Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

At a Glance for 2014

America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being

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	Previous Value (Year)	Most Recent Value (Year)	Change Between Years
Demographic Background			
Child population*			
Children ages 0–17 in the United States	73.7 million (2012)	73.6 million (2013)	↓
Children as a percentage of the population*			
Children ages 0–17 in the United States	23.5% (2012)	23.3% (2013)	↓
Racial and ethnic composition*			
Children ages 0–17 by race and Hispanic origin**			
White, non-Hispanic	52.8% (2012)	52.4% (2013)	↓
Black, non-Hispanic	13.9% (2012)	13.8% (2013)	↓
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	0.9% (2012)	0.9% (2013)	NS
Asian, non-Hispanic	4.6% (2012)	4.6% (2013)	NS
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	0.2% (2012)	0.2% (2013)	NS
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	3.9% (2012)	4.0% (2013)	↑
Hispanic	23.8% (2012)	24.1% (2013)	↑
Family and Social Environment			
Family structure and children's living arrangements			
Children ages 0–17 living with two married parents	64% (2012)	64% (2013)	NS
Births to unmarried women			
Births to unmarried women ages 15–44	46 per 1,000 (2011)	45 per 1,000 (2012)	↓
Births to unmarried women among all births	41% (2011)	41% (2012)	NS
Child care			
Children ages 0–4, with employed mothers, whose primary child care arrangement is with a relative	48% (2010)	49% (2011)	NS
Children, ages 3–6, not yet in kindergarten, who were in center-based care arrangements	55% (2007)	61% (2012)	↑
Children of at least one foreign-born parent			
Children ages 0–17 living with at least one foreign-born parent	24% (2012)	24% (2013)	NS
Language spoken at home and difficulty speaking English			
Children ages 5–17 who speak a language other than English at home	22.0% (2011)	22.3% (2012)	↑
Children ages 5–17 who speak a language other than English at home and who have difficulty speaking English	5% (2011)	5% (2012)	NS
Adolescent births			
Births to females ages 15–17	15 per 1,000 (2011)	14 per 1,000 (2012)	↓
Child maltreatment*			
Substantiated reports of maltreatment of children ages 0–17	9.9 per 1,000 (2011)	9.8 per 1,000 (2012)	↓

* Population estimates are not sample derived and thus not subject to statistical testing. Change between years identifies differences in the proportionate size of these estimates.

** Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

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Economic Circumstances			
Child poverty and family income			
Children ages 0–17 in poverty	22% (2011)	22% (2012)	NS
Secure parental employment			
Children ages 0–17 living with at least one parent employed year round, full time	73% (2011)	73% (2012)	NS
Food insecurity			
Children ages 0–17 in households classified by USDA as "food insecure"	22% (2011)	22% (2012)	NS
Health Care			
Health insurance coverage			
Children ages 0–17 covered by health insurance at some time during the year	90.6% (2011)	91.1% (2012)	↑
Usual source of health care			
Children ages 0–17 with no usual source of health care	4% (2011)	4% (2012)	NS
Immunization			
Children ages 19–35 months with the 4:3:1:3:3:1 combined series	78% (2011)	76% (2012)	NS
Oral health			
Children ages 5–17 with a dental visit in the past year	87% (2011)	88% (2012)	NS
Physical Environment and Safety			
Outdoor air quality			
Children ages 0–17 living in counties with pollutant concentrations above the levels of the current air quality standards	67% (2011)	67% (2012)	NS
Environmental tobacco smoke			
Children ages 4–11 with any detectable blood cotinine level, a measure for recent exposure to secondhand smoke	42% (2009–2010)	40% (2011–2012)	NS
Drinking water quality			
Children served by community water systems that did not meet all applicable health-based drinking water standards	5% (2011)	4% (2012)	NS
Lead in the blood of children			
Children ages 1–5 with blood lead greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL	4% (2003–2006)	2% (2009–2012)	↓
Housing problems			
Households with children ages 0–17 reporting shelter cost burden, crowding, and/or physically inadequate housing	45% (2009)	46% (2011)	↑
Youth victims of serious violent crimes			
Serious violent crime victimization of youth ages 12–17	8 per 1,000 (2011)	6 per 1,000 (2012)	NS
Child injury and mortality			
Injury deaths of children ages 1–4	12 per 100,000 (2010)	11 per 100,000 (2011)	NS
Injury deaths of children ages 5–14	6 per 100,000 (2010)	6 per 100,000 (2011)	NS

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Physical Environment and Safety—continued			
Adolescent injury and mortality			
Injury deaths of adolescents ages 15–19	37 per 100,000 (2010)	36 per 100,000 (2011)	NS
Behavior			
Regular cigarette smoking			
Students who reported smoking daily in the past 30 days			
8th grade	2% (2012)	2% (2013)	NS
10th grade	5% (2012)	4% (2013)	NS
12th grade	9% (2012)	9% (2013)	NS
Alcohol use			
Students who reported having 5 or more alcoholic beverages in a row in the past 2 weeks			
8th grade	5% (2012)	5% (2013)	NS
10th grade	16% (2012)	14% (2013)	↓
12th grade	24% (2012)	22% (2013)	NS
Illicit drug use			
Students who reported using illicit drugs in the past 30 days			
8th grade	8% (2012)	9% (2013)	NS
10th grade	19% (2012)	19% (2013)	NS
12th grade	25% (2012)	26% (2013)	NS
Sexual activity			
High school students who reported ever having had sexual intercourse	46% (2009)	47% (2011)	NS
Youth perpetrators of serious violent crimes			
Youth offenders ages 12–17 involved in serious violent crimes	6 per 1,000 (2011)	9 per 1,000 (2012)	NS
Education			
Family reading to young children			
Children ages 3–5 who were read to 3 or more times in the last week	83% (2007)	83% (2012)	NS
Mathematics and reading achievement			
Average mathematics scale score of			
4th-graders (0–500 scale)	241 (2011)	242 (2013)	↑
8th-graders (0–500 scale)	284 (2011)	285 (2013)	↑
12th-graders (0–300 scale)	150 (2005)	153 (2009)	↑
Average reading scale score of			
4th-graders (0–500 scale)	221 (2011)	222 (2013)	NS
8th-graders (0–500 scale)	265 (2011)	268 (2013)	↑
12th-graders (0–500 scale)	286 (2005)	288 (2009)	↑

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Education—continued			
High school academic coursetaking			
High school graduates who completed selected mathematics and science courses			
Algebra II	70% (2005)	76% (2009)	↑
Biology and chemistry	64% (2005)	68% (2009)	↑
Analysis/precalculus	29% (2005)	35% (2009)	↑
Biology, chemistry, and physics	27% (2005)	30% (2009)	↑
High school completion			
Young adults ages 18–24 who have completed high school	91% (2011)	91% (2012)	NS
Youth neither enrolled in school* nor working			
Youth ages 16–19 who are neither enrolled in school nor working	8% (2012)	9% (2013)	NS
College enrollment			
Recent high school completers enrolled in college the October immediately after completing high school	68% (2011)	66% (2012)	NS
Health			
Preterm birth and low birthweight			
Infants less than 37 completed weeks of gestation at birth	11.7% (2011)	11.5% (2012)	↓
Infants weighing less than 5 lb. 8 oz. at birth	8.1% (2011)	8.0% (2012)	↓
Infant mortality			
Deaths before first birthday	6.1 per 1,000 (2010)	6.0 per 1,000 (2011)	NS
Emotional and behavioral difficulties			
Children ages 4–17 reported by a parent to have serious difficulties with emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with other people	5% (2011)	5% (2012)	NS
Adolescent depression			
Youth ages 12–17 with past-year Major Depressive Episode	8% (2011)	9% (2012)	↑
Activity limitation			
Children ages 5–17 with activity limitation resulting from one or more chronic health conditions	9% (2011)	9% (2012)	NS
Diet quality			
Average diet scores for children ages 2–17, expressed as a percentage of Federal diet quality standards	47% (2005–2006)	50% (2007–2008)	NS
Obesity			
Children ages 6–17 who are obese	18% (2009–2010)	19% (2011–2012)	NS
Asthma			
Children ages 0–17 who currently have asthma	10% (2011)	9% (2012)	NS

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Department of Agriculture
Economic Research Service
http://www.ers.usda.gov

Department of Commerce
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov

Department of Defense
Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
Military Community and Family Policy
http://prhome.defense.gov/RFM/MCFP/

Department of Education
National Center for Education Statistics
http://nces.ed.gov

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
http://www.acf.hhs.gov

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
http://www.ahrq.gov

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
http://www.nichd.nih.gov

Maternal and Child Health Bureau
http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov

National Center for Health Statistics
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs

National Institute of Mental Health
http://www.nimh.nih.gov

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
http://aspe.hhs.gov

Office of Adolescent Health
http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
http://www.samhsa.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Policy Development and Research
http://www.huduser.org

Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Statistics
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs

National Institute of Justice
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
http://www.ojjdp.gov/

Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
http://www.bls.gov

Women's Bureau
http://www.dol.gov/wb

Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Children's Health Protection
http://www.epa.gov/children/

Office of Management and Budget
Statistical and Science Policy Office
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_statpolicy