

Data Sources & United States Totals

Color Scheme – A state header in **blue** represents a state won by Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election. A state header in **red** represents a state where John McCain prevailed. Senators labeled in **blue** are Democrats. Those in **red** are Republicans.

State Ranking (Located in Parentheses by the state)

Definitions: Overall Ranks for each state using a consistent set of indicators; namely those used to derive the rank reported in the 2009 KIDS COUNT Data Book. The rank for each state was obtained in the following manner. First, we converted the 2007 (or 2006, depending on the indicator) state numerical values for each of the 10 key indicators into standard scores. We then summed those standard scores to create a total standard score for each of the 50 states. Finally, we ranked the states on the basis of their total standard score in sequential order from highest/best (1) to lowest/worst (50). Standard scores were derived by subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing the amount by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. All measures were given the same weight in calculating the total standard score.

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count 2009

Children Living in Poverty – 13,097,000 (18%)

Definitions: The share of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Data Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, 2001 Supplementary Survey, 2002 through 2007 American Community Survey.

Notes: Updated September 2008.

The data for this measure come from the 2000 and 2001 Supplementary Survey and the 2002 through 2007 American Community Survey (ACS). The 2000 through 2004 ACS surveyed approximately 700,000 households monthly during each calendar year. In general but particularly for these years, use caution when interpreting estimates for less populous states or indicators representing small subpopulations, where the sample size is relatively small. Beginning in January 2005, the U.S. Census Bureau expanded the ACS sample to 3 million households (full implementation), and in January 2006 the ACS included group quarters. The ACS, fully implemented, is designed to provide annually updated social, economic, and housing data for states and communities. (Such local-area data have traditionally been collected once every ten years in the long form of the decennial census.)

The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition. In 2000, the poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was \$17,463. Poverty status is not determined for people in military barracks, institutional quarters, or for unrelated individuals under age 18 (such as foster children).

Uninsured Children - 8,618,000 (11.1%)

Source: Uninsured estimates from a three-year merge (2005-2007) of the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. See "Left Behind: America's Uninsured Children" (Washington: Families USA, November 2008). Remaining estimates by Families USA.

Children Receiving Government Health Care – 22,954,000 (29.6%)

Source: Government insurance estimates from a three-year merge (2005-2007) of the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. See "Left Behind: America's Uninsured Children" (Washington: Families USA, November 2008), Appendix A.

Child Abuse Deaths – 9,568

Source: Department of Health and Human Services, Child Maltreatment Reports 2001-2007. Data is missing for California in 2003; Alaska in 2004; Maryland and Massachusetts in 2006 and 2007; Michigan in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007; and North Carolina in 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

2 – Year Olds Not Immunized – 901,000 (22.6%)

Definitions: Percentage of children who have 4:3:1 Series Coverage.

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National, State, and Urban Area Vaccination Levels Among Children Aged 19-35 Months - United States reports from 1998-2006, <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/stats-surv/imz-coverage.htm#nis>.

Data estimate has been suppressed. Estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS) are suppressed when the total confidence interval (upper bound minus lower bound) of the percent estimate, is 10 percentage points or greater. Rates from Vital Statistics data are suppressed when based on fewer than 20 births or deaths.

Notes: Updated December 2008.

4:3:1 Series Coverage is four or more doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis (DTP) vaccine, diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (DT) vaccine, and diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine; three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine; and one or more doses of measles-containing vaccine.

The estimate of the 2 year olds comes from the Dec 2007 CPS estimate

4th Graders below Basic Reading Levels – 34%

Source: National Center for Education Statistics. Updated 2007. The Nation's Report Card - Reading 2007.

3 and 4 Year Olds not in a preschool, nursery school, or pre-kindergarten program – 4,494,313 (54%)

Source: US Census, American Community Survey, 3 Year Estimates (2005-2007), Data comes from a cross of 3-4 year olds by School Enrollment.

Child Abuse Victims – 753,357

Source: Department of Health and Human Services. Child Maltreatment Report. Table 3-3 Victimization Rates, 2003-2007. Data from 2007. Maryland and Michigan did not report child abuse victims in 2007.

State Budget Gap Information

Source: Iris J. Lav and Elizabeth McNichol, "State Budget Troubles Worsen", Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Updated June 29 2009.

Single Mother Households – 17,258,647

Working Single Mother Households – 13,271,923

Source: Source: US Census, American Community Survey, 3 Year Estimates (2005-2007). Data comes from a cross of 0-17 year olds by Employment Status of Parent weighted by the person weight. The final result comes from the columns live with mother in workforce and lives with mother not in the work force. Data does not include the District of Columbia.

of Additional Children Covered by S-CHIP Reauthorization – 4,100,000

% Reduction in Children Who Are Uninsured – 47%

Source: "Yes We Can . . . Cover More than 4 Million Uninsured Children", Families USA, January 2009.

Programs Benefiting Children in the American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act of 2009

Source: Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: State-By-State Estimates of Key Provisions Affecting Low- and Moderate-Income Individuals.

of Firearms Deaths in Washington DC among Youth under 18 (2000-2006) - 134

Source: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Center for Disease Control.

Amount of Additional Afterschool Funding and How Many Kids Would Benefit - \$1,081,166,187 in additional funding, 1,081,166 additional kids benefitting.

Source: Budget Analysis, 21st CCLC Funding Levels, Afterschool Alliance.

Increased Funding for Children's Programs in the 2010 Budget

Source: At a Glance: Kids in the Presidents 2010 Budget, First Focus.

Total Number of Foreclosures in 2008 and Increase over 2007 – 2,330,483 properties with foreclosure filings, a 81.2% increase over 2007

Source: Stephanie Armour, "2008 foreclosure filings set record", USA Today, February 3rd 2009.

% of Teens (12-17) Who Have Smoked Cigarettes in the Last 30 Days – 10%

Source: Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies. July 2009 State Estimates of Substance Use from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.