Measures of Child Well-Being in Utah

How Do Utah's Kids Shape Up?

2012

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Utahns are deeply concerned about the future we leave for our children and how we can ensure that children are equipped to lead our state and our nation as they grow into adults. It's in all of our interest to make kids a state priority the same way good parents make them a family priority. The Utah KIDS COUNT Project is built around the idea that data helps us tell the story of our communities, makes us aware of problems, and brings to the forefront a discussion of the policy solutions that can make a difference in outcomes for kids. Our policy choices reflect our priorities and our priorities should be based on fact -- solid, reliable, accessible data on how kids are doing in our state. Our annual publication, "Measures of Child Well-Being in Utah" is a first step in the process.

Each year as I set out to put together another annual data book I try to figure out what will be most useful for my users as well as cost effective for my organization. Since I've been the KIDS COUNT Director at Voices for Utah Children for almost 16 years, coming up with something new and different is increasingly challenging! This year we have tried to present the data in a variety of tables, infographics, charts, and maps which I hope makes the data a bit more palatable! Data is provided in four key areas of child well-being: Demographics, Economics, Health and Safety, and Education. While the data is presented at the state level in print form, county level data for all Utah counties can be found on our website, and trend data is easily accessed at the KIDS COUNT Data Center.

Policymakers should use the data to start conversations about choices and their outcomes, all Utahns can talk about the data with their families at the dinner table and with their coworkers, and together we can make sure all Utah's children are in the best shape possible.

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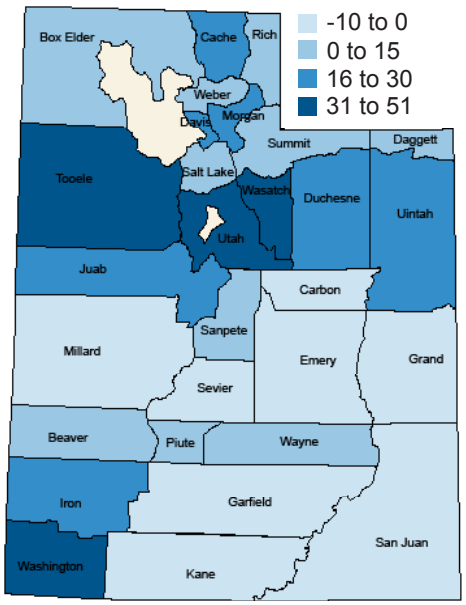
To view trend data, create maps, and compare Utah data with other states, visit the KIDS COUNT Data Center at http://datacenter.kidscount.org

DEMOGRAPHICS

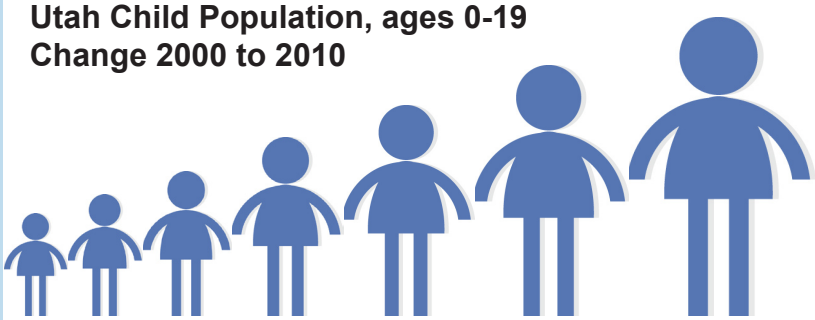
19%
INCREASE IN CHILD POPULATION

2010 Census	#	%
Total Population	2,763,885	100.0
Under 5 years	263,924	9.5
5-9 years	249,572	9.0
10-14 years	227,951	8.2
15-19 years	221,090	8.0
Total Households	877,692	100.0
Family Households	660,234	75.2
with children under 18	346,439	39.5
Husband-Wife Families	535,827	61.0
with children under 18	278,270	31.7
Male Householder, no wife present	38,858	4.4
with children under 18	19,678	2.2
Female Householder, no husband present	85,549	9.7
with children under 18	48,491	5.5
Race		
One Race	2,688,367	97.3
White	2,379,560	86.1
Black or African American	29,287	1.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	32,927	1.2
Asian	55,285	2.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	24,554	0.9
Some Other Race	166,754	6.0
Two or More Races	75,518	2.7
Hispanic or Latino, can be any race	358,340	13.0
2006-2010 American Community Survey		
Grandparents Living With Their Grandchildren under 18	50,420	
Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren under 18	18,005	35.7

Percent Change in Child Population 2000 - 2010 ages 0-19



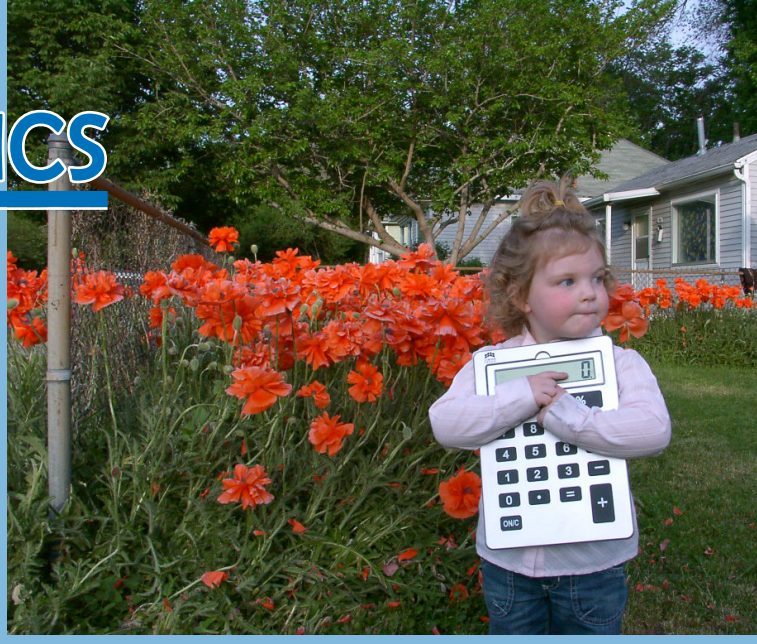
Utah Child Population, ages 0-19
Change 2000 to 2010



2000
810,977

2010
962,537

ECONOMICS



Living Below the Poverty Line ($22,050 a year for a family of 4 in 2010)	2009	2010
Total Population in Poverty - Number		
All Persons	321,441	362,689
Under 18	110,852	137,407
5-17	70,243	89,067
under 5	37,628	45,802
Total Population in Poverty - Percent		
All Persons	11.7	13.3
Under 18	12.9	15.9
5-17	12.0	14.9
under 5	13.9	17.6
Median Household Income	$55,183	$54,740

Participation in Work Support Programs

	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2011
Households Receiving Food Stamps	105,346	113,706
Households Receiving TANF	6,728	5,836

(According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Studies, only 63% of eligible people participated in the Food Stamps program in Utah.)

Unemployment Rates

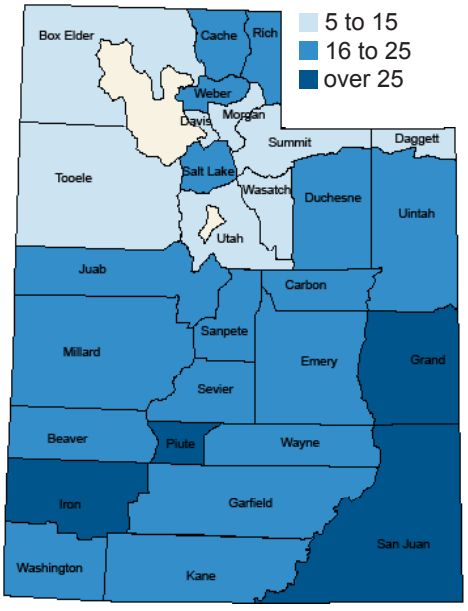
	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2011
Number Unemployed	96,422	75,482
Percent Unemployed	7.1	5.6

Between 2007 and 2009, **56,000** Utah children were affected by foreclosure.

Percent of Utah Children Living in Poverty

ALMOST 50,000 MORE UTAH CHILDREN LIVED IN POVERTY IN 2010 THAN 2007

Percent Children Living in Poverty 2010



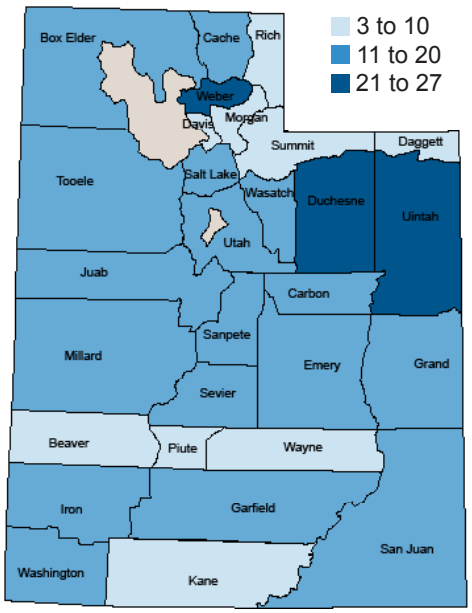
HEALTH

UTAH RANKS 45TH IN THE PERCENT OF UNINSURED CHILDREN

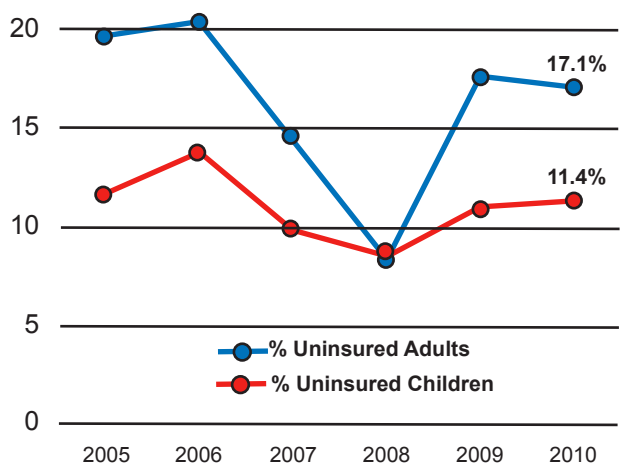
Receiving Prenatal Care, 2010	
Percent	73.1
Number	38,124
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2010 (2,500 grams)	
Percent	7.0
Number	3,650
Infant Mortality, 2010 (per 1,000 live births)	
Rate	4.8
Number	251
Injury Deaths, 2010 (per 100,000 ages 0-19)	
Rate	12.5
Number	114
Teen Birth Rate, 2010 (per 1,000 teens)	
Rate	14.3
Number	876
Suicide Hospital Discharge, 2010 (per 10,000 ages 10-19)	
Rate	5.1
Number	225
Suicide Rate, 2010 (per 100,000 ages 10-19)	
Rate	7.5
Number	33
Abuse Data (7/1/09 - 7/1/10, per 1,000 children)	
Rate	12.0
Total number of victims	11,530
Chlamydia Cases, 2010 (per 100,000, ages 15-19)	
Rate	893.2
Number	1,971

Since 2000 there has been a 154% increase in the number of teens diagnosed with Chlamydia in Utah.

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens ages 15-17, 2006 - 2010



Percent Uninsured in Utah, 2005 - 2010



EDUCATION

Utah Public School Statistics

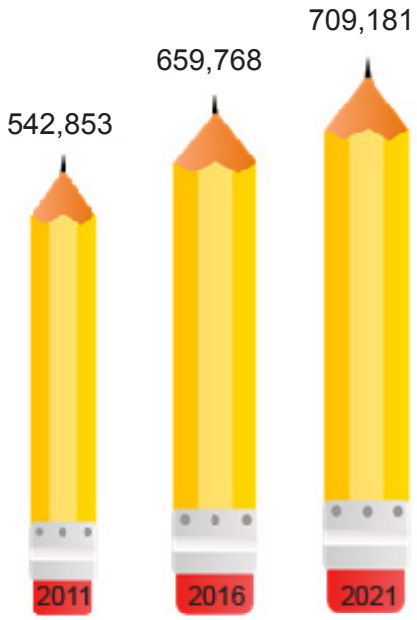
Fall Enrollment, October 2011	542,853
Student/Teacher Ratio, FY 2011	21.9
Per Pupil Expenditures, FY 2011	$6,378
Number of Free/Reduced Lunch Participants Oct, 2011	209,991
Percent Free/Reduced Lunch Participants Oct, 2011	38

Criterion-Referenced Tests Scores, 2011

Language Arts Percentage Proficient	
All Students	82
3rd Grade	78
7th Grade	82
11th Grade	85
Math Percentage Proficient	
All Students	69
3rd Grade	76
7th Grade	68
11th Grade	43

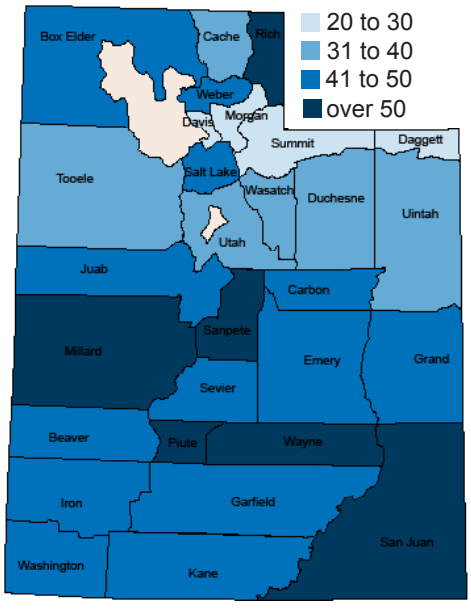
IN 2011 23% OF UTAH THIRD GRADERS WERE NOT READING AT GRADE LEVEL

We're Going to Need More Pencils!!



Current and Projected
Utah Public School Enrollment

Percent Children Participating in Free and Reduced Lunch, 2011



Demographics

Population and Race Data - 2010 Decennial Census, U. S. Census Bureau

Grandparent Data - American Community Survey 2006-2010 Estimates, U. S. Census Bureau

Economics

Poverty - The federal poverty threshold for a two parent household with two children was $22,050 in 2010. If a family makes less than this amount they are considered "in poverty". Source - U.S. Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE).

Median Household Income - Median income divides the income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below the median. It includes all income for the entire family. Source- SAIPE.

Unemployment - Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates. Source - Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

TANF & Food Stamp Cases - The number of cases (households) receiving food stamps or TANF at any time during the month indicated. A case is counted once even though there may be several individuals in the household. Source - DWS.

Children Affected by Foreclosure - An estimate of the share of children under age 18 who were living in a household that entered foreclosure in 2007, 2008 or 2009. Source - Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey, 2007 to 2009; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2007 to 2009

Health

Source - All sources are the Utah State Department of Health unless otherwise indicated.

Prenatal Care - Number and percent of women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester as a percent of all live births.

Low Birth Weight Babies - Number of infants born weighing less that 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds) as a percentage of all live births

Infant Mortality - An infant death is defined as death of a live-born infant within one year of birth. Rates are per 1,000 live births.

Injury Deaths - Child injury deaths are those occurring to individuals ages 1 to 19 due to injuries (accidents, suicides, and homicides). Rates are per 100,000 youth.

Teen Births - Live births to married and unmarried females ages 15 to 17. Rates are per 1,000 females in that age range.

Uninsured Children - The number and percent of children ages 0-18 with no health coverage. Source - U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

Child Abuse - The number is a distinct reported victim count. Victim counts across counties may be duplicated as a victim could have been serviced in more than one county. There may be more than one victim per case. Rates are per 1,000 population. Source - Utah Department of Human Services, DCFS.

Education

Source - Utah State Office of Education.

Enrollment - Enrollment numbers are for the Fall of each year and represent the number of students enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Pupil/Teacher Ratio - Pupil/Teacher ratios are based on the total number of students enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade and teachers include any person assigned to the school as a "regular classroom teacher". This excludes preschool teachers and special education teachers, guidance counselors, library specialist, etc.

Per Pupil Expenditure - Expenditures include instruction, support services, and nonsupport services (property, equipment, and community service are excluded).

Free and Reduced Lunch Participation - Data is for Kindergarten through 12th grade and represents the percent of the state's students who are receiving free or reduced lunches. Data is for a point in time enrollment number in October of each year.

Criterion-Referenced Tests Scores - CRT's measure and assess the knowledge, skills, and abilities of students in several areas and by grade level. The scores are reported as proficient/not proficient.

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