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KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the United States. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children. At the national level, the principal activity of the initiative is the publication of the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book, which uses the best available data to measure the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. The Foundation also funds a nationwide network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects that provide a more detailed, community-by-community picture of the condition of children.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. It was established in 1948 by Jim Casey, one of the founders of UPS, and his siblings, who named the Foundation in honor of their mother. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation makes grants that help states, cities, and communities fashion more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs.



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Indicators Used to Determine Overall Rank

| | Overall Rank based on 10 key indicators | Percent low-birthweight babies: 2002 | | Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births): 2002 | | Child death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14): 2002 | | Teen death rate (deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19): 2002 | | Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19): 2002 | | Percent of teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19): 2003 | | Percent of teens not attending school and not working (ages 16-19): 2003 | | Percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment: 2003 | | Percent of children in poverty: 2003 | | Percent of children in single-parent households: 2003 | | | | | | |
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| | | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | RATE | RANK | | | | | |
| United States | — | 7.8 | — | 7.0 | — | 21 | — | 68 | — | 43 | — | 8 | — | 9 | — | 33 | — | 18 | — | 30 | — | US | 17 | 12 | 5 | 5 |
| Alabama | 48 | 9.9 | 46 | 9.1 | 45 | 29 | 44 | 100 | 46 | 55 | 42 | 10 | 39 | 11 | 39 | 35 | 36 | 24 | 44 | 35 | 45 | AL | 19 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| Alaska | 36 | 5.8 | 1 | 5.5 | 7 | 29 | 44 | 76 | 34 | 40 | 25 | 10 | 39 | 13 | 48 | 40 | 48 | 14 | 16 | 31 | 33 | AK | 10 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Arizona | 41 | 6.8 | 14 | 6.4 | 19 | 24 | 34 | 86 | 40 | 61 | 47 | 12 | 49 | 11 | 39 | 36 | 41 | 21 | 41 | 34 | 43 | AZ | 22 | 18 | 5 | 5 |
| Arkansas | 44 | 8.6 | 38 | 8.3 | 41 | 30 | 46 | 94 | 42 | 60 | 46 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 29 | 37 | 44 | 24 | 44 | 33 | 39 | AR | 17 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| California | 17 | 6.4 | 9 | 5.5 | 7 | 18 | 9 | 58 | 10 | 41 | 28 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 35 | 36 | 19 | 34 | 29 | 24 | CA | 26 | 30 | 5 | 4 |
| Colorado | 26 | 8.9 | 40 | 6.1 | 15 | 21 | 19 | 74 | 30 | 47 | 36 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 29 | 31 | 20 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 10 | CO | 15 | 12 | 3 | 3 |
| Connecticut | 11 | 7.8 | 23 | 6.5 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 48 | 5 | 26 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 7 | 11 | 28 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 28 | 16 | CT | 10 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Delaware | 31 | 9.9 | 46 | 8.7 | 43 | 27 | 42 | 65 | 19 | 46 | 34 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 29 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 32 | 35 | DE | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| District of Columbia | N.R. | 11.6 | N.R. | 11.3 | N.R. | 23 | N.R. | 168 | N.R. | 69 | N.R. | 6 | N.R. | 10 | N.R. | 54 | N.R. | 36 | N.R. | 62 | N.R. | DC | 27 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Florida | 35 | 8.4 | 36 | 7.5 | 32 | 22 | 23 | 68 | 23 | 44 | 31 | 8 | 30 | 8 | 16 | 33 | 28 | 19 | 34 | 36 | 46 | FL | 17 | 13 | 6 | 4 |
| Georgia | 39 | 8.9 | 40 | 8.9 | 44 | 23 | 26 | 70 | 25 | 56 | 43 | 11 | 45 | 11 | 39 | 31 | 20 | 19 | 34 | 33 | 39 | GA | 17 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Hawaii | 24 | 8.3 | 34 | 7.3 | 29 | 17 | 6 | 42 | 2 | 38 | 21 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 48 | 33 | 28 | 15 | 23 | 30 | 29 | HI | 11 | 12 | 6 | 3 |
| Idaho | 16 | 6.1 | 4 | 6.1 | 15 | 23 | 26 | 74 | 30 | 39 | 24 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 35 | 36 | 18 | 30 | 20 | 2 | ID | 11 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Illinois | 28 | 8.2 | 32 | 7.4 | 30 | 20 | 13 | 65 | 19 | 42 | 29 | 8 | 30 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 25 | 16 | 25 | 29 | 24 | IL | 15 | 13 | 4 | 4 |
| Indiana | 30 | 7.6 | 21 | 7.7 | 36 | 22 | 23 | 73 | 28 | 45 | 33 | 11 | 45 | 8 | 16 | 30 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 28 | 16 | IN | 15 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Iowa | 8 | 6.6 | 12 | 5.3 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 57 | 8 | 32 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 26 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 23 | 5 | IA | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Kansas | 15 | 7.0 | 16 | 7.1 | 27 | 25 | 38 | 70 | 25 | 43 | 30 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 7 | 14 | 16 | 26 | 10 | KS | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Kentucky | 42 | 8.6 | 38 | 7.2 | 28 | 25 | 38 | 85 | 39 | 51 | 37 | 9 | 37 | 12 | 46 | 39 | 46 | 24 | 44 | 29 | 24 | KY | 15 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| Louisiana | 49 | 10.4 | 49 | 10.3 | 49 | 35 | 49 | 100 | 46 | 58 | 44 | 12 | 49 | 14 | 50 | 40 | 48 | 30 | 50 | 41 | 49 | LA | 20 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Maine | 7 | 6.3 | 5 | 4.4 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 58 | 10 | 25 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 20 | 13 | 13 | 27 | 13 | ME | 7 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Maryland | 19 | 9.0 | 42 | 7.5 | 32 | 20 | 13 | 73 | 28 | 35 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 32 | 35 | MD | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 6 | 7.5 | 19 | 4.9 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 42 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 31 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 28 | 16 | MA | 10 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| Michigan | 25 | 8.0 | 27 | 8.1 | 38 | 22 | 23 | 63 | 17 | 35 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 34 | 35 | 16 | 25 | 30 | 29 | MI | 11 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 6.3 | 5 | 5.4 | 6 | 23 | 26 | 57 | 8 | 27 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 23 | 5 | MN | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Mississippi | 50 | 11.2 | 50 | 10.3 | 49 | 37 | 50 | 100 | 46 | 65 | 50 | 11 | 45 | 12 | 46 | 41 | 50 | 29 | 49 | 42 | 50 | MS | 22 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Missouri | 33 | 8.0 | 27 | 8.5 | 42 | 25 | 38 | 83 | 38 | 44 | 31 | 8 | 30 | 8 | 16 | 29 | 15 | 16 | 25 | 29 | 24 | MO | 13 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Montana | 34 | 6.8 | 14 | 7.5 | 32 | 23 | 26 | 100 | 46 | 36 | 16 | 10 | 39 | 10 | 34 | 32 | 25 | 18 | 30 | 27 | 13 | MT | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Nebraska | 12 | 7.2 | 17 | 7.0 | 25 | 23 | 26 | 72 | 27 | 37 | 18 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 1 | 13 | 13 | 20 | 2 | NE | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Nevada | 32 | 7.5 | 19 | 6.0 | 13 | 19 | 10 | 77 | 35 | 54 | 40 | 10 | 39 | 11 | 39 | 30 | 17 | 15 | 23 | 30 | 29 | NV | 23 | 19 | 5 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 1 | 6.3 | 5 | 5.0 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 34 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 8 | NH | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| New Jersey | 4 | 8.0 | 27 | 5.7 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 47 | 4 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 27 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 27 | 13 | NJ | 11 | 15 | 4 | 3 |
| New Mexico | 46 | 8.0 | 27 | 6.3 | 17 | 24 | 34 | 94 | 42 | 62 | 48 | 10 | 39 | 10 | 34 | 39 | 46 | 26 | 48 | 36 | 46 | NM | 25 | 14 | 5 | 5 |
| New York | 20 | 7.9 | 24 | 6.0 | 13 | 17 | 6 | 49 | 6 | 29 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 29 | 33 | 28 | 19 | 34 | 34 | 43 | NY | 16 | 17 | 5 | 7 |
| North Carolina | 40 | 9.0 | 42 | 8.2 | 40 | 23 | 26 | 75 | 33 | 52 | 38 | 11 | 45 | 10 | 34 | 36 | 41 | 19 | 34 | 33 | 39 | NC | 18 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| North Dakota | 5 | 6.3 | 5 | 6.3 | 17 | 20 | 13 | 69 | 24 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 3 | 14 | 16 | 23 | 5 | ND | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Ohio | 29 | 8.3 | 34 | 7.9 | 37 | 19 | 10 | 59 | 13 | 40 | 25 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 25 | 18 | 30 | 32 | 35 | OH | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Oklahoma | 38 | 8.0 | 27 | 8.1 | 38 | 24 | 34 | 80 | 37 | 58 | 44 | 7 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 33 | 28 | 22 | 42 | 29 | 24 | OK | 15 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Oregon | 18 | 5.8 | 1 | 5.8 | 11 | 21 | 19 | 62 | 15 | 37 | 18 | 8 | 30 | 9 | 29 | 35 | 36 | 18 | 30 | 28 | 16 | OR | 13 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Pennsylvania | 27 | 8.2 | 32 | 7.6 | 35 | 21 | 19 | 67 | 22 | 32 | 10 | 8 | 30 | 7 | 11 | 31 | 20 | 16 | 25 | 31 | 33 | PA | 12 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Rhode Island | 22 | 7.9 | 24 | 7.0 | 25 | 14 | 3 | 52 | 7 | 36 | 16 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 29 | 33 | 28 | 17 | 29 | 32 | 35 | RI | 18 | 16 | 7 | 8 |
| South Carolina | 45 | 10.0 | 48 | 9.3 | 47 | 27 | 42 | 93 | 41 | 53 | 39 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 36 | 41 | 19 | 34 | 37 | 48 | SC | 15 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| South Dakota | 21 | 7.2 | 17 | 6.5 | 21 | 31 | 47 | 94 | 42 | 38 | 21 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 22 | 4 | SD | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Tennessee | 43 | 9.2 | 45 | 9.4 | 48 | 25 | 38 | 94 | 42 | 54 | 40 | 8 | 30 | 11 | 39 | 33 | 28 | 20 | 40 | 33 | 39 | TN | 15 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Texas | 37 | 7.7 | 22 | 6.4 | 19 | 23 | 26 | 74 | 30 | 64 | 49 | 9 | 37 | 10 | 34 | 33 | 28 | 23 | 43 | 28 | 16 | TX | 26 | 22 | 4 | 4 |
| Utah | 9 | 6.4 | 9 | 5.6 | 9 | 23 | 26 | 65 | 19 | 37 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 26 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 1 | UT | 10 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Vermont | 2 | 6.4 | 9 | 4.4 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 60 | 14 | 24 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 28 | 16 | VT | 6 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Virginia | 13 | 7.9 | 24 | 7.4 | 30 | 20 | 13 | 64 | 18 | 38 | 21 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 28 | 16 | VA | 12 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Washington | 14 | 5.9 | 3 | 5.8 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 58 | 10 | 33 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 14 | 16 | 28 | 16 | WA | 11 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| West Virginia | 47 | 9.0 | 42 | 9.1 | 45 | 24 | 34 | 103 | 50 | 46 | 34 | 10 | 39 | 11 | 39 | 37 | 44 | 25 | 47 | 30 | 29 | WV | 15 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 10 | 6.6 | 12 | 6.9 | 24 | 20 | 13 | 62 | 15 | 32 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 26 | 10 | WI | 11 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Wyoming | 23 | 8.4 | 36 | 6.7 | 23 | 34 | 48 | 77 | 35 | 40 | 25 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 25 | 8 | WY | 9 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

Children Living in Vulnerable Households

| | Percent of children in households where the household head did not finish high school: 2003 | Percent of children in households where the household head has limited English proficiency: 2003 | Percent of children in households where the household head has a work disability: 2003 | Percent of children in low-income households where no adult worked in the past 12 months: 2003 | | | |
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| | | | | | RATE | RANK | RATE |
| US | 17 | 12 | 5 | 5 | | | |
| AL | 19 | 2 | 8 | 7 | | | |
| AK | 10 | 5 | 7 | 4 | | | |
| AZ | 22 | 18 | 5 | 5 | | | |
| AR | 17 | 3 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| CA | 26 | 3 | | | | | |