

30 Facts You Should Know on the Well-Being of U.S. Children



HEALTH

- #1 1 in 4.5 children between ages 2 and 17 have not had an annual dental care visit.
- #2 1 in 5 toddlers has not been vaccinated against the main childhood diseases.
- #3 1 in 7 children ages 5-17 missed 6 or more days of school in 2007 due to illness or injury.
- #4 1 in 9 children are without health insurance coverage.
- #5 1 in 10 children have not seen a health care professional in the past year.
- #6 1 in 11 children have asthma– the most common chronic childhood disease.



EDUCATION

- #7 1 in 2 children between ages 3 and 4 is not enrolled in preschool or nursery school.
- #8 1 in 3 students in 8th grade does not achieve basic proficiency in mathematics.
- #9 1 in 3.5 students in 8th grade does not read at grade level.
- #10 1 in 3.5 high school freshmen do not graduate.
- #11 1 in 4 public school students report being bullied at least once a week.
- #12 1 in 10 students in kindergarten through 8th grade are retained in their grade each year.



ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND VIOLENCE

- #13 1 in 3 child victims of abuse and neglect is under 4 years of age.
- #14 1 in 3 child victims of sexual abuse is between ages 12 and 15.
- #15 2 in 5 children who die from abuse and neglect-related causes are under 1 year of age.
- #16 1 in 10 homicide victims is a child under age 18.
- #17 1 in 10 high school students has experienced dating violence.
- #18 1 in 11 high school students has attempted to commit suicide.



SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

- #19 1 in 2 children in sheltered homeless families are younger than 6 years of age.
- #20 1 in 3 children lives in a single-parent family.
- #21 1 in 4 children in foster care have been in out of home care for at least 3 years.
- #22 1 in 5.5 children live in poverty.
- #23 1 in 6 children served by the foster care system is waiting to be adopted.
- #24 1 in 6 children experience limited or uncertain access to adequate and nutritious food.



SPECIAL PROTECTION MEASURES AND RISKY BEHAVIORS

- #25 1 in 6 children ages 12-17 has used alcohol in the past month.
- #26 1 in 6 individuals arrested for a violent crime is a juvenile under age 18.
- #27 1 in 7 juvenile offenders in residential placement facilities is age 14 or younger.
- #28 1 in 7 children between ages 12 and 17 has been approached by someone selling drugs.
- #29 1 in 10 children ages 12-17 has engaged in binge alcohol use in the past month.
- #30 1 in 10 children between ages 12 and 17 has reported illicit drug use in the past month.

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