



# Children in Connecticut

835,375 children live in Connecticut

- A child in Connecticut is abused or neglected every 41 minutes**
- A child in Connecticut is born into poverty every 2 hours**
- A child in Connecticut dies before his or her first birthday every day**
- A child or teen in Connecticut is killed by gunfire every 3 weeks**

## Connecticut Rankings\*

- Connecticut ranks 4<sup>th</sup> among states in the percent of children who are poor.
  - Connecticut ranks 4<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.
  - Connecticut ranks 6<sup>th</sup> among states in the percent of babies born to mothers who received early prenatal care.
  - Connecticut ranks 16<sup>th</sup> among states in infant mortality.
  - Connecticut ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
- [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children.]

## Child Poverty in Connecticut

Number of poor children	87,302
Percent of children who are poor	10.2%
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	43,153
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$636

## Child Hunger in Connecticut

Number of children who receive food stamps	72,890
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	67%
Number of children in School Lunch Program	280,212
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)	51,329

## Early Childhood Development in Connecticut

Percent of children under age six with all parents in the labor force	60.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	7,224
Number of children served by the Child Care and Development Block Grant	13,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$6,405

## Child Welfare in Connecticut

Number of children who were victims of abuse and neglect	12,818
Number of children in foster care	6,007
Number of children adopted from foster care	617
Number of grandparents raising their grandchildren	21,070

### Education in Connecticut

Amount spent per pupil in public school	\$9,753
Percent of fourth graders reading below grade level	57%
Percent of fourth graders below grade level in math	59%
Average class size in public elementary schools	19.9
Average class size in public secondary schools	20.4

### Child Health in Connecticut

Number of children without health insurance	70,000
Percent of children without health insurance	7.7%
Percent of two-year-olds who are not fully immunized	18.1%

### Youth At Risk in Connecticut

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates	7.4%
High school completion rate	91.7%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds who are unemployed	13.0%
Number of juveniles arrested	14,345
Number of children and teens in juvenile or adult correctional facilities	1,346
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 12 homicides; 4 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	16

**GET INVOLVED:** CDF and our partners in Connecticut offer a variety of projects, which individuals, organizations and congregations can initiate at the local level to improve the lives of children. CDF provides training and/or ongoing technical assistance for many of these projects.

The Dodd-Miller comprehensive **Act to Leave No Child Behind** (S. 448/H.R. 936) will help provide all children a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information on how the Act to Leave No Child Behind will help children in your state, and how your Representatives and Senators vote for children, please visit [www.cdfactioncouncil.org](http://www.cdfactioncouncil.org).

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available.

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