

Maryland 2010 Kids Count Fact Sheet

Summary of Results

Maryland's overall Kids Count ranking for 2010 is 25th in the nation. Two years ago, Maryland ranked 19th. Maryland is the wealthiest state in the nation, with the highest median household income. The gap between its wealth and child well-being rankings is second largest, with only Alaska worse (see chart to the right).

Maryland's infant mortality ranking fell to 42nd worst; two years ago, Maryland ranked 31st. For percent of low-birthweight babies, Maryland ranks 38th. Maryland's child death rate ranking is 27; two years ago it was 6th best (see chart below).

Recommendations

1. Provide family planning services to women prior to their first pregnancy. The federal government will pay 90 percent if Maryland pays 10 percent.
2. Ensure that parents currently receiving health care through Medicaid—up to 116 percent of poverty—get post-partum services, particularly if they experienced a difficult pregnancy. These women are most at risk of a second difficult pregnancy.
3. Take full advantage of federally-funded opportunities to expand evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women. The federal health care reform legislation includes additional resources for Maryland.
4. Shift funding from expensive, post-problem services to preventive, research-based strategies in child welfare, juvenile justice, health, racial equity, education and economic security.

State	Income Rank	Kids Count	Gap	Gap Rank
Alaska	4	38	-34	1
Maryland	1	25	-24	2
Nevada	15	36	-21	3
Georgia	23	42	-19	4
Arizona	22	39	-17	5
Hawaii	5	22	-17	5
Delaware	11	27	-16	7
California	9	19	-10	8
Wyoming	19	28	-9	9
Illinois	16	24	-8	10
Louisiana	41	49	-8	10
Virginia	8	16	-8	10
Colorado	13	20	-7	13
Texas	27	34	-7	13
Connecticut	3	8	-5	15
New Jersey	2	7	-5	15
South Carolina	40	45	-5	15
Florida	33	35	-2	18
New Mexico	44	46	-2	18
Alabama	46	47	-1	20
Indiana	32	33	-1	20
Washington	10	11	-1	20
Arkansas	48	48	0	23
Michigan	30	30	0	23
Mississippi	50	50	0	23
North Carolina	37	37	0	23
Massachusetts	6	5	1	27
Oklahoma	45	44	1	27
Pennsylvania	24	23	1	27
Rhode Island	18	17	1	27
New York	17	15	2	31
Ohio	31	29	2	31
Tennessee	43	41	2	31
Missouri	35	31	4	34
New Hampshire	7	1	6	35
West Virginia	49	43	6	35
Kentucky	47	40	7	37
Oregon	26	18	8	38
Minnesota	12	2	10	39
Montana	42	32	10	39
Utah	14	4	10	39
Wisconsin	21	10	11	42
Kansas	25	13	12	43
South Dakota	38	26	12	43
Idaho	34	21	13	45
Vermont	20	3	17	46
Nebraska	28	9	19	47
Maine	36	14	22	48
Iowa	29	6	23	49
North Dakota	39	12	27	50

Indicator	2008 Rank	2010 Rank
Overall rank	19	25
Percent low-birthweight babies	39	38
Infant mortality rate	31	42
Child death rate	6	27
Teen death rate	24	26
Teen birth rate	14	14
Percent of teens who are high school dropouts	15	15
Percent of teens not attending school and not working	27	21
Percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment	7	4
Percent of children in poverty	1	2
Percent of children in single-parent families	28	29