

Background Information

Demographic Data

Number of Children: 2006

	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total children under age 18	73,735,562	25%

Total youth ages 10–17	33,608,039	46%
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Race and Hispanic Origin of Youth (ages 10–17): 2006

	NUMBER	PERCENT
White*	20,013,455	60%

Black/African American*	5,061,811	15%
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American Indian/Alaskan Native*	314,357	1%
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Asian and Pacific Islander*	1,316,652	4%
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More than one race*	731,253	2%
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Hispanic/Latino	6,170,511	18%
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Children in Immigrant Families: 2006

Percent of children in immigrant families	22%
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*Non-Hispanic/Latino

Education

4th grade students who scored at or above proficient reading level: 2007	32%
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4th grade students who scored at or above proficient math level: 2007	39%
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8th grade students who scored at or above proficient reading level: 2007	29%
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8th grade students who scored at or above proficient math level: 2007	31%
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Economics

Median income of families with children: 2006	\$54,500
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Children in extreme poverty (income below 50% of poverty level): 2006	8%
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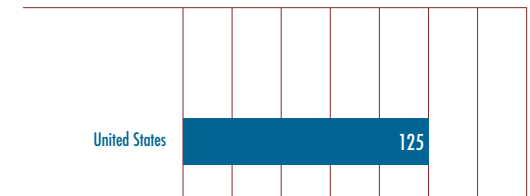
Children in low-income families (income below 200% of poverty level): 2006	40%
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Children in low-income families that spend more than 30% of their income on housing: 2006	66%
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Juvenile Justice**

Estimated daily count of detained and committed youth in custody: 2006	92,854
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Rate of detained and committed youth in custody (per 100,000 youth ages 10–15): 2006



Child Health

Percent of children without health insurance: 2005	11%
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Number of children without health insurance: 2005	8,144,000
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Percent of children with special health care needs: 2005–2006	14%
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Ratio of rates of youth of color to white* youth in custody: 2006	3:1
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Percent of youth in custody for non-violent offenses: 2006	66%
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Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (arrests per 100,000 youth ages 10–17): 2005	283
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**Age range varies by state unless otherwise noted.

Find the most recent data available at www.kidscount.org/datacenter.

Definitions and Data Sources can be found on page 186, or visit www.kidscount.org for detailed information.

United States

Key Indicators	Percent Change Over Time										Trend Data		
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Percent low-birthweight babies	2000-2005	8										2000	7.6
												2005	8.2
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2000-2005	0										2000	6.9
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Child death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14)	2000-2005	9										2000	22
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Teen death rate (deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19)	2000-2005	3										2000	67
												2005	65
Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	2000-2005	17										2000	48
												2005	40
Percent of teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19)	2000-2006	36										2000	11
												2006	7
Percent of teens not attending school and not working (ages 16-19)	2000-2006	11										2000	9
												2006	8
Percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment	2000-2006	3										2000	32
												2006	33
Percent of children in poverty (income below \$20,444 for a family of two adults and two children in 2006)	2000-2006	6										2000	17
												2006	18
Percent of children in single-parent families	2000-2006	3										2000	31
												2006	32