



Utah KIDS COUNT DATA LINKS



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A Comparison of Utah's Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Children and Families



For 30 years, Voices for Utah Children has been working on issues facing children in the areas of juvenile justice, child welfare, economic stability, education and health. We have become increasingly concerned about racial disparities in all these areas.

Gathering and analyzing racial and ethnic data is the first step in making informed policy decisions. Those decisions must be guided by comprehensive, regularly updated data. Parsing data through racial and ethnic lenses uncovers patterns and trends that can assist in planning more responsive programs and services.

This Data Link compares Utah's Hispanic children to white, non-Hispanic children with the goal of helping policymakers develop strategies that eliminate racial disparities and lead to improved child and family outcomes for all Utah's children.

In 2014 there were 154,419 Hispanic or Latino children under the age of 18 in Utah. They make up 17% of the state's children. As you can see from the data, these children are more at-risk for poor outcomes than their white non-Hispanic peers.

DATA LINKS is a publication series from the Utah KIDS COUNT Project, an Annie E. Casey funded program of Voices for Utah Children. The series is designed to highlight various data sources and help familiarize policymakers, the media and concerned citizens with queryable web-based information on child well-being in Utah.

This DATA LINKS features data on Hispanic children in Utah from the National KIDS COUNT Data Center, accessed at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/search/>. Users can access hundreds of indicators, download data and create reports and graphics on the KIDS COUNT Data Center that support smart decisions about children and families.

A Comparison of Child Well-Being Data for Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Children in Utah



Demographics

Child Population under 18

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	140,071	652,298
2010	144,486	661,151
2011	147,290	665,580
2012	149,206	669,062
2013	151,719	672,451

Percent of Children in Single-Parent Families

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	33	15
2010	30	16
2011	36	17
2012	36	16
2013	34	15



Economics

Percent of Children in Poverty Under 18

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	23	9
2010	34	11
2011	34	11
2012	37	10
2013	31	10

Percent of Children Living in Households w/High Housing Cost Burden

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	46	33
2010	53	33
2011	51	33
2012	52	29
2013	44	27



Health

Percent Low-Birthweight Babies

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	7.6	6.7
2010	7.4	6.7
2011	7.4	6.6
2012	7.3	6.6
2013	7.6	6.7

Infant Mortality Rate - per 1,000 Live Births

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	5.6	5.2
2010	4.7	4.5
2011	6.4	5.2
2012	6.3	4.7
2013	5.8	4.8

Child and Teen Death Rate - per 100,000

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	29	24
2010	28	23
2011	29	22
2012	19	22
2013	13	23

Percent of Children Without Health Insurance

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	26	7
2010	25	8
2011	27	7
2012	26	7
2013	22	7

Teen Birth Rate - per 1,000 Females 15-19

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	113	23
2010	91	21
2011	67	20
2012	56	16
2013	52	16



Education

Percent of Children in Families where the Household Head Lacks a High School Diploma

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	34	3
2010	33	3
2011	38	3
2012	37	4
2013	30	3

Percent of High School Students Not Graduating on Time

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	49	22
2010	39	18
2011	39	18
2012	38	19
2013	35	20

Percent of Teens 16 - 19 Who Are Not in School and Are Not High School Graduates

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	14	4
2010	11	4
2011	9	2
2012	9	4
2013	7	3

Percent of Eighth Graders Who Scored Below Proficient in Math

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2005	91	67
2007	88	64
2009	89	60
2011	91	59
2013	87	58

Percent of Fourth Graders Who Scored Below Proficient in Reading

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2005	86	62
2007	87	62
2009	85	62
2011	87	62
2013	86	57

Percent of Children 3 to 4 Not Attending Preschool

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2007-09	74	58
2008-10	71	57
2009-11	71	57
2010-12	69	58
2011-13	71	57



Child Welfare

Youth Under 21 Residing in Juvenile Detention, correctional, and Residential Facilities - Rate per 100,000

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2011	392	142

Percent of Children Under 18 Confirmed as Victims of Maltreatment

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2008	24	66
2009	23	67
2010	23	68
2011	23	68
2012	21	71

Percent Children 20 and Under in Foster Care

Year	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
2009	24	63
2010	24	63
2011	23	65
2012	23	65
2013	22	66



The Annie E. Casey National KIDS COUNT Race for Results

In 2014 the Annie E. Casey Foundation's National KIDS COUNT Project created and published a new report to help measure whether children are succeeding in each stage of their life. The report features the new Race for Results Index, which compares how children are progressing on key milestones across racial and ethnic groups at the national and state levels. The index is based on 12 indicators that measure a child's success in each stage of life, from birth to adulthood. The indicators were chosen based on the goal that all children should grow up in economically successful families, live in supportive communities and meet developmental, health and educational milestones. These indicators measure racial differences in such areas as health, education and family environment, as well as in contextual factors like neighborhood poverty. Additionally, we have aggregated these indicators into a composite index that enables comparisons across racial groups. The higher the score, the greater the likelihood that children in that group are meeting milestones associated with success. The 12 indicators are listed below:

- Children ages 3 to 5 enrolled in nursery school, preschool or kindergarten
- Babies born at normal birthweight
- Fourth graders who scored at or above proficient in reading
- Eighth graders who scored at or above proficient in math
- High school students graduating on time
- Females ages 15 to 19 who delay childbearing until adulthood
- Young adults ages 19 to 26 who are in school or working
- Young adults ages 25 to 29 who have completed an associate's degree or higher
- Children who live in two-parent families
- Children who live with a householder who has at least a high school diploma
- Children who live in families with incomes at or above 200% of poverty
- Children who live in low-poverty areas (poverty <20%)

Utah Race for Results Index Scores

Non Hispanic White	712
Non Hispanic Asian or Native Hawaiian,	627
Non Hispanic Black	511
Non Hispanic American Indian and Alaskan Native	400
Hispanic	370

The full Race for Results Report can be found at <http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-RaceforResults-2014.pdf>.

All data, sources, and definitions presented in this report can be found at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>.



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