them to miss school, are more likely to miss large numbers of school days than are typical children without special health care needs. Of school-aged CSHCN, 13.5 percent missed 11 or more days of school, compared to 3.0 percent of children without special health care needs in this age group.

Lower-income children miss more days of school than children from higher-income families. Of school-aged children with family incomes below the poverty level, 8.0 percent missed 11 or more days, compared to 6.2 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 4.7 missed more than 11 school days, as did 3.6 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Number of School Days Missed in the Past Year, by Children Aged 6-17 Years



Percent of Children Aged 6-17 Years Missing 11 or More Days of School in the Past Year, by CSHCN Status



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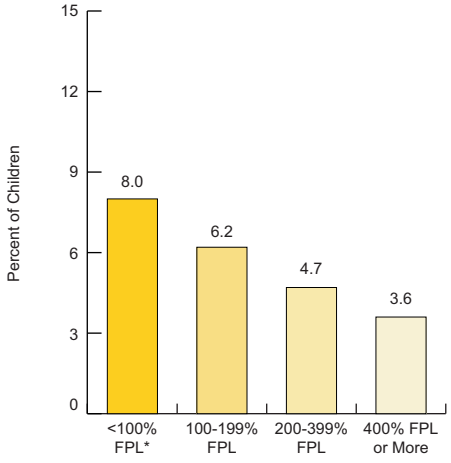

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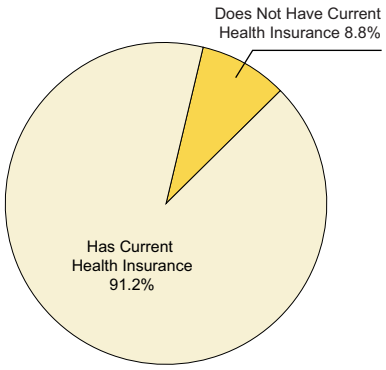
Current Health Insurance

The survey asked parents if their child currently had any kind of health insurance, including HMOs or government plans such as Medicaid. Overall, 91.2 percent of children have health insurance coverage. This proportion varies substantially across racial and ethnic groups and income categories.

White children are the most likely to be insured (94.3 percent) and Hispanic children the least (78.8 percent). Approximately 93 percent of Black, multiracial, and children of other races had insurance at the time of the interview.

Children in poor and near-poor families are more likely than children in higher-income families to lack health insurance. While 85.2 percent of children with family incomes below the Federal poverty level have health insurance, 87.1 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty have insurance. Over 90 percent of children in higher-income families are currently insured: 94.2 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL and 97.2 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Percent of Children with Current Health Insurance Coverage



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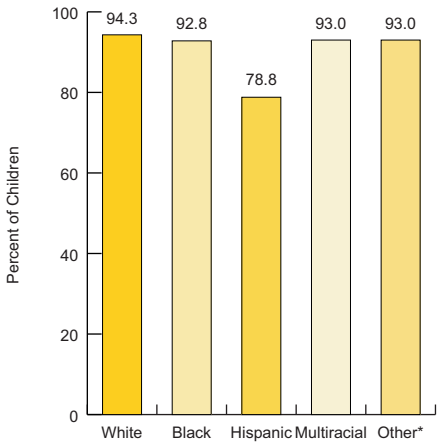

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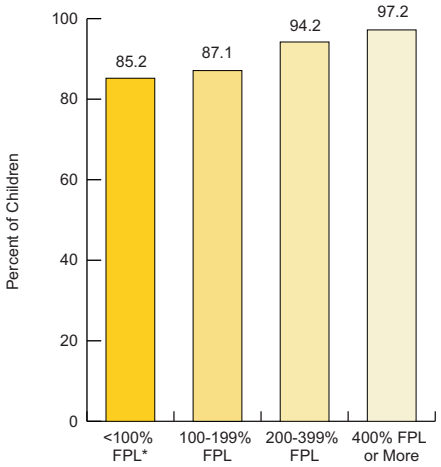

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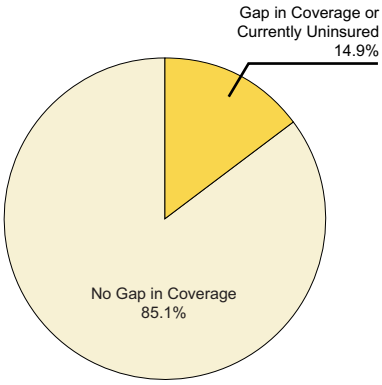
Coverage Consistency

Although most children have health insurance, many experience a time when they are not covered over the course of a year. Overall, 14.9 percent of children had a gap in their coverage in the past year or are currently uninsured.

Poor and low-income children are considerably more likely than children in higher-income families to experience inconsistent insurance coverage. Nearly one-quarter (24.7 percent) of children in families whose income is below the poverty level lacked coverage at some point in the year, as did 22.5 percent of children in families with incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Among children in families with incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 10.7 percent experienced a gap in coverage, as did only 5 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) had more consistent health coverage than typical children. Of CSHCN, 12.6 percent experienced a gap in coverage, compared to 15.4 percent of children without special health care needs.

Percent of Children Lacking Consistent Insurance Coverage in the Past Year



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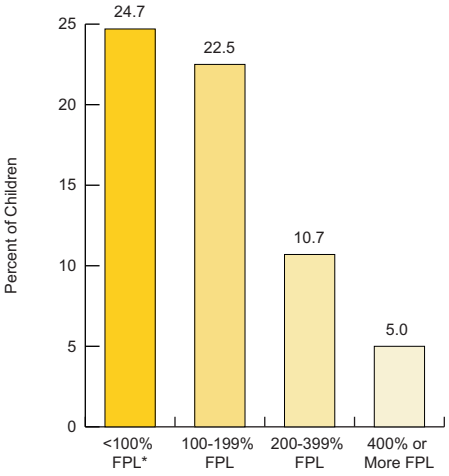

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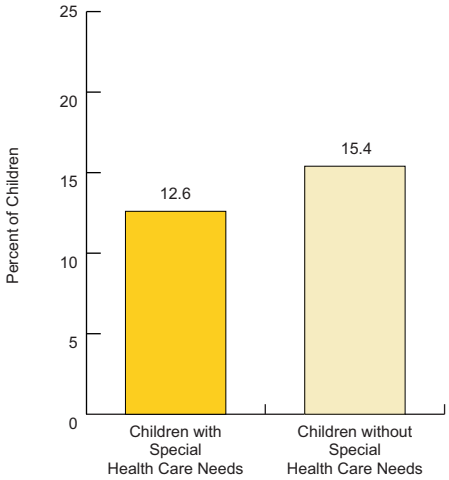


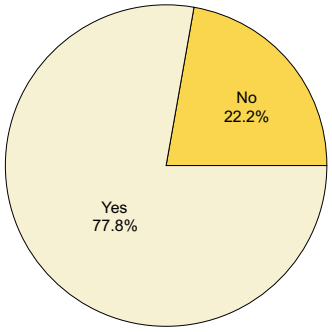
Preventive Health Care Visits

The *Bright Futures* guidelines for health supervision of infants, children, and adolescents recommend that children visit a physician six times during the first year, three times in the second year, and annually thereafter for preventive health care visits.[3] An annual preventive health care visit provides an opportunity to monitor a child's growth and development, to assess his or her behavior, to provide appropriate immunizations, to discuss important issues regarding prevention of injury and violence, and nutrition, and to answer parents' questions about their children's health and care. Overall, 77.8 percent of children received a preventive care visit in the past year.

Children without health insurance are less likely to receive a preventive visit than those with either public or private health insurance. While 79.8 percent of children with health insurance (from any source) received a preventive visit, only 57.2 percent of uninsured children did so.

The use of preventive health care appears to vary somewhat by race and ethnicity as well. While 80.5 percent of Black children, 79.6 percent of multiracial children, and 79.2 percent of White children received a preventive visit in the past year, the rates were lower for children of other races (74.7 percent) and Hispanic children (71.4 percent).

Percent of Children with a Preventive Health Care Visit in the Past Year



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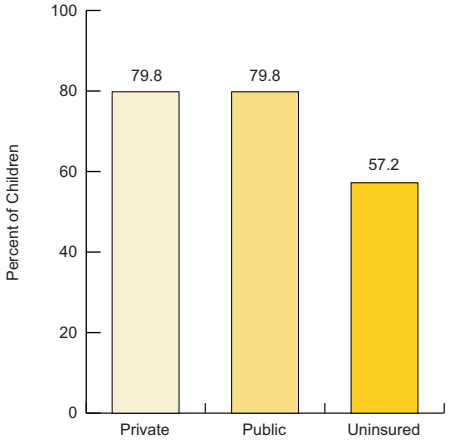

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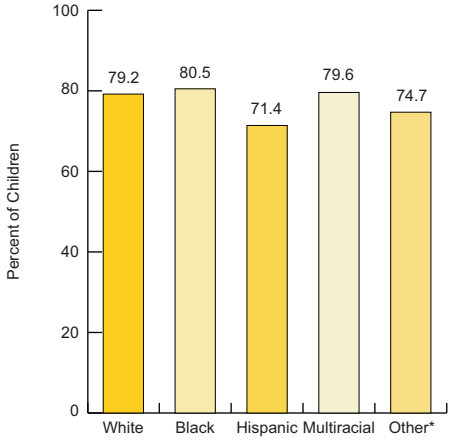

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Preventive Medical and Dental Visits

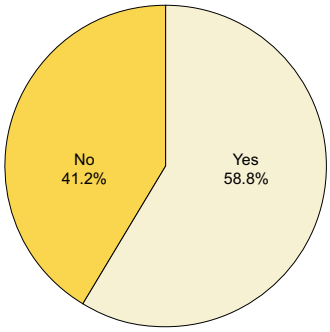
In addition to an annual preventive medical care visit, it is also recommended that children see a dentist every 6 months beginning by age 1.[4]

The majority of children (58.8 percent) received at least one preventive medical visit and one dental visit in the past year. However, low-income children and those without insurance are considerably less likely to receive preventive care.

Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 48.3 percent received at least one preventive medical and one preventive dental visit, as did 52.1 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 61.3 percent had a preventive medical and dental visit, as did over two-thirds (69.8 percent) of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Children with insurance are also considerably more likely to receive preventive care than uninsured children. Of privately-insured children, 63.4 percent had preventive medical and dental visits, compared to 55.8 percent of publicly insured children and 35.3 percent of children without insurance.

Percent of Children with a Preventive Medical and Dental Visit in the Past Year



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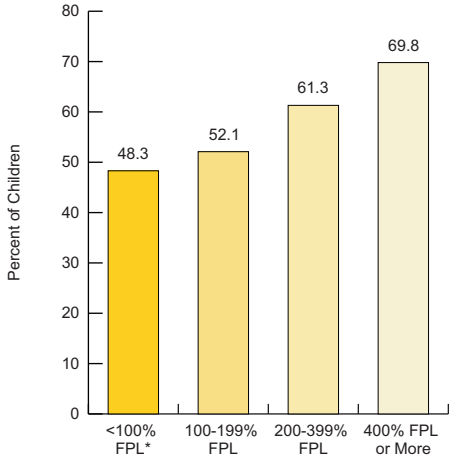

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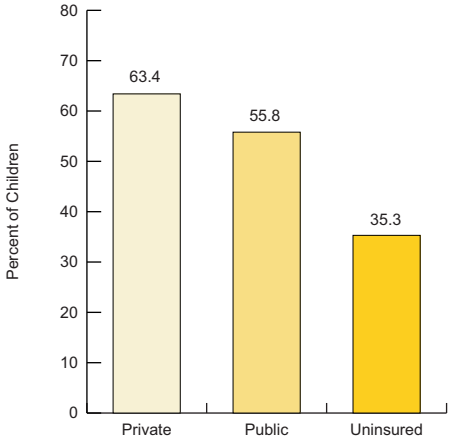
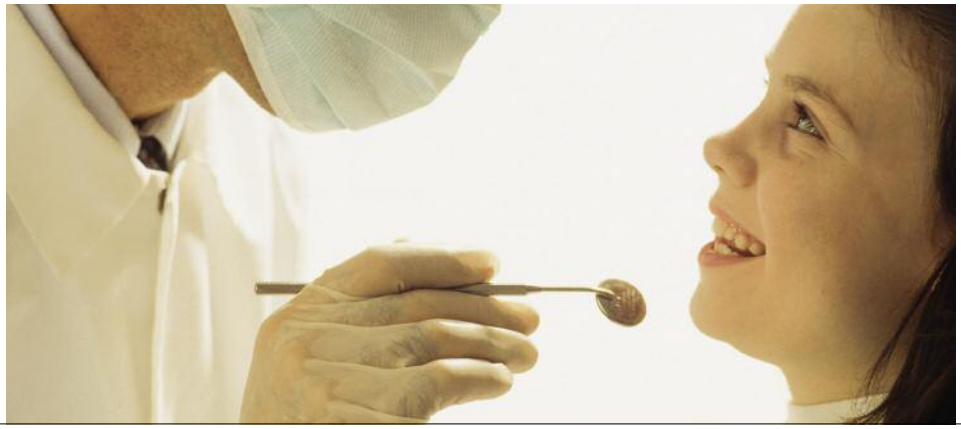
Percent of Children with a Preventive Medical and Dental Visit in the Past Year, by Insurance Status





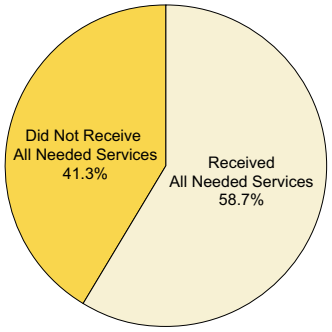
Mental Health Care

Mental health services, including counseling, medications, or specialized therapies, may be beneficial for children with behavioral or emotional problems. However, these services may not be readily available to all children who need them.

Overall, 58.7 percent of children who have an ongoing emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem that requires treatment or counseling received mental health care or counseling in the past year. Older children are more likely to receive mental health care; 63.8 percent of children ages 12-17 with emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems received mental health care, compared to 58.7 percent of 6- to 11-year-olds and 38.5 percent of children age 5 and under with emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems that require treatment or counseling.

Children with health insurance, public or private, are also more likely to receive the mental health services they need. Of children with emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who have private insurance, 63.2 percent receive needed mental health services, as do 58.6 percent of publicly-insured children. Of children with emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems without health insurance who needed mental health care, only 33.8 percent received any mental health care or counseling during the past year.

Percent of Children with Emotional, Developmental, or Behavioral Problems That Require Treatment or Counseling Who Received Needed Mental Health Services in the Past Year



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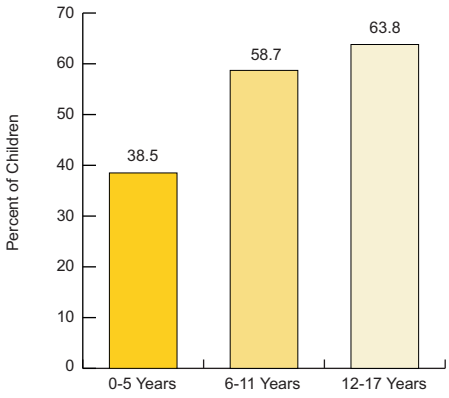

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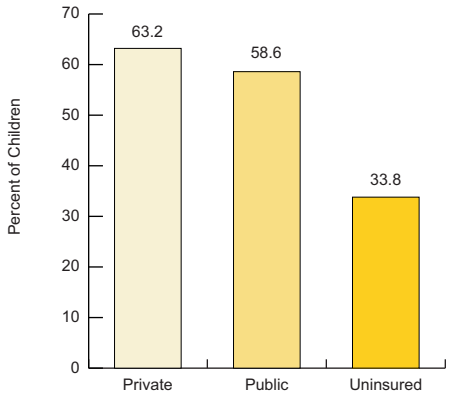


Communication with Child's Personal Doctor or Nurse

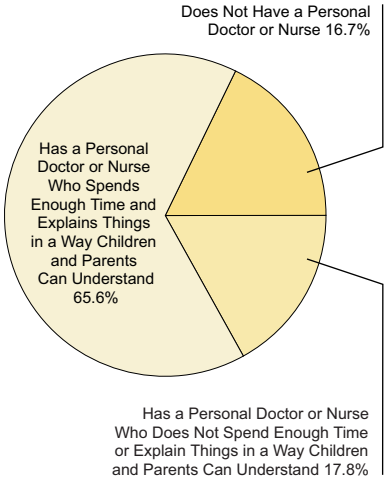
For health care to be accessible to children and their families, providers should spend enough time with families, communicate with parents in a language and at a level that they can understand, provide the services of an interpreter when necessary, and explain things clearly. Parents whose children have a personal doctor or nurse were asked whether this doctor or nurse always, usually, sometimes, or never fit this description. Overall, parents of 65.6 percent of children report that their children's personal doctor or nurse usually or always met this standard of communication and cultural sensitivity; 17.8 percent of children have a personal doctor or nurse whose care does not meet this standard, and 16.7 percent do not have a personal doctor or nurse.

These proportions vary by the race and ethnicity of the child. Among White children, 76.1 percent have a personal doctor or nurse who usually or always communicates in a way they could understand and spent enough time with them, as do 70.2 percent of multiracial children. However, these proportions were much lower among Black children (51.0 percent), Hispanic children (42.8 percent), and children of other races (57.5 percent). Hispanic and Black children were particularly likely to lack a personal doctor or nurse (32.4 percent and 22.9 percent, respectively; data not shown).

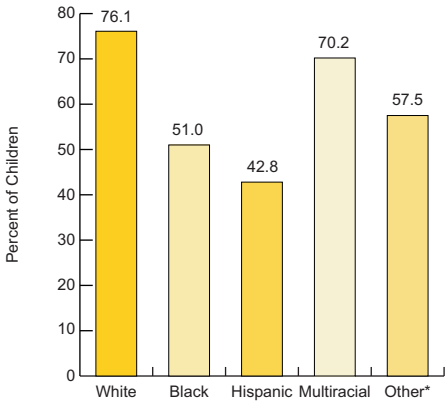
A family's primary language clearly influences their ability to communicate with providers. While parents of 70.1 percent of children who speak English at home report that they have a doctor or nurse who communicates effectively and is sensitive to their culture, only 34.3 percent of children whose primary language is not English have primary providers who meet these criteria for communication and sensitivity. Moreover, children whose families do not speak English at home are more likely than English speakers to lack a personal doctor or nurse: 37.9 percent do not have such a provider, compared to 13.6 percent of English speakers (data not shown).

The reported communication skills and cultural sensitivity of providers appears to vary by a child's insurance status as well. Of children with private insurance, 74.7 percent have a doctor or nurse who usually or always met the standard of communication and sensitivity described above, compared to 54.4 percent of children with public insurance and 36.0 percent of uninsured children.

Communication with Child's Personal Doctor or Nurse



Percent of Children with a Personal Doctor or Nurse Who Communicates Effectively, by Race and Ethnicity



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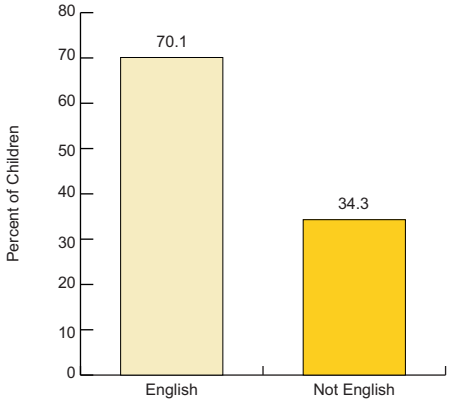

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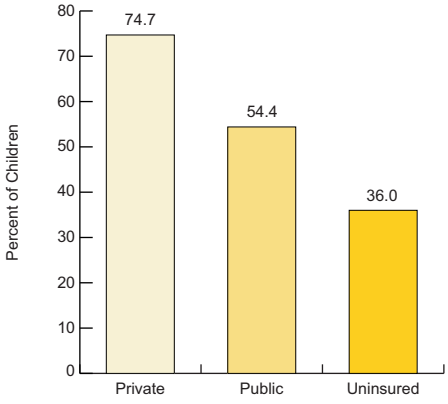


Medical Home

A number of the characteristics of high-quality health care for children can be combined into the concept of the medical home. As defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics, children's medical care should be accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective.[5] The survey included several questions that sought to measure whether a child's health care met this standard:

- Whether the child has at least one personal doctor or nurse who knows him or her well;
- Whether this personal doctor or nurse usually or always spends enough time with the family, explains things so the parent can understand, and provides interpreter services when needed;
- Whether this personal doctor or nurse usually or always provides telephone advice or urgent care when the child needs it;
- Whether the child has little or no problem gaining access to specialty care, services, and/or equipment when it is needed;
- Whether the personal doctor or nurse followed up by talking with the family about the child's specialist visit and/or use of special services or equipment; and
- Whether the child had a preventive visit in the past year.

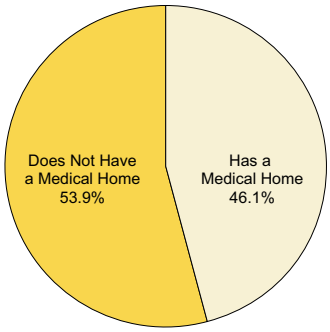
A child was defined as having a medical home if he or she had at least one preventive visit in the past year, had little or no problem with access to specialty care, and reported having a personal doctor or nurse who usually or always spent enough time and communicated clearly with families, provided telephone advice or urgent care when needed, and followed up with the family after the child's specialty care visits.

Overall, the care of 46.1 percent of children met this standard. This varies substantially with the source of children's health insurance: while more than half (52.6 percent) of children with private insurance were reported to have a medical home, only 38.9 percent of children with public insurance and 23.1 percent of uninsured children had care that met this standard.

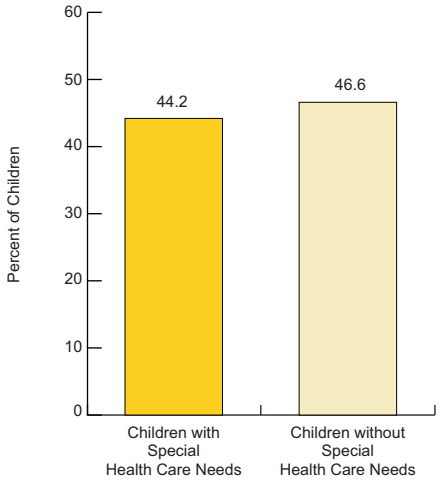
A medical home is particularly important for children with special health care needs (CSHCN), who are likely to require specialized care and services, follow-up, and care coordination. Of parents of CSHCN, 44.2 percent reported that their children had a medical home, compared to 46.6 percent of children without special health care needs.

Children's access to medical homes also appears to vary by their race and ethnicity. Of White children, the parents of 52.8 percent report that their care met the criteria for a medical home, compared to 46.0 percent of multiracial children, 39.4 percent of Black children, 30.3 percent of Hispanic children, and 41.5 percent of children of other races.

Presence of a Medical Home



Percent of Children with a Medical Home, by CSHCN Status



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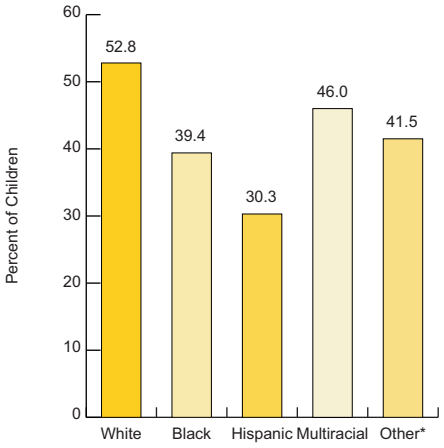

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School and Activities

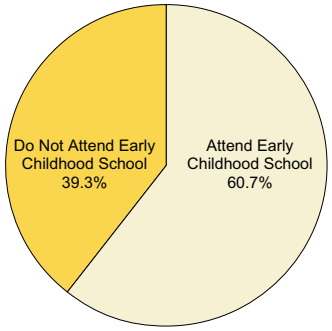
Early Childhood School

Some young children go to preschool, nursery school, Head Start or Early Start programs, or kindergarten before they start school. Parents of children aged 3 to 5 were asked if their children regularly attended any of these programs. Overall, 60.7 percent of young children attended one of these forms of early childhood school in the month prior to the survey.

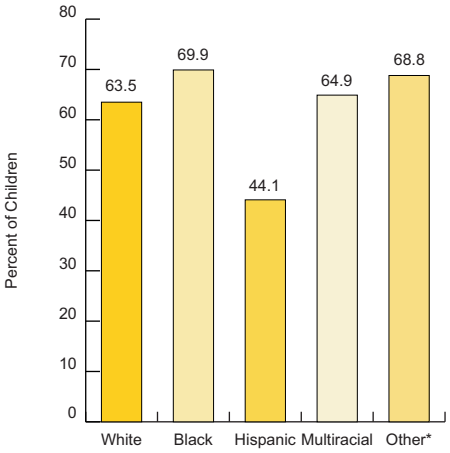
Enrollment in early childhood programs varies by children's race and ethnicity. Of Black children aged 3 to 5, 69.9 percent attended early childhood school, as did 64.9 percent of multiracial children, 63.5 percent of White children, and 68.8 percent of children of other races in this age group. Hispanic children aged 3 to 5 were the least likely to attend early childhood programs, with only 44.1 percent doing so regularly.

Attendance at early childhood programs also varies by family income. Only half of children aged 3-5 in families with incomes below 200 percent of poverty (50.1 percent of children with family incomes below 100 percent of poverty and 50.6 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty) receive formal early childhood education. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 63.8 percent attend early childhood school, as do 76.1 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Attendance at Early Childhood School Among Children Aged 3-5 Years



Percent of Children Aged 3-5 Years Attending Early Childhood School, by Race and Ethnicity



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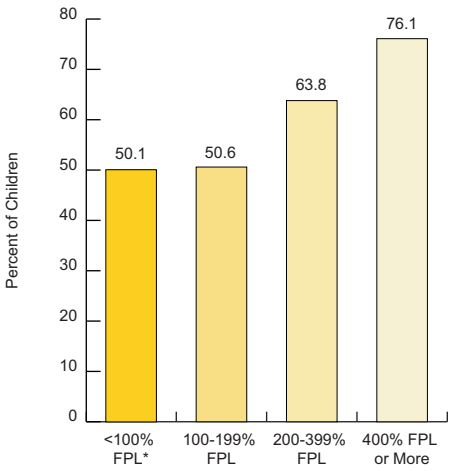

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School and Activities

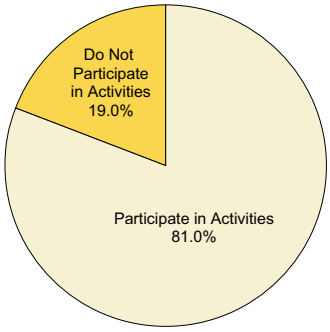
Activities Outside of School

For school-aged children, participation in activities outside of school—such as sports teams, lessons, Scouts, religious groups, or Boys' or Girls' Clubs—after school or on the weekends can be an important part of their overall development and can provide enrichment and contribute to their social skills. Parents of children aged 6 to 17 were asked if their children had participated in any of these activities in the past year. Overall, 81 percent of school-aged children participate in activities outside of school.

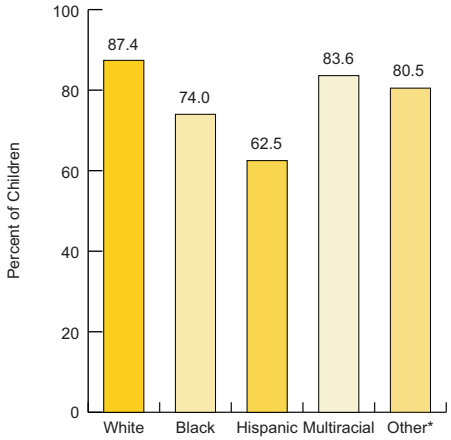
Participation in activities outside of school varies by race and ethnicity as well. White children aged 6-17 are the most likely to participate in these activities (87.4 percent), followed by multiracial children (83.6 percent), Black children (74.0 percent), and children of other races (80.5 percent). Of Hispanic children, only 62.5 percent participated in outside activities.

Participation in outside activities also rises with family income. While 60.7 percent of school-aged children with family incomes below the poverty level participate in activities outside of school, 73.7 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty did so. Of children aged 6-17 with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 87.3 percent participate in outside activities, as do 94.0 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Participation in Activities Outside of School, Among Children Aged 6-17 Years



Percent of Children Aged 6-17 Years, Participating in Activities Outside of School, by Race and Ethnicity



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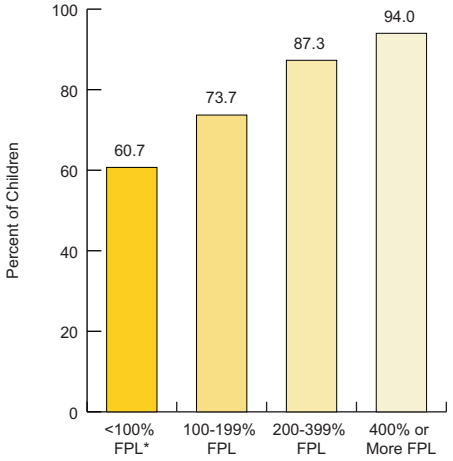

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School and Activities

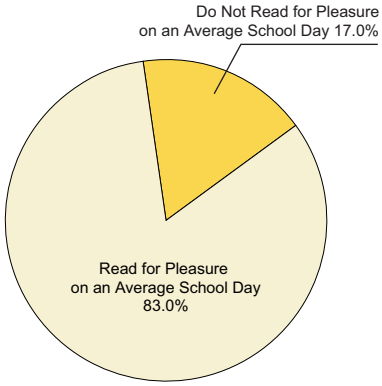
Reading for Pleasure

Parents of school-aged children (aged 6-17) were asked how much time their child spent reading for pleasure on an average school day, including being read to by someone else. Overall, 83 percent of children in this age group read for pleasure for some amount of time, and those who do read are reported to spend an average of 54 minutes reading.

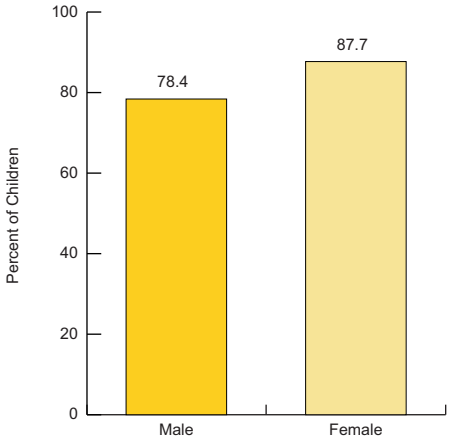
Girls are more likely to read for pleasure than boys. Of girls aged 6-17, 87.7 percent are reported to read for pleasure on an average school day, compared to 78.4 percent of boys in this age group.

Younger children are more apt to read for pleasure than older children. Of children aged 6-11, 89.6 percent read every day, compared to 76.7 percent of adolescents aged 12-17.

Reading for Pleasure Among Children Aged 6-17 Years



Percent of Children Aged 6-17 Years Who Read for Pleasure, by Sex



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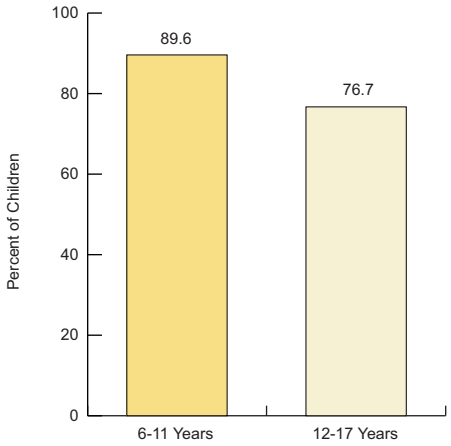


School and Activities

Repeating a Grade

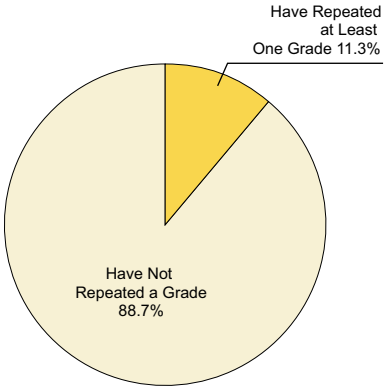
Parents of school-aged children (aged 6 and older) were asked if their children had repeated one or more grades since starting school. Overall, 11.3 percent of children aged 6-17 had repeated a grade.

Boys are more likely to repeat a grade than girls. Of school-aged boys, 13.4 percent were reported to have repeated at least one grade, compared to 9.1 percent of girls. (Data not shown.)

The likelihood of repeating a grade also increases with age. Of children aged 6-11, 8.7 percent were reported to have repeated a grade, compared to 13.7 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds.

Low-income children are also more likely to repeat a grade. Of school-aged children with family incomes below the poverty level, 22.2 percent were reported to have repeated at least one grade, compared to 14.9 percent children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 8.1 percent have repeated a grade, as have 5.3 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Children Aged 6-17 Years Who Have Repeated a Grade



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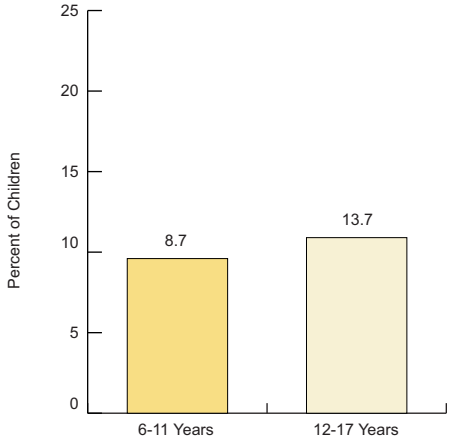

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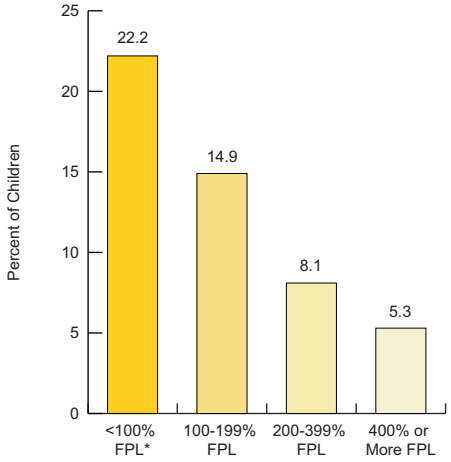

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School and Activities

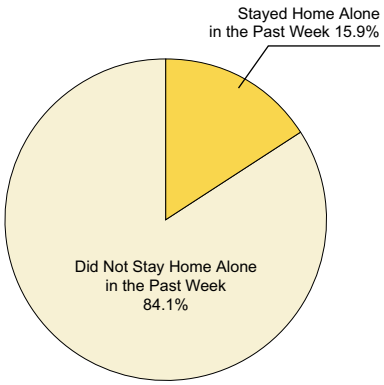
Staying Home Alone

Parents of 6- to 11-year-olds were asked if their children had spent any time caring for themselves, without the supervision of an adult or older child, for even a small amount of time in the past week. Overall, 15.9 percent of children in this age group had been home alone for some amount of time.

Boys are somewhat more likely to spend time home alone than girls. Of 6- to 11-year-old boys, 17.1 percent were reported to have been home alone for some amount of time, compared to 14.7 percent of girls in this age group.

Spending time home alone also appears to vary by race and ethnicity. Hispanic children aged 6-11 were the least likely to spend time home alone (10.1 percent), followed by Black children (16.7 percent) and White children (16.9 percent). Of multiracial children, 18.9 percent were reported to have spent time alone, as were 21.2 percent of children of other races.

Children Aged 6-11 Years Staying Home Alone



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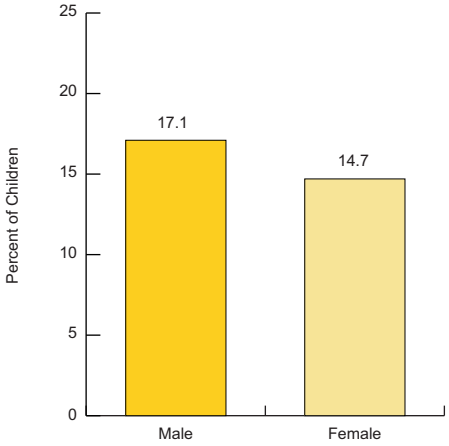

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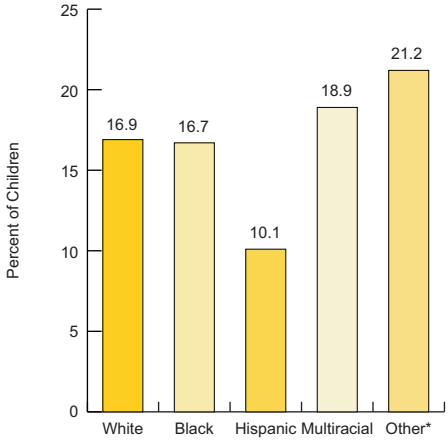

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School and Activities

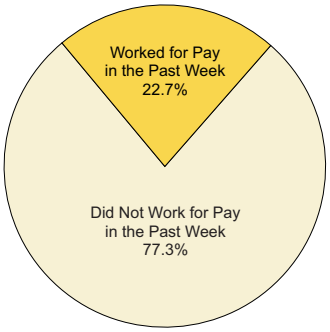
Working for Pay

Parents of children aged 12 and older were asked how many hours their children had spent in the past week working outside the home for pay. Overall, 22.7 percent of children aged 12-17 had worked for pay; the parents of those who did work outside the home reported that their children worked an average of 11.2 hours.

Children in lower-income families are less likely to work for pay than children in higher-income families. Of 12- to 17-year-old children with family incomes below the poverty level, 15.7 percent worked for pay, compared to 20.9 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children in higher-income families, approximately one quarter worked for pay: 26.7 percent of children aged 12-17 with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL and 24.9 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more worked outside the home.

White children aged 12-17 were the most likely to work for pay: 27.2 percent did so, followed by 19.3 percent of multiracial children, 15.3 percent of Black children, 16.4 percent of children of other races, and 13.8 percent of Hispanic children in this age group.

Working Outside the Home for Pay Among Children Aged 12-17 Years



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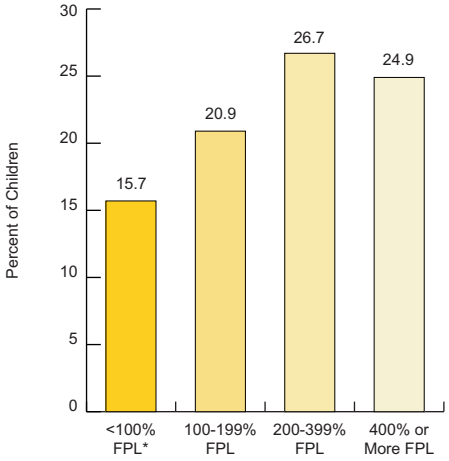

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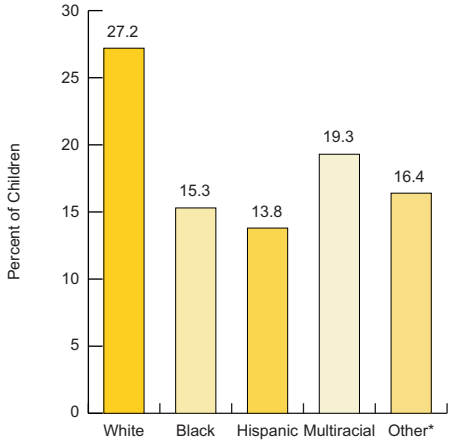

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School and Activities

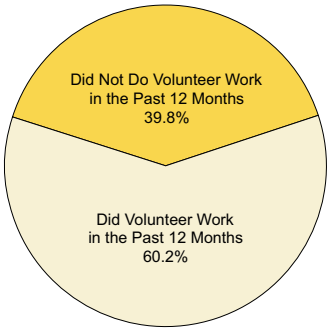
Volunteering

Parents of children aged 12-17 were also asked if their children had been involved in any community service or volunteer work at school, church, or in the community during the past year. Overall, 60.2 percent of children in this age group were reported to be involved in community service or volunteer activities.

Girls appear to be more likely to volunteer than boys. Of girls aged 12-17, 64.4 percent had volunteered in the past year, compared to 56.0 percent of boys in this age group.

Children in higher-income families are more likely to be involved in community service than lower-income children. Of children aged 12-17 with family incomes below the poverty level, 43.3 percent volunteered in the past year, as did 53.3 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children aged 12-17 with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 63.7 percent volunteer, as do 72.9 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Volunteering Among Children Aged 12-17 Years



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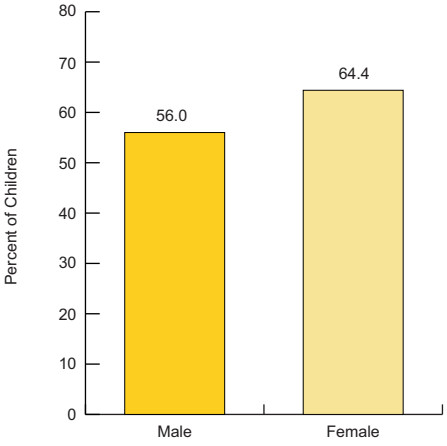

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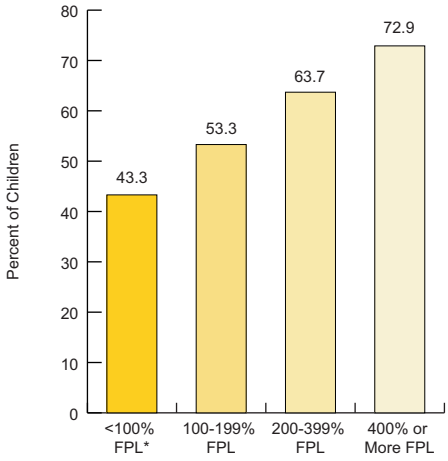

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The Child's Family

The environment of the family, including parents' physical and mental health and the activities that go on at home, provide the backdrop and context for children's health and development. Therefore, the survey explored a number of aspects of the family, including shared activities (such as reading to young children, shared meals, and attending religious services) as well as risk factors (such as smoking in the household, parenting aggravation, and the health status of the child's mother). These indicators provide a picture of some of the factors that can influence children's health and well-being.

Reading to Young Children

Reading to young children regularly can lay the foundation for future literacy and educational success. Parents of children aged 0-5 were asked whether their children were read to every day in the week before the survey. A total of 47.8 percent of children in this age group are read to (by a parent or other caregiver) every day.

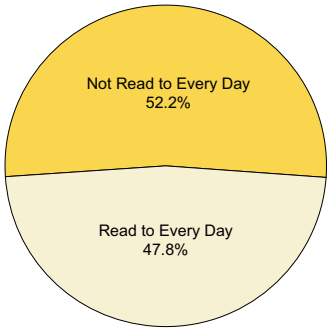
The likelihood that young children are read to every day rises with the education level of their parents. Of children of parents with less than a high school education, 30.6 percent are read to every day, as are 39.2 percent of children whose parents have a high school diploma. Of children of parents with more than a high school education, more than half (53.5 percent) were read to every day.

The rate of reading to young children also rises with income. Just over one-third (36.4 percent) of children with family incomes below the poverty level are read to every day, compared to 43.6 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, half (50.1 percent) are read to every day, as are 58.9 percent of children in higher-income families.

Families in different racial and ethnic groups also differ in the likelihood of reading to their young children. More than half of White (55.0 percent) and multiracial children (51.8 percent) are read to every day, compared to 38.1 percent of Black children, 33.4 percent of Hispanic children, and 46.4 percent of children of other races.

Young children who live with both of their biological or adoptive parents are more likely to be read to than those with other family structures. Of children who live with both parents, 50.2 percent are read to every day, compared to 43.0 percent of children who live in a two-parent step-family and 41.1 percent of children who live with single mothers.

Reading to Children Aged 0-5 Years



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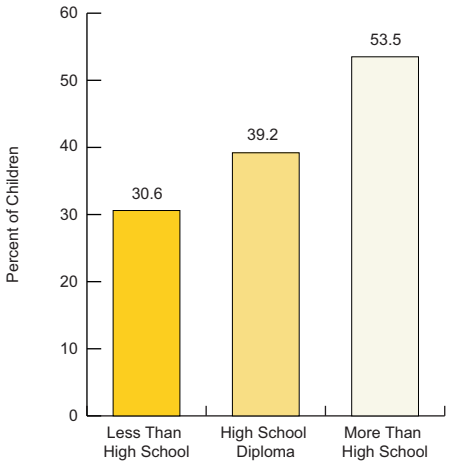

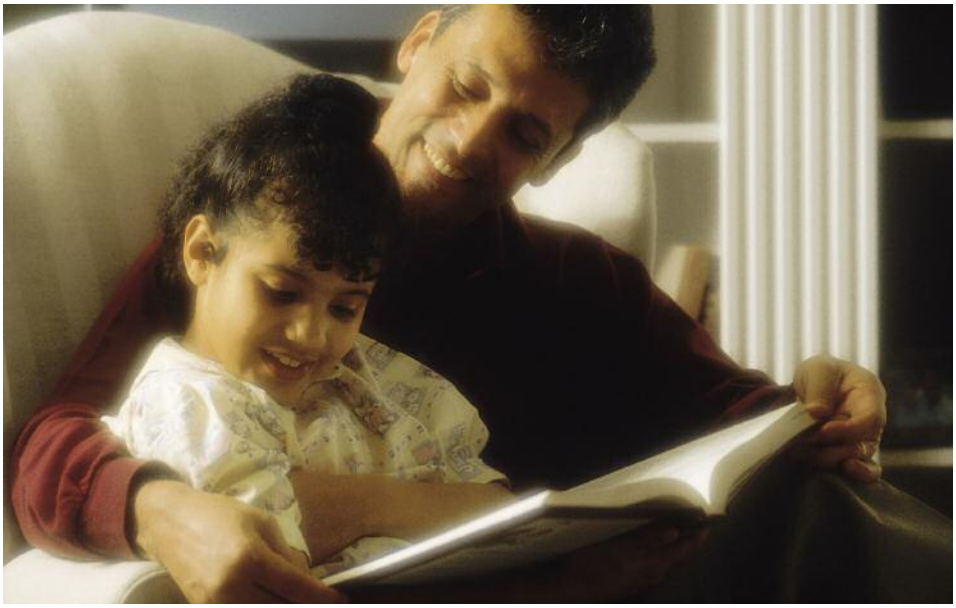

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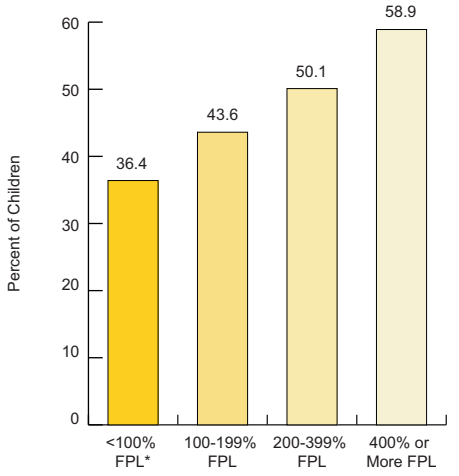

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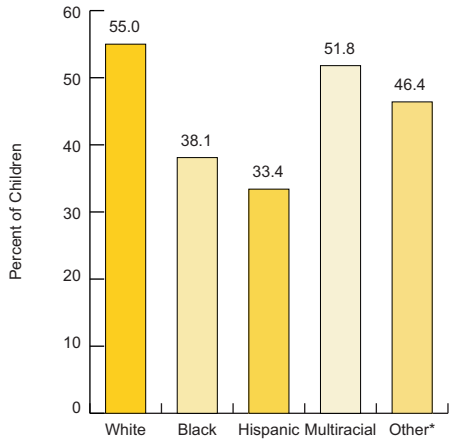

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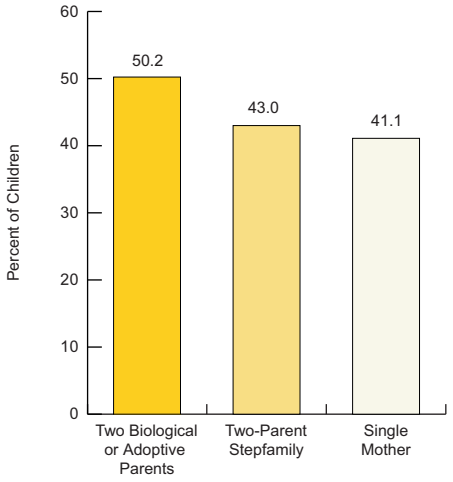


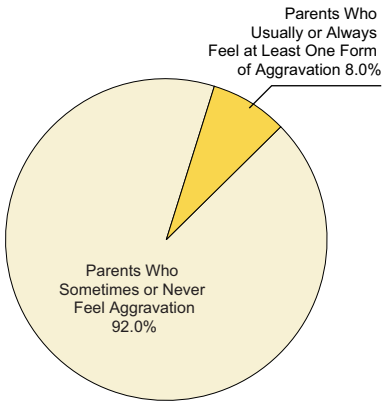
Parenting Aggravation

The demands of parenting can cause considerable aggravation for families. Parents were asked how often during the past month they had felt that their child was much harder to care for than others of his or her age; how often the child did things that really bothered them a lot; and how often they had felt angry with the child. Overall, parents of 8.0 percent of children answered "usually" or "always" to at least one of these measures of parenting aggravation.

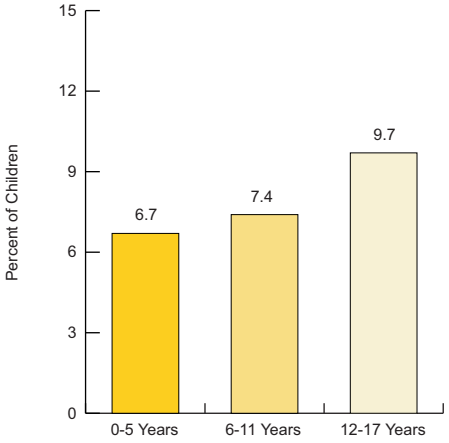
Levels of aggravation appear to be higher among parents of older children. While the parents of only 6.7 percent of children aged 0-5 reported high levels of aggravation, the parents of 7.4 percent of 6- to 11-year-olds and 9.7 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds met the standard for parenting aggravation.

Lower family income is also associated with higher levels of parenting aggravation. Among children with family incomes below the poverty level, the parents of 13.6 percent reported high levels of aggravation, compared to parents of 9.1 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, the parents of 6.1 percent report high aggravation levels, as do parents of 5.3 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

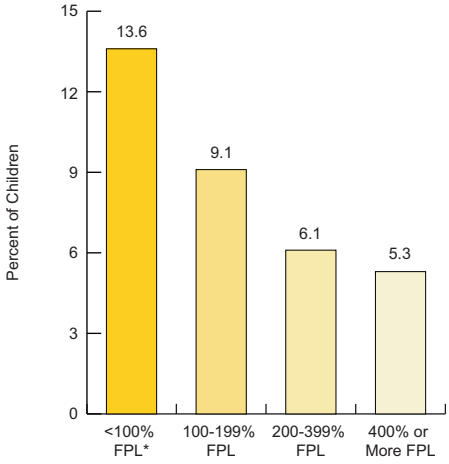
Aggravation with Child



Percent of Children Whose Parents Are Usually or Always Aggravated, by Child's Age



Percent of Children Whose Parents Are Usually or Always Aggravated, by Family Income



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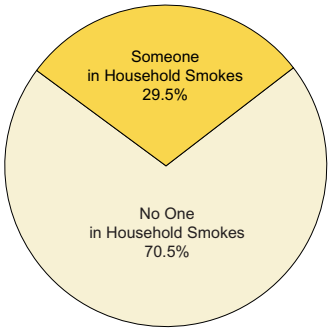
Smoking in the Household

Exposure to environmental smoke—from cigarettes, cigars, or pipes—can be a serious health hazard for children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, exposure to secondhand smoke is associated with higher rates of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), asthma, bronchitis, and pneumonia in young children.[6] Parents were asked whether anyone in the household used cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco. Overall, 29.5 percent of children live in households where someone smokes.

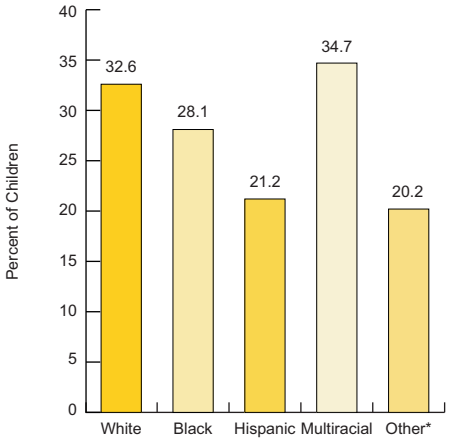
Just over one-third of multiracial children (34.7 percent) live in households where someone smokes, as do 32.6 percent of White children. Rates of household smoking among other racial and ethnic groups are lower: 28.1 percent of Black children, 21.2 percent of Hispanic children, and 20.2 percent of children of other races live in households with a smoker.

Rates of household smoking decline as income increases. Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 38.5 percent live in a household with a smoker, as do 36.5 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 29.6 percent live with a smoker, and of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more, only 19 percent have a smoker in the household.

Children Living in Households with a Smoker



Percent of Children Living in Households with a Smoker, by Race and Ethnicity



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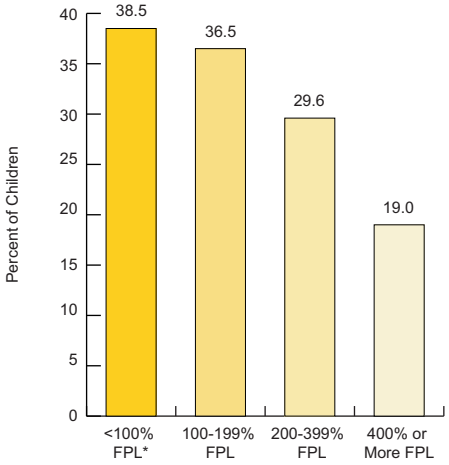
Percent of Children Living in Households with a Smoker, by Family Income



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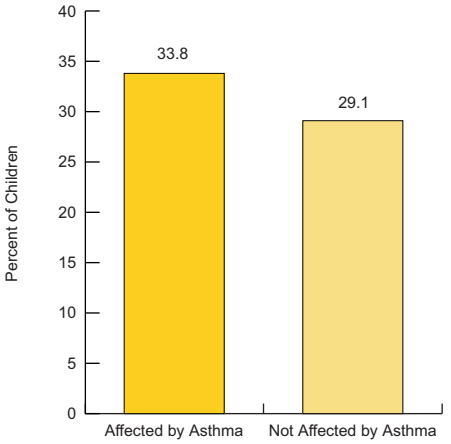
Percent of Children Living in Households with a Smoker, by Asthma Status



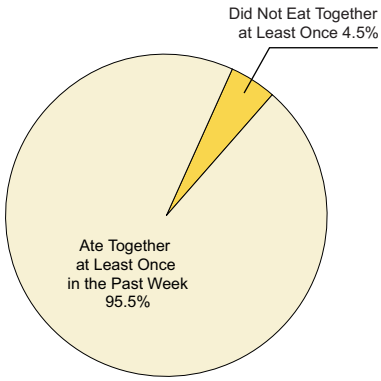
Children who are affected by asthma (that is, those who currently have asthma, take prescription drugs for asthma, have had a moderate or severe asthma attack in the past year, or who have been hospitalized in the past year for asthma) are more likely to live in a home with a smoker than those who are not affected by asthma (those who do not currently have asthma or who have had none of the above consequences in the past year). Of children who are affected by asthma, 33.8 percent live in a home with a smoker, compared to 29.1 percent of children who are not affected by asthma.

Sharing Meals

Eating together as a family can promote both family bonding and good nutrition. Overall, the parents of 95.5 percent of children report that their families ate together on at least one day during the previous week, and those that did eat together did so on an average of 5 days in the week before the survey.

In general, the likelihood of sharing meals and the number of shared meals per week does not vary substantially by sociodemographic categories.

Children Sharing Meals with Their Families



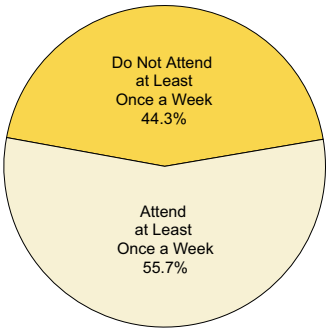
Religious Services

Attendance at religious services is another activity that families can do together and can involve children in the broader community. Overall, the parents of 55.7 percent of children report that their children attend religious services at least once a week.

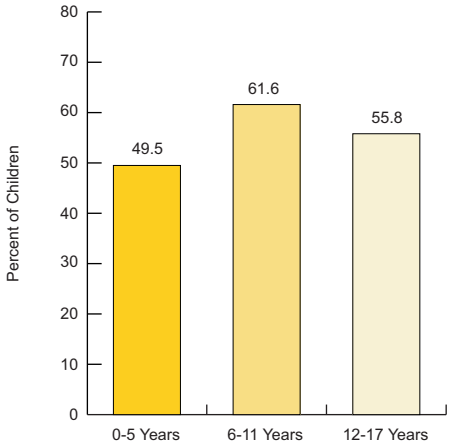
Children in the middle age group are the most likely to attend religious services weekly or more often. While fewer than half (49.5 percent) of children aged 0-5 attend religious services at least weekly, 61.6 percent of children aged 6-11 do so. Of adolescents aged 12-17, 55.8 percent are reported to attend services at least weekly.

Attendance at religious services also varies by race and ethnicity. Black children are the most likely to attend religious services at least weekly (63.9 percent do so), followed by Hispanic children (58.3 percent). Of White children, 53.9 percent attend services each week, as do 46.2 percent of multiracial children and 49.6 percent of children of other races.

Children's Attendance at Religious Services



Percent of Children Attending Religious Services Weekly or More, by Age



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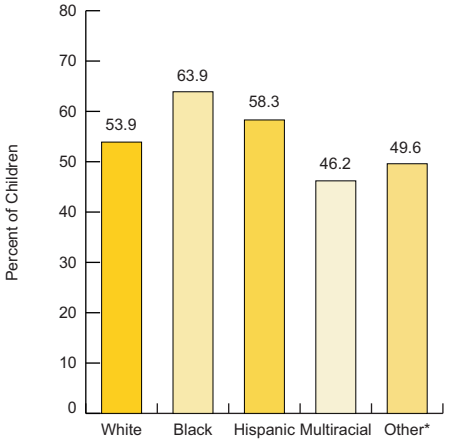

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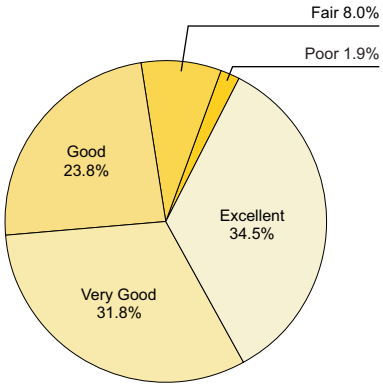
Mothers' Health Status

The physical and emotional health of a child's mother can affect her ability to care for her children and can influence the health and well-being of the family as a whole. Overall, the mothers of 58.9 percent of children rate both their physical and emotional health as "excellent" or "very good." The mothers of two thirds of children (66.3 percent) report that their physical health is excellent or very good. The percentage of children whose mothers' mental health is excellent or very good is slightly higher (71.4 percent).

Mothers' physical and emotional health improves with increased income. While the mothers of only 34.3 percent of children with family incomes below the poverty level report excellent or very good health, mothers of more than half (48.8 percent) of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty report this level of health. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 65.8 percent have mothers who report excellent or very good health, as do the mothers of 76.6 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Physical Health Status of Children's Mothers



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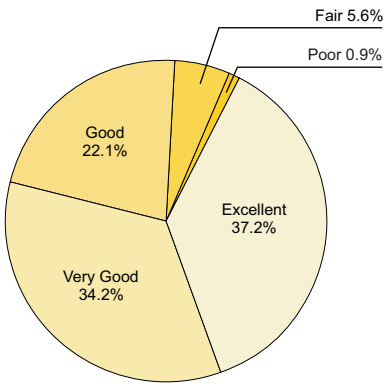
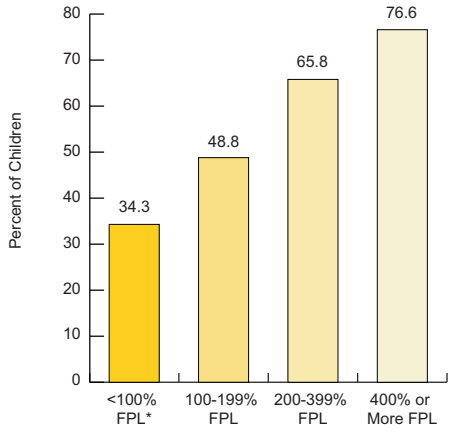


Percent of Children with Mothers Whose Physical and Emotional Health Are Excellent or Very Good, by Family Income



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The Child and Family's Neighborhood

A child's safety in the neighborhood and at school, the amount of support families feel they receive from their neighbors, and the availability of child care all affect a family's comfort in their community and the child's freedom within the neighborhood. A number of questions within the survey were used to develop indicators that reflect the family-friendliness of the child's and family's neighborhood.

Supportive Neighborhoods

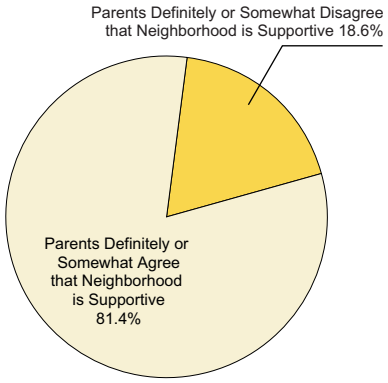
The survey measured whether families felt that they and their children were supported in their neighborhoods by asking whether they agreed with the following statements:

- People in the neighborhood help each other out
- We watch out for each other's children
- There are people I can count on in the neighborhood
- If my child were outside playing and got hurt or scared, there are adults nearby whom I trust to help my child

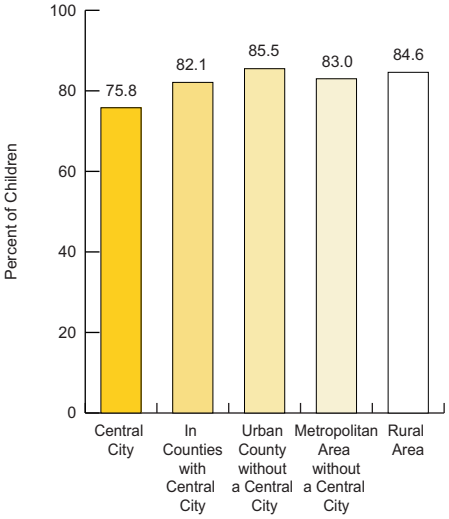
Families were considered to live in supportive neighborhoods if they answered "definitely agree" or "somewhat agree" to each of the statements. Overall, parents of 81.4 percent of children report that they live in supportive neighborhoods.

Families living in urban areas are less likely to consider their neighborhoods supportive than those in suburban and rural areas. Of children living in central cities, parents of 75.8 percent report that their neighborhoods are supportive, compared to 82.1 percent of children living outside their counties' central cities, 85.5 percent of children in urban counties without a central city, 83.0 percent of children in metropolitan areas without a central city, and 84.6 percent of children in rural areas.

Children Living in Supportive Neighborhoods



Percent of Children Whose Neighborhoods Are Supportive, by Type of Community



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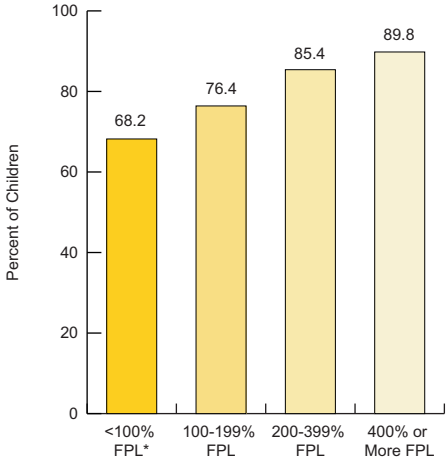

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Parents of children in higher-income families are more likely to feel that their neighborhoods are supportive. Of children in families with incomes below the poverty level, the parents of 68.2 percent report that their neighborhoods are supportive, compared to 76.4 percent of children in families with incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty.

Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 85.4 percent live in supportive neighborhoods, as do 89.8 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

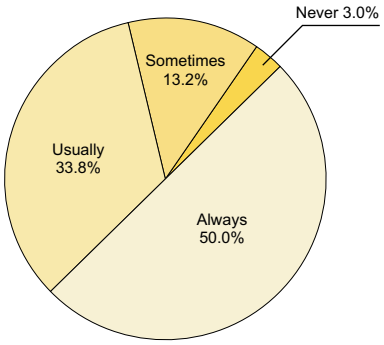
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood

Families are more likely to feel comfortable in a neighborhood if they feel that their children are safe. Parents were asked how often they felt that their child was safe in their community or neighborhood—never, sometimes, usually, or always. Overall, parents of 83.8 percent of children report that they feel that their child is usually or always safe in their neighborhood.

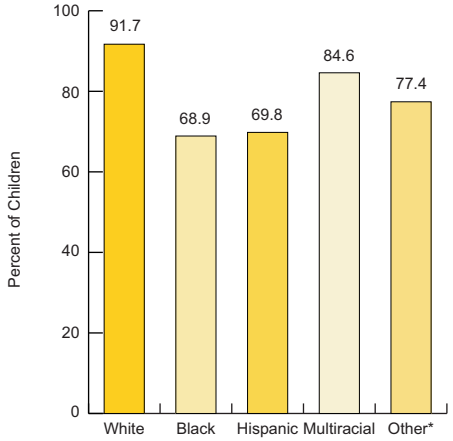
Parents of White and multiracial children are more likely to feel that their children are safe in their neighborhoods than parents of children of other racial and ethnic groups. Parents of White children report that 91.7 percent of their children are usually or always safe, as are 84.6 percent of multiracial children. In contrast, parents of 69.8 percent of Hispanic children, 68.9 percent of Black children, and 77.4 percent of children of other races feel that their children are safe.

Parents' assessment of their children's safety varies by income as well. Of children with family incomes below the poverty level, 69.7 percent are reported to be safe in their neighborhoods, compared to 77.6 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty. Of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL, 89.3 percent live in safe neighborhoods, as do 93.3 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.

Children's Safety in Their Neighborhood



Percent of Children Who Are Usually or Always Safe in Their Neighborhood, by Race and Ethnicity



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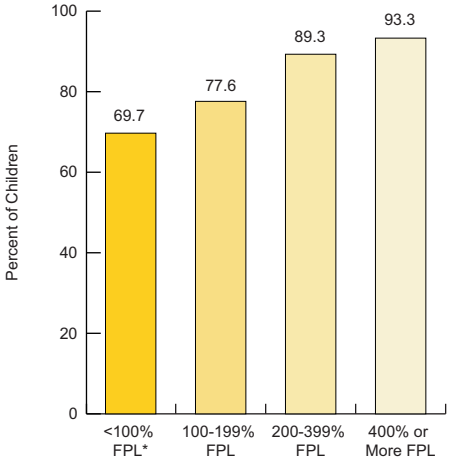

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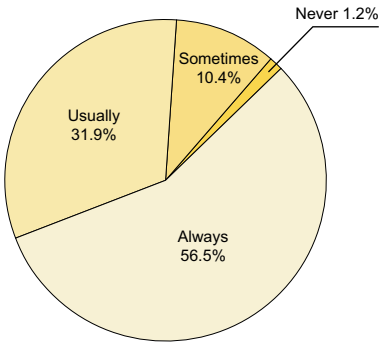
Safety of Child at School

Parents of school-aged children (aged 6-17) were also asked how often they felt that their children were safe in school. Overall, parents report that 88.4 percent of children are usually or always safe in school.

Younger school-aged children (aged 6-11) are more likely to be reported to be safe in school (91.8 percent) than are adolescents aged 12-17 (85.2 percent).

Parents of children in higher-income families are also more likely to report that their children are safe in school. Parents of 76.1 percent of children with family incomes below the poverty level report that their children are usually or always safe in school, compared to 83.7 percent of children with family incomes between 100 and 199 percent of poverty and over 90 percent of children in higher-income families (92.5 percent of children with family incomes between 200 and 399 percent of FPL and 96.0 percent of children with family incomes of 400 percent of FPL or more.)

Children Aged 6-17 Years Who Are Safe in School



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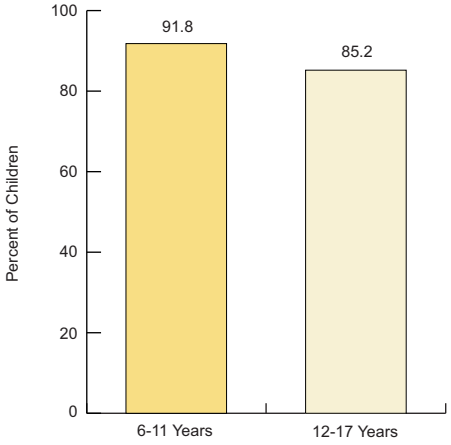

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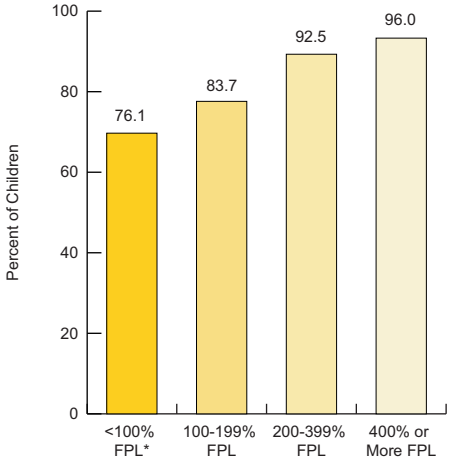

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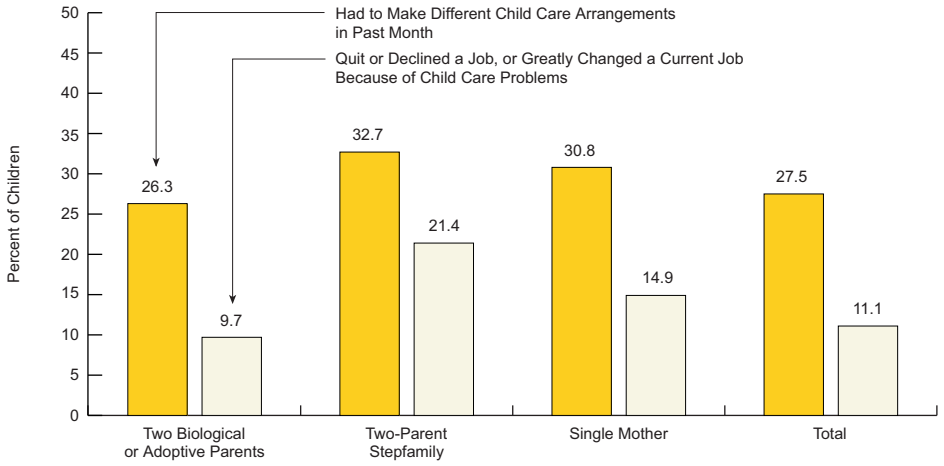
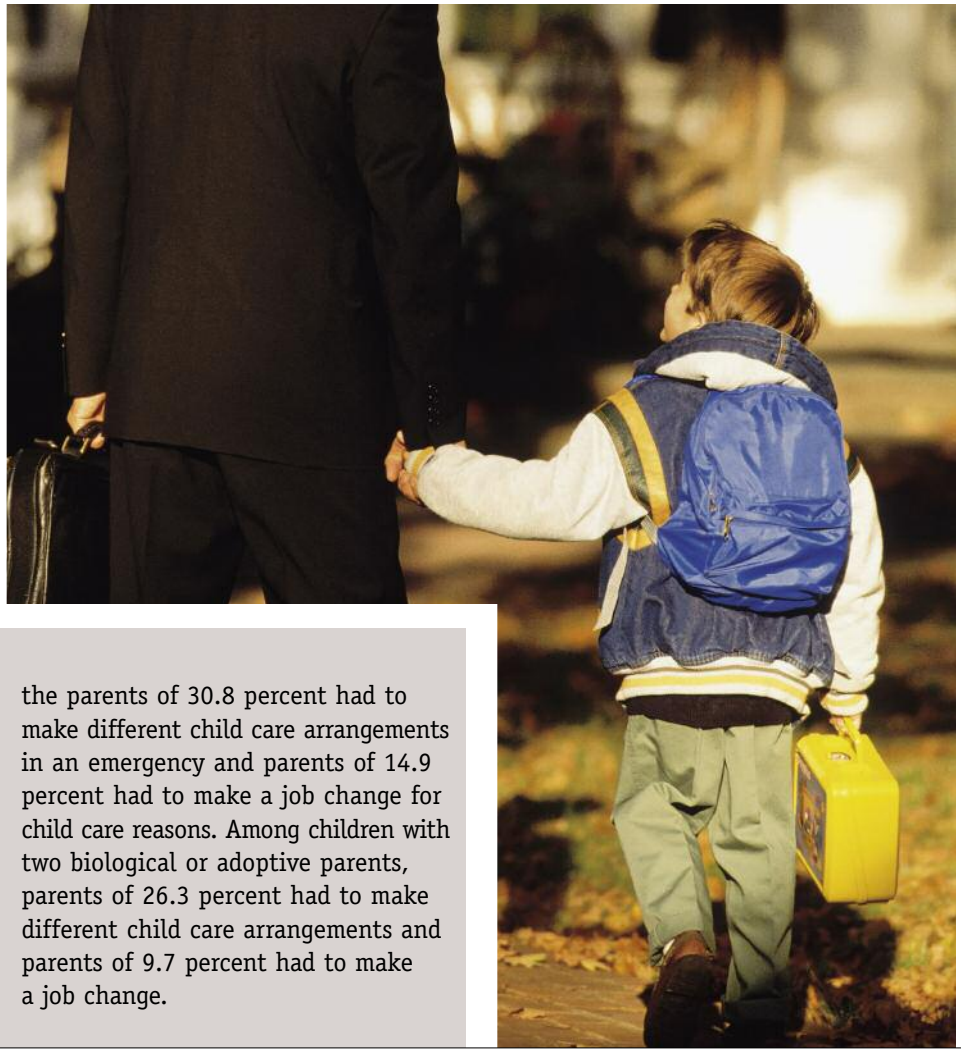
Child Care

The availability of child care, and the ability to make backup child care arrangements in emergencies, is another important aspect of families' comfort in their communities. Parents of children aged 0-5 were asked how many times in the past month they had had to make different child care arrangements due to circumstances beyond their control, and whether anyone in the family had had to quit a job, not take a job, or greatly change their job because of child care problems within the past year. Overall, parents of 27.5 percent of young children had to make alternative child care arrangements at least once in the past month and parents of 11.1 percent reported that they or someone in the family had to make a job change (quit a job, not take a job, or make significant changes at a current job) because of child care problems. Parents of approximately one-third of children (33.2 percent) reported that they had had either or both of these child care issues.

Problems with child care appear to be more common among two-parent stepfamilies than in other types of families. The parents of nearly one-third of children in two-parent stepfamilies (32.7 percent) reported that they had to make different arrangements at least once in the past month, and parents of 21.4 percent had to make a job change due to child care problems. Among children of single mothers, the parents of 30.8 percent had to make different child care arrangements in an emergency and parents of 14.9 percent had to make a job change for child care reasons. Among children with two biological or adoptive parents, parents of 26.3 percent had to make different child care arrangements and parents of 9.7 percent had to make a job change.

Percent of Children Aged 0-5 Years Whose Families Experienced Child Care Problems, by Family Structure

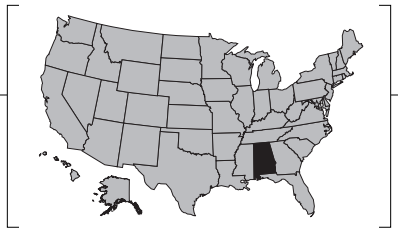




State-Level Data

The National Survey of Children's Health provides information on the health and well-being of children in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. This section presents the survey's findings for each State and D.C., including indicators relating to the child's health, health care, and activities; the child's family; and the child's and family's neighborhood. Because of the small size of many subpopulations within the States, these indicators are shown only for the State's population as a whole.

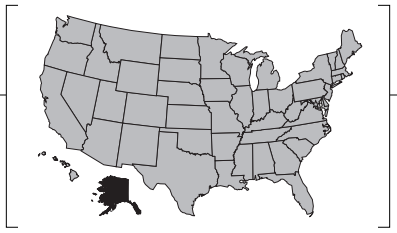
Key indicators of the health and well-being of the child, the child's family, and the child's and family's neighborhood are presented in comparison with the National statistics presented in the previous section.



Alabama

All statistics are based on parental reports.

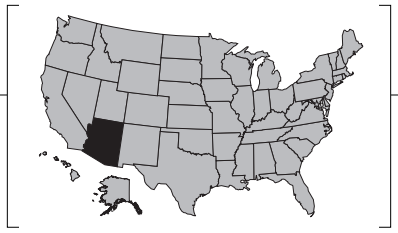
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**83.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**20.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**57.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**39.1**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.5**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**7.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**13.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.6**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**59.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**67.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**49.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**63.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**77.1**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.7**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**10.7**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**42.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**33.6**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**70.0**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**56.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.5**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.1**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**27.7**



Alaska

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**88.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**18.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**84.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**34.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**8.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**89.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**18.0**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**70.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**54.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**52.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**37.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**53.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**9.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**21.2**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**49.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**33.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**46.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**86.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**90.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.0**



Arizona

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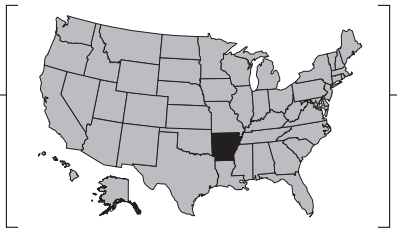
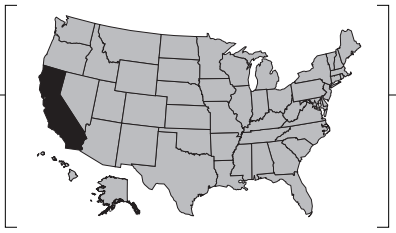
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**80.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**17.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**78.2**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.7**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**84.2**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**23.4**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**69.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**51.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**55.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**36.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**57.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**74.2**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**9.1**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**43.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**25.8**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**49.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**53.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**80.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**27.9**



Arkansas

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**82.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.5**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**15.1**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**54.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**41.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.3**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**91.2**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**16.4**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**68.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**49.0**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**47.7**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**40.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**61.2**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**81.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.0**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.8**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**44.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**41.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**69.4**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**55.9**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**82.9**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**85.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.8**



California

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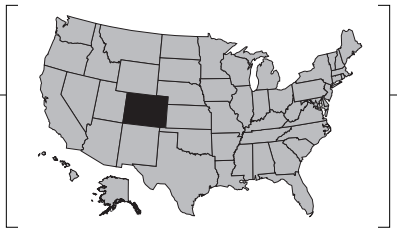
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**77.5**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**20.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.6**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**6.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**86.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.1**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.5**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**3.4**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**88.8**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**18.1**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**72.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**53.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**54.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**37.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**57.6**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**75.5**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**10.1**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**12.4**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**44.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**17.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**52.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**50.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**77.7**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**76.5**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**29.1**



Colorado

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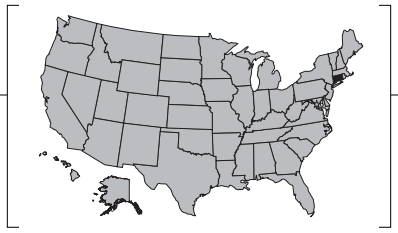
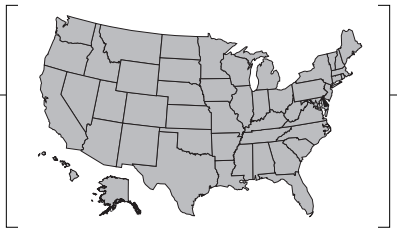
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.6**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.6**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**85.2**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**28.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**89.1**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**16.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.4**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**57.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**56.9**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**45.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**59.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.7**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**19.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**56.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**24.6**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**47.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**64.9**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**87.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**28.0**



Connecticut

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**18.7**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**70.6**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.2**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.9**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**96.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**7.9**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**88.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**71.6**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**74.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**59.1**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**75.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.7**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**10.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**14.1**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**58.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**24.0**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**49.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**67.0**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.6**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**85.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**37.2**



Delaware

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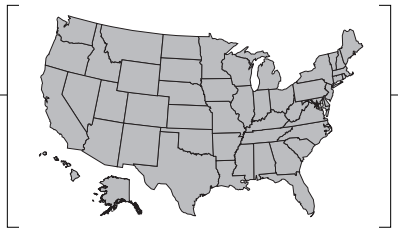
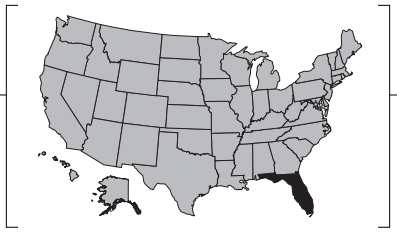
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**85.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**16.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**11.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.6**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**62.1**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**83.9**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**63.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**56.7**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**51.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**69.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**80.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**14.9**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**13.5**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**52.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**32.8**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**51.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**59.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**83.1**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.7**



District of Columbia

All statistics are based on parental reports.

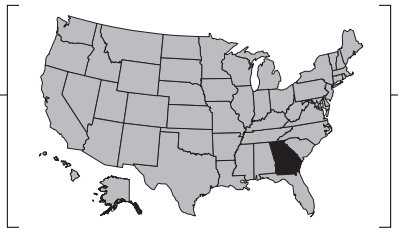
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**82.6**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.2**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**18.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**10.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.6**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**64.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.3**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**95.5**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**9.4**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**87.6**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**65.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**66.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**45.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**77.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**76.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**18.9**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**47.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**31.9**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**51.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**56.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**69.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**61.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**38.5**



Florida

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.3**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**17.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.9**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**72.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.3**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**88.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**20.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**78.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**54.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**54.7**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**43.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**63.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**75.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**13.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**42.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**30.0**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**55.0**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**61.0**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**77.2**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**83.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**38.1**



Georgia

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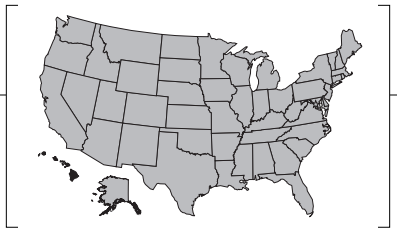
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**85.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**17.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.6**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**66.2**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.9**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.9**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**91.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**16.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**75.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**57.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**60.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**43.1**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**66.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**81.9**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.2**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**15.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**45.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**29.8**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**63.4**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**59.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**84.1**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**30.3**



Hawaii

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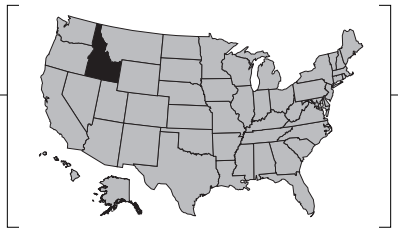
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**5.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**7.4**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**10.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**7.9**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**82.2**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**42.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.3**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.8**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**9.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**79.0**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**63.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**66.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**45.3**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**64.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**82.5**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**21.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**54.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**28.5**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**51.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**61.7**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.8**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**81.9**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.4**



Idaho

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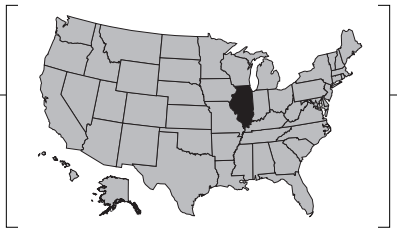
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**11.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**4.9**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**14.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**84.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**32.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.0**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**88.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**17.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**61.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**45.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**56.9**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**37.9**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**57.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**86.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**6.9**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**24.1**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**49.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**23.7**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**57.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**65.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**87.7**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**91.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**30.4**



Illinois

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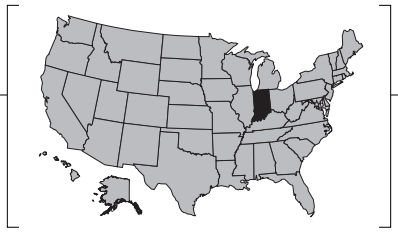
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**83.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**17.4**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.0**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**74.0**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.5**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.9**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**91.9**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.7**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**79.7**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**60.6**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**63.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**48.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**65.6**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**83.2**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.2**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**19.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**47.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**30.9**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**55.9**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.5**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**81.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.4**



Indiana

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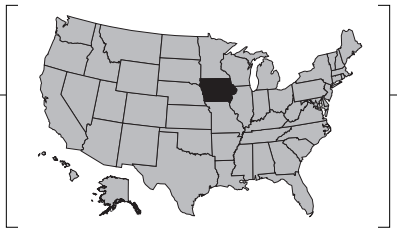
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.5**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.5**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**8.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**13.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**66.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**41.1**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**61.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**66.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**51.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**55.6**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**85.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**9.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**18.8**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**48.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**37.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**57.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**58.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**87.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**38.3**



Iowa

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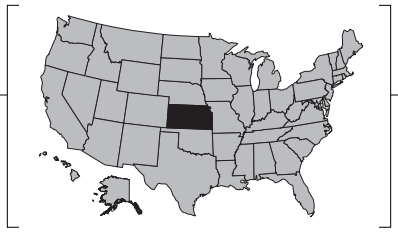
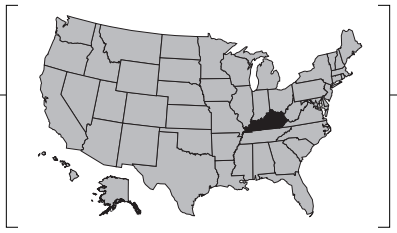
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**88.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.0**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**65.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.8**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.4**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**61.6**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**67.6**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**52.1**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**54.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**4.7**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**24.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**52.5**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**33.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**59.4**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**65.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**89.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**92.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**37.4**



Kansas

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**10.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**73.3**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.4**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**91.5**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**15.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**78.9**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**60.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**61.3**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**49.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**63.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**6.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**21.4**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**50.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**29.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**59.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.3**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**89.5**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**33.6**



Kentucky

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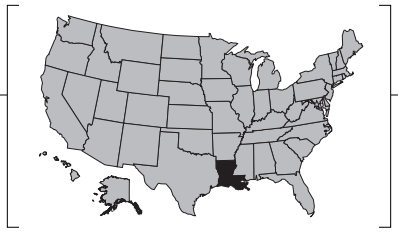
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.9**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**11.5**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**14.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.8**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**55.0**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**34.6**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.4**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**79.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**60.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**62.5**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**50.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**62.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**81.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**15.1**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.7**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**52.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**45.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**60.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**58.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.3**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**88.8**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.7**



Louisiana

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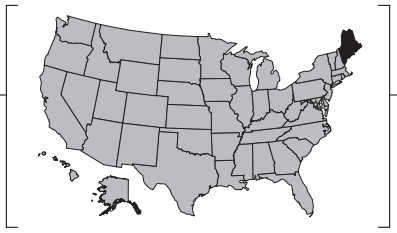
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**82.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**21.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.6**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**7.8**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**45.0**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**45.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.4**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.3**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**72.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**51.3**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**44.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**39.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**66.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**80.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**22.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**18.1**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**41.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**34.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**71.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**57.6**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.6**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**80.1**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**37.9**



Maine

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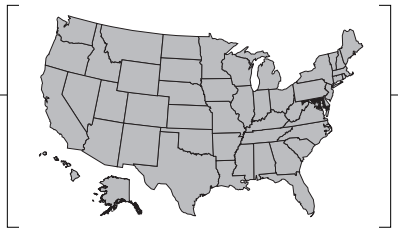
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**90.9**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.7**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.9**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**73.3**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.7**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**7.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.7**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**84.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**66.4**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**67.6**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**56.6**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**59.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**10.8**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**18.8**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**63.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**32.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**30.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**64.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**86.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**93.7**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.9**



Maryland

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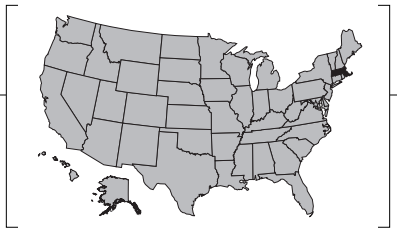
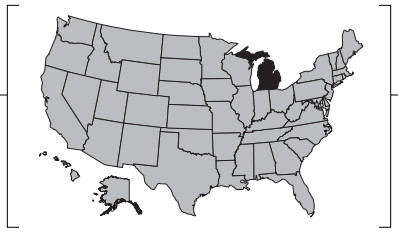
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.8**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**7.5**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**76.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.9**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**95.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**8.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**86.0**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**65.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**58.9**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**55.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**67.2**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.1**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**9.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**51.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**28.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**53.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**65.5**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**80.9**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**84.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.1**



Massachussetts

All statistics are based on parental reports.

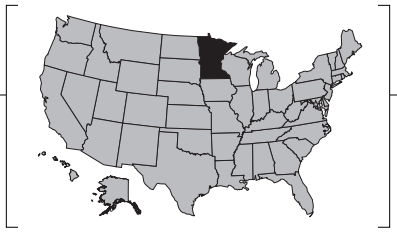
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**88.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**10.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**16.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.7**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**71.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.0**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**96.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**9.1**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**92.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**74.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**67.6**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**60.3**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**67.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**57.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**27.1**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**39.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**66.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.9**



Michigan

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**85.0**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.2**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**11.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**67.3**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.9**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.9**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**78.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**61.0**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**63.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**48.4**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**56.5**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.9**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**12.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**51.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**38.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**51.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**63.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.9**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.3**



Minnesota

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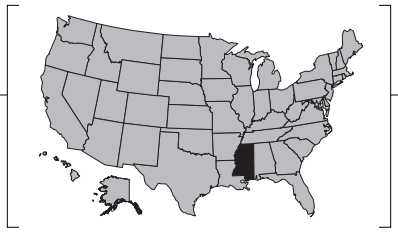
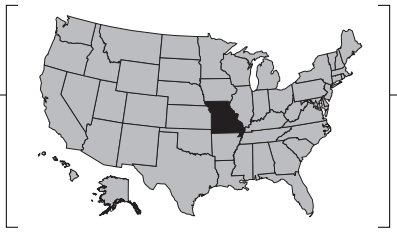
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**90.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.2**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**19.5**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**5.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**78.6**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.0**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.3**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.7**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.9**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.3**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**70.9**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**55.0**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**64.6**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**44.1**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**59.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**86.9**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**4.2**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**25.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**57.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**28.0**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**56.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**66.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**86.6**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**90.5**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**33.7**



Mississippi

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**80.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.2**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**30.1**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**51.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**47.0**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.5**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.0**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**15.0**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**66.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**47.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**50.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**33.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**65.2**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**76.7**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**24.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**38.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**36.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**72.2**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**51.5**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**83.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.1**



Missouri

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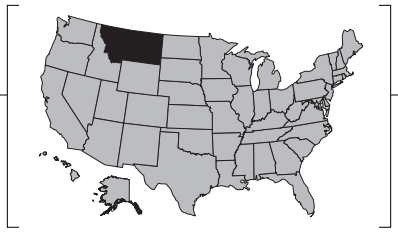
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.9**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**13.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.9**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**67.3**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.7**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.7**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**95.1**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**9.9**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**56.1**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**60.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**47.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**59.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**82.5**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**21.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**47.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**37.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**57.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**62.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.2**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.9**



Montana

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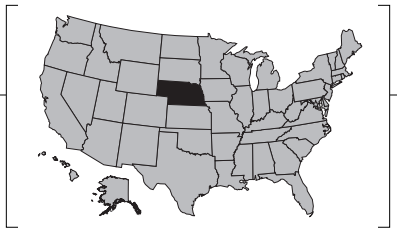
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**90.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.5**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**13.7**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**81.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**31.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.2**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**8.0**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**87.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**19.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**67.0**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**48.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**68.4**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**40.9**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**53.9**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**89.9**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**8.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**27.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**50.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**26.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**49.0**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**63.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**87.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**91.8**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.1**



Nebraska

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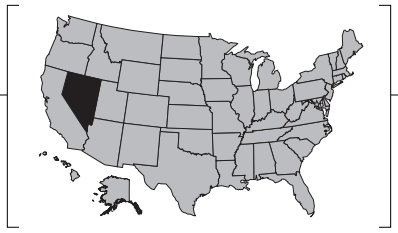
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**11.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.2**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**72.8**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.1**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.9**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.8**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**75.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**58.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**72.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**49.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**62.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**88.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**5.9**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**22.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**49.4**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**30.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**63.9**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**64.5**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**85.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**90.7**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**30.3**



Nevada

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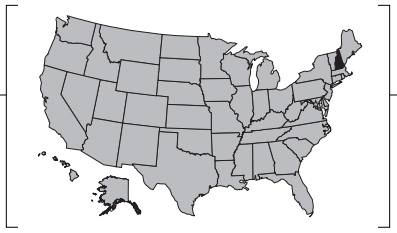
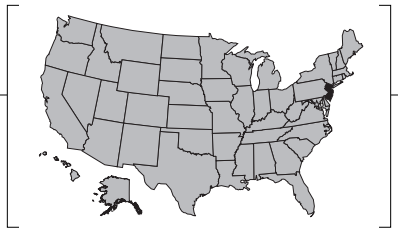
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**79.6**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**18.4**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**7.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**78.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.2**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.7**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**82.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**24.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**67.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**46.8**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**53.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**34.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**41.2**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**75.3**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**8.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**42.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**29.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**45.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**53.9**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**75.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**81.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**28.7**



New Hampshire

All statistics are based on parental reports.

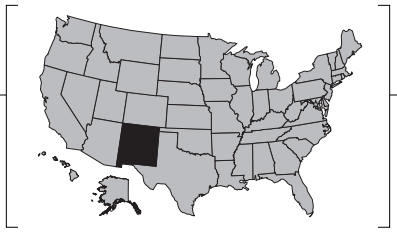
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**91.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**10.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.0**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.1**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**73.6**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.2**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.5**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**95.2**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**88.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**71.8**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**63.5**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**61.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**67.2**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**87.5**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**9.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**60.7**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**32.5**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**33.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**68.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**91.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.3**



New Jersey

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**84.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.9**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**23.0**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.2**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**68.8**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**40.4**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**87.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**68.3**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**58.7**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**52.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**72.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**8.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**14.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**46.8**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**28.7**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**50.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**63.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.5**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**83.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**37.5**



New Mexico

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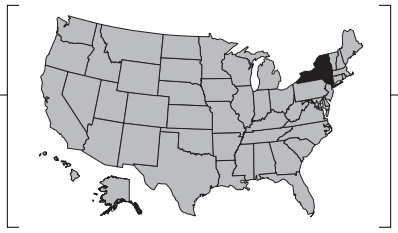
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**81.9**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.0**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**13.2**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.1**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**76.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.2**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.8**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**90.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**16.9**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**72.7**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**55.3**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**58.3**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**39.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**56.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**76.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**10.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**14.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**42.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**27.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**55.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**53.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**78.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**81.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.7**



New York

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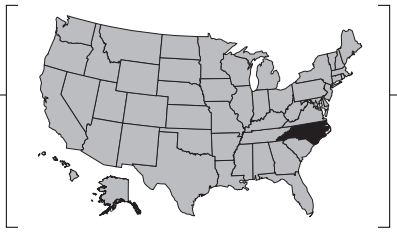
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**83.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**19.0**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.9**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**72.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**38.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.3**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**95.5**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.7**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**88.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**68.6**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**57.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**54.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**70.1**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**82.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**12.3**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**13.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**48.4**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**27.1**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**49.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.5**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.7**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**78.7**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**33.6**



North Carolina

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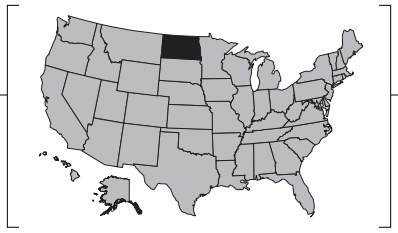
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**85.5**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**14.9**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.9**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**67.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**40.2**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**3.7**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.1**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**14.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**79.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**59.3**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**63.6**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**46.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**60.6**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**80.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**49.7**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**35.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**64.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**61.1**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.8**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**38.7**



North Dakota

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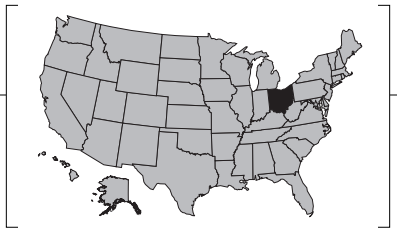
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**90.8**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**16.3**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**68.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**31.4**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.0**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.1**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**64.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**49.0**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**66.1**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**41.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**51.7**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**91.2**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**30.3**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**47.3**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**31.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**63.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**67.7**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**89.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**93.9**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.6**



Ohio

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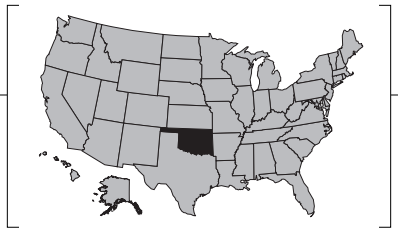
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**88.9**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**9.0**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**65.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.4**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.7**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.9**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.5**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**80.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**61.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**61.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**52.3**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**60.3**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.1**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**13.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**18.4**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**51.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**38.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**52.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**61.4**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.7**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**88.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.3**



Oklahoma

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Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.6**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**16.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.8**
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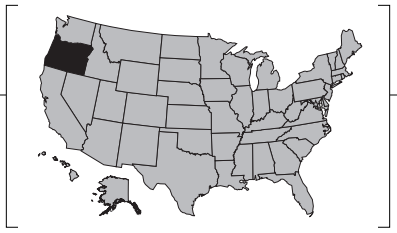
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**35.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**88.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**20.4**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**71.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**49.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**48.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**41.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**62.5**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**83.1**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.2**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.5**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**45.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**38.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**65.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**58.6**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**80.5**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.4**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.4**



Oregon

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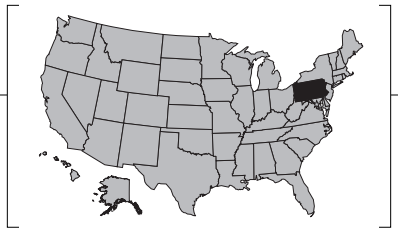
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.7**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.1**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**16.2**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**5.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**87.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.5**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.4**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**88.0**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**18.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**70.6**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**52.2**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**62.7**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**43.4**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**53.5**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.2**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**55.9**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**24.6**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**46.4**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.3**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**88.9**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.8**



Pennsylvania

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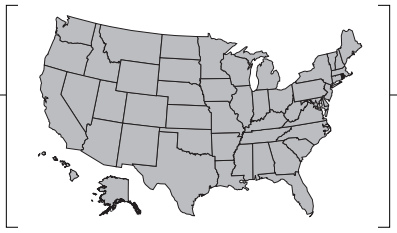
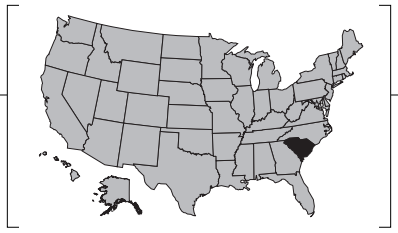
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.5**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.0**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**61.6**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**7.2**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**84.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**66.6**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**75.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**54.0**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**62.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**83.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.7**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.9**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**56.7**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**36.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**53.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**60.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.8**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.2**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.4**



Rhode Island

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**86.8**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**9.3**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**13.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**66.0**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**37.0**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.8**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**10.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**90.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**73.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**67.5**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**60.4**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**66.9**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**84.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**14.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**53.5**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**31.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**49.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**58.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**82.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**35.5**



South Carolina

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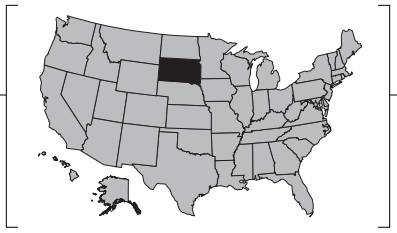
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**82.6**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**17.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**8.9**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**60.1**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.6**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.5**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.1**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**75.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**56.8**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**59.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**44.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**61.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**78.6**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.1**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**21.8**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**47.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**33.7**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**69.6**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**56.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**81.7**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**83.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.5**



South Dakota

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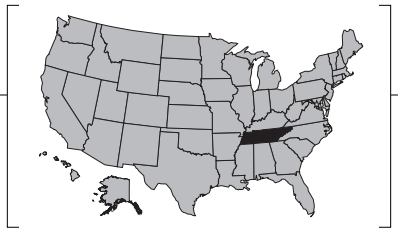
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**89.0**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.9**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**15.5**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**4.9**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.5**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**68.5**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**31.7**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.4**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.1**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.1**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.4**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**67.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**49.1**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**71.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**38.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**56.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**88.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**8.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**25.7**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**46.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**34.9**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**62.7**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**65.6**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**85.1**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**91.7**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**36.5**



Tennessee

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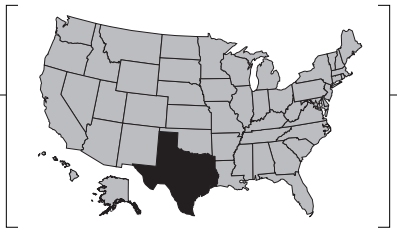
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**85.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.9**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**15.4**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.5**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.1**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**63.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**39.4**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**11.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.6**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.3**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**58.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**61.9**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**49.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**58.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**78.7**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**14.8**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**10.5**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**45.4**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**37.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**68.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**57.0**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.8**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**88.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.2**



Texas

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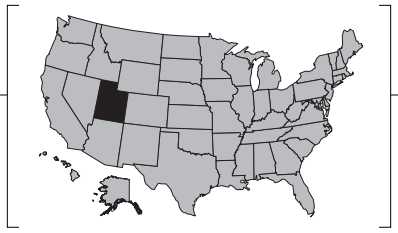
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**77.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**8.0**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**18.7**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**9.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**8.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**73.6**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.9**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**82.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**24.8**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**75.2**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**54.4**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**43.4**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**39.9**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**52.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**75.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**11.4**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**11.2**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**41.7**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**27.1**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**63.2**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**52.6**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**79.3**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**80.7**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**31.4**



Utah

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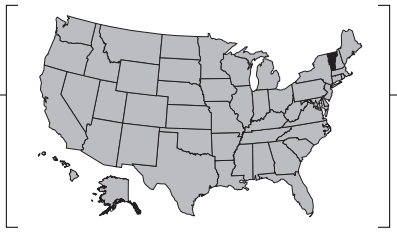
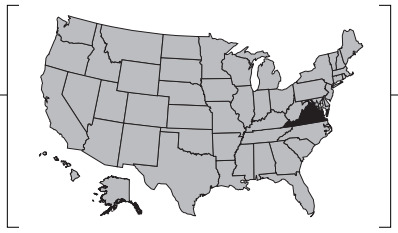
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**89.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.5**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**11.8**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**5.3**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.2**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**84.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**34.0**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.0**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.5**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**90.0**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**15.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**67.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**51.8**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**59.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**43.7**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**54.7**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**89.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**2.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**26.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**46.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**15.4**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**71.8**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**62.6**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**90.5**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**92.4**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**27.3**



Vermont

All statistics are based on parental reports.

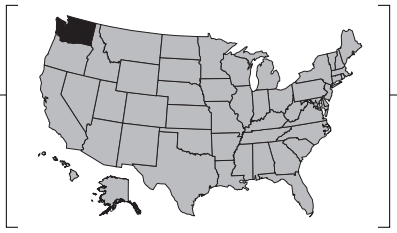
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**93.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.8**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**10.1**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.1**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**9.6**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**81.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**30.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.0**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**5.4**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**96.9**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**7.0**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**82.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**70.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**70.0**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**57.8**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**60.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**88.5**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**7.7**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**22.7**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**67.6**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**28.5**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**28.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**68.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**87.8**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**94.5**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**34.4**



Virginia

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**90.1**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.0**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**13.6**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.4**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.0**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**66.7**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**8.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**4.9**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**92.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**12.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**79.8**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**60.8**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**61.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**47.6**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**62.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**83.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**13.1**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**16.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**51.2**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**30.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**53.6**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**63.7**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**83.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.6**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**37.6**



Washington

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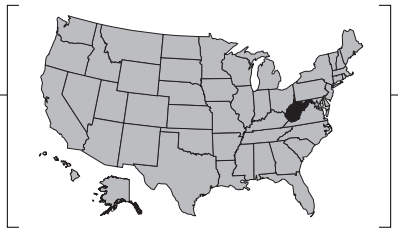
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**87.4**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.9**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**14.0**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**6.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**15.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**87.9**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**32.3**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.0**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**7.6**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.4**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.6**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**77.5**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**60.5**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**56.4**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**48.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**60.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**83.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**6.9**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.0**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**54.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**26.2**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**44.3**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**62.8**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**82.0**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**86.1**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**35.9**



West Virginia

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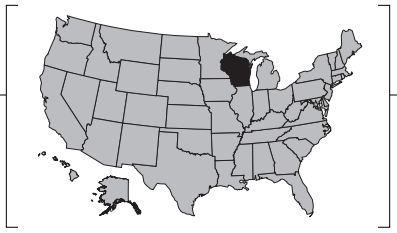
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**84.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**10.4**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**14.7**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**10.2**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**12.3**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**53.0**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**36.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**9.4**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**9.0**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**93.5**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**13.0**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**82.1**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**63.7**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**63.3**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**54.3**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**49.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**81.8**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**16.6**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**17.6**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**54.4**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**45.1**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**57.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**56.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.8**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**90.8**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**32.8**



Wisconsin

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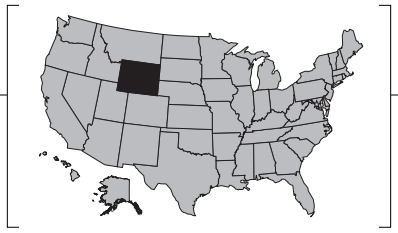
Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**88.3**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**7.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**12.1**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**7.6**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**10.4**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**72.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**33.0**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**10.1**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**3.9**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**94.3**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**11.2**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**76.6**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**61.3**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**66.8**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**51.2**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**59.8**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**85.4**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**5.7**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**19.4**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**46.1**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**33.3**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**52.5**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**64.2**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.4**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**89.0**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**30.8**



Wyoming

All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator		National %	State %
The Child: Health Status			
Overall Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.1	**89.2**
Current Health Problems	percent of children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	7.9	**6.7**
Impact of Asthma on the Family	percent of children whose asthma has a great or medium impact	16.3	**7.7**
Impact of Asthma	percent of children affected by asthma	8.0	**5.8**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	9.4	**11.7**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	72.3	**82.4**
Parents' Concerns	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	36.6	**29.8**
Socio-Emotional Difficulties	percent of children aged 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	9.2	**7.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.2	**6.8**
The Child: Health Care			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	91.2	**90.7**
Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	14.9	**15.1**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	77.8	**71.7**
Preventive Health and Dental Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	58.8	**56.9**
Mental Health Care	percent of children with chronic emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	58.7	**77.2**
Medical Home	percent of children who have a personal doctor or nurse and receive care that is accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated	46.1	**40.5**
The Child: School and Activities			
Early Childhood School	percent of children aged 3-5 who attend nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten	60.7	**60.4**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	81.0	**88.0**
Repetition of Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	11.3	**8.5**
Staying Home Alone	percent of children aged 6-11 who have been home alone in the past week	15.9	**18.4**
The Child's Family			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 who are read to every day	47.8	**53.0**
Household Smoking	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	29.5	**32.6**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	55.7	**50.1**
Mother's Health	percent of children whose mothers' physical and emotional health is excellent or very good	58.9	**65.3**
The Child and Family's Neighborhood			
Supportive Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	81.4	**84.3**
Safety of Child in the Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	83.8	**92.3**
Issues with Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	33.2	**33.5**

Technical Appendix

About the Survey

The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) was fielded using the State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS) mechanism. SLAITS is conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It uses the same large-scale random-digit-dial sampling frame as the CDC's National Immunization Survey.[7]

Approximately 1.9 million telephone numbers were randomly generated for inclusion in the NSCH. After eliminating numbers that were determined to be nonresidential or nonworking, the remaining numbers were called to identify households with children less than 18 years of age. From each household with children, one was randomly selected to be the focus of the interview.

The respondent was the parent or guardian in the household who was most knowledgeable about the health and health care of the children under 18 years of age. For 79 percent of the children, the respondent was the mother. Respondents for the remaining children were fathers (17 percent), grandparents (3 percent), or other relatives or guardians (1 percent). Surveys were conducted in English and Spanish. Overall, 5.9 percent of the interviews were completed in Spanish.

Data Collection

Data collection began on January 29, 2003 and ended on July 1, 2004, with interviews conducted from telephone centers in Chicago, Illinois; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Amherst, Massachusetts. A computer-assisted telephone interviewing system was used to collect the data. A total of 102,353 interviews were completed for the NSCH, with 87 percent of the interviews completed in 2003. The number of completed interviews varied by State, ranging from 1,848 in New Mexico to 2,241 in Louisiana and Ohio, with one exception: Only 1,483 interviews were completed in Utah. More than 2,000 interviews were completed in 25 States.

The cooperation rate, which is the proportion of interviews completed after a household was determined to include a child under age 18, was 68.8 percent. The national weighted response rate, which includes the cooperation rate as well as the resolution rate (the proportion of telephone numbers identified as residential or nonresidential) and the screening completion rate (the proportion of households successfully screened for children), was 55.3 percent.

Overall response rates ranged from 49.6 percent in New Jersey to 64.4 percent in South Dakota. Several efforts were made to increase response rates, including sending letters to households in advance to introduce the survey, toll-free numbers left on potential respondents' answering machines to allow them to call back, and small monetary incentives for those households with children who initially declined to participate.

Data Analysis

In order to produce the population-based estimates in this report, the data records for each interview were assigned a sampling weight. These weights are based on the probability of selection of each household telephone number within each State, with adjustments that compensate for households that have multiple telephone numbers, for households without telephones, and for nonresponse.

With data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the weights were also adjusted by age, sex, race, ethnicity, household size, and educational attainment of the most educated household member to provide a dataset that was more representative of each State's population of non-institutionalized children less than 18 years of age. Analyses were conducted using statistical software that accounts for the weights and the complex survey design. Responses of "don't know" and "refuse to answer" were counted as missing data.

Racial and ethnic groups are mutually exclusive; that is, data reported for White, Black, multiracial and children of other races do not include Hispanics, who may be of any race.

Accuracy of the Results

The data from the NSCH are subject to the usual variability associated with sample surveys. Small differences between survey estimates may be due to random survey error and not to true differences among children or across States.

The precision of the survey estimates is based on the sample size and the measure of interest. Estimates at the national level will be more precise than estimates at the State level. Estimates for all children will be more precise than estimates for subgroups of children (for example, children 0-5 years of age or children with the same race). For national estimates of the health and health care for all children, the maximum margin of error is 0.6 percent. For the State-level indicators for all children, the maximum margin of error is 3.0 percent.

Availability of the Data

Except for data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of the survey subjects, all data collected in the NSCH are available to the public on the NCHS and Maternal and Child Health Bureau Web sites. Data documentation and additional details on the methodology[8] are available from the National Center for Health Statistics: www.cdc.gov/nchs/slaits.htm

Interactive data queries are possible through the Data Resource Center for the NSCH: www.nschdata.org

The Data Resource Center provides immediate access to the survey data, as well as resources and assistance for interpreting and reporting findings.

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