

# Quick Facts About Minnesota Kids



a child's voice

## Demographics:

There are about 1,287,000 kids in Minnesota.  
330,000 are kids under 5. *(2000 Census)*

231,000 are children of color; 18% of all children. *(2000 Census)*

142,000 children, 11% of all children, lived in working-poor families in 1999 (under 200% of poverty and parents worked.)

*More demographic facts are available from the Minnesota Demography Center, <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/demography> and the U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov>*

## Health: (1999)

102,900 have no health care coverage (8%)  
13% not fully immunized by age 2.  
4,000 babies born at low birth weight (6%)  
1,800 births to teen mothers

*Minnesota County Health Profiles are available at <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/LMIC/dnet/datanet.htm>*

## Economics: (2000)

10% of children in poverty (121,600)  
26% of school age kids below 185% of poverty (218,000)  
18% of school age kids below 140% of poverty (155,000)  
8% receive food stamps (104,000)

\$56,874 was the median income of families with children (2000)

*Minnesota household economic statistics are available from the U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/index>*

## Other indicators: (2000 unless indicated otherwise)

18,000 kids in out of home placements (14 per 1,000)  
14,000 did not graduate on time (21.5%)  
15,000 kids arrested for serious crimes (26 per 1,000)  
11,000 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect (9 per 1,000)  
22% of 4th graders scored below basic math level  
20% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored below basic math level  
8% of working poor children live in a household without a phone (1998)  
29% of children under 6 in paid child care while parents work

More data about Minnesota children is available in the 2002 Minnesota KIDS COUNT data book, (<http://www.cdf-mn.org>) and the National KIDS COUNT Data Book (<http://www.kidscount.org>)

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