

Juvenile Justice in Montana

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American Indian Maternal and Child Health

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Data Sources for State and County Indicators

Total Population, Child Population by Sex

Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Data set "Annual County Resident Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007" released 8/7/2008, and available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html. Data are per calendar year.

Child Population by Age Group

Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Data set "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Selected Age Groups and Sex for Counties in Montana: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007" released 8/7/2008, and available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html. Data are per calendar year.

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity

Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Data set "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single-Year of Age and Sex for the United States and States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007" released 5/1/2008, and available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html. Data are per calendar year.

Median Age, Total and by Sex

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 2000-2007, available at http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_submenuId=datasets_2&_lang=en. Data are per calendar year.

Unemployment Rates

Montana Department of Labor and Industry: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). www.ourfactsfuture.org/?PAGEID=67&SUBID=123. Accessed 09/05/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: The unemployment rate is the percentage of the labor force that is currently unemployed. The labor force comprises all non-institutionalized individuals 16 or older who are either working or actively looking for work. Unemployed persons who have given up looking for a job are excluded from the labor force.

Median Household Income

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 2000-2007, available at http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_lang=en&_ts=143471788982. Accessed 9/22/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Per-Capita Income

Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts, table CA05; available at <http://www.bea.gov/regional/reis/>. Accessed 10/6/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Children in Single-Parent Households; Grandchildren in Care of Grandparents

Annie E. Casey Foundation—KIDS COUNT Data Center/Comparisons by Topic. Accessed at <http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/compare.jsp> on 10/2/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: The number used is a measure of the percentage of Montana children living in the two different types of households.

Child Abuse/Out-of-Home Placement

DPHHS: Child & Family Services/CAPS. Data obtained through special request; 2007 numbers are preliminary. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: If a social worker determines that a child is in immediate danger in his/her home due to abuse and/or neglect, the child may be placed outside the home, either permanently or temporarily. District court judges must approve all out-of-home placements.

Educational Attainment/High School and Bachelors' Degrees

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 2000 Supplementary Survey, American Community Survey 2005-2007, available at http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_submenuId=datasets_2&_lang=en.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

DPHHS Director's Office, Office of Budget & Finance. Data obtained through special request; older data available at www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation/index.shtml. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: TANF is an assistance program made up of three components 1) The Job Supplement Program (JSP) provides options to a cash grant such as Medicaid coverage, child care assistance or a one-time employment-related payment; 2) The Pathways Program, a time limited monthly cash grant and opportunities leading to self-sufficiency; and 3) the Community Services Program (CSP), a cash assistance program designed for individuals who have used all of their Pathways benefits but have not achieved self-sufficiency.

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Food Stamps

DPHHS Director's Office, Office of Budget & Finance. Data obtained through special request; older data available at www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation/index.shtml. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: A program to supplement the food costs of low income households with food stamps that are redeemable for groceries. There are two kinds of assistance: Public-Assistance (households in which all members receive income from TANF or SSI) and Non-Assistance (all other food stamps).

Free/Reduced-Price Lunch

Montana Office of Public Instruction. Accessed through query run from www.opi.mt.gov/index.html on 09/15/2008. Data are per academic year.

Definition: Provides nutrition education and nutritious meals such as breakfast, lunch, and after-school snacks to children in order to promote learning readiness and healthy eating habits.

WIC Enrollment

DPHHS Nutrition/WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program. Data obtained through special request. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: Helps safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age five who are at nutritional risks by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.

Poverty Rates; Uninsured Rates

Annie E. Casey Foundation—KIDS COUNT. Available through the KIDS COUNT Data Center at www.kidscount.org/datacenter/. Accessed 9/12/2008. Data are per calendar year.

CHIP Enrollment

Department of Public Health and Human Services, CHIP Bureau. Current data obtained through special request; older data available at www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation/index.shtml. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: A federal/state partnership that expands health insurance to children whose families earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough money to purchase private insurance. In Montana, a child qualifies for CHIP if income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, but less than 150 percent of FPL.

Medicaid Enrollment

DPHHS, Office of Planning, Coordination and Analysis. Data obtained through special request. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: Provides medical benefits to low-income people, with inadequate or no medical insurance. The Federal government establishes general guidelines for the program, while program requirements are set by each state. Eligibility for children is based on the child's status, not the parent's, and is set at 100 percent FPL.

Immunization Rates

DPHHS, Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Program. Data obtained through special request. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: see box on page 13.

School Data (Enrollment, Dropout Rates, Proficiency Rates, Disabled Student Enrollment)

OPI, Special Education and Accountability. County data obtained through special request and from www.opi.mt.gov/SpecEd/SEData2.html. Data are per academic year.

Head Start

DPHHS Early Childhood Services Bureau: Head Start—State Collaboration Office. Data obtained through special request. Data are per state fiscal year.

Definition: Helps provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. To be eligible for Head Start services, a child must be at least 3-years old and its family below 100 percent FPL.

Child Care Subsidies

DPHHS Early Childhood Services Bureau: Best Beginnings Child Care and Development Fund. Data available at www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation/childcare/childcarestatistics.shtml. Data accessed 10/6/2008.

Definition: The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarships Program helps pay for child care for working families whose income is at or below 150 percent FPL, and to families who participate in TANF. All participants pay a co-payment based on a sliding fee scale.

Birth and Death Statistics

DPHHS: Office of Vital Statistics. Data obtained through special request. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: Data is obtained from the birth and death certificates of all Montana residents, covering births and deaths that occur both in the state and elsewhere.

Maternal Statistics

Annie E. Casey Foundation—KIDS COUNT: Right Start Data. Available through the KIDS COUNT Data Center at www.kidscount.org/datacenter. Accessed 9/12/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Juvenile Crime Statistics

Montana Board of Crime Control. Data obtained through special request and through the Juvenile Crime Statistics Query, available at http://mbcc.mt.gov/juvenilequery/juv_get_inputs.aspx. Accessed 10/8/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: In Montana, the juvenile justice system covers youth ages 10 through 17.

Motor Vehicle Crashes

Montana Department of Transportation, Trafficway Crash Summary. Data obtained through special request. Data are per calendar year.

Youth Risk Behavior

Montana Office of Public Instruction, Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2003–2007. Available at www.opi.mt.gov/. Accessed 9/17/2008. Data are per calendar year.

Definition: Data are obtained through surveys conducted in the spring semester of odd-numbered years. Questionnaires are distributed to students in grades 9 through 12, in both public and private schools. The questions use the time of the survey as reference point, referring to things that the youth were doing within the 30 days prior to the survey, unless otherwise stated.