

KIDS COUNT

BY THE NUMBERS

Following are some of the KIDS COUNT report's Oklahoma findings:

- 222,000 Oklahoma children lived in poverty in 2012. That 24 percent childhood poverty rate was slightly worse than the national 23 percent childhood poverty rate.
- 35 percent of Oklahoma children lived in single parent families in 2012, the same as the national average. The rate was 32 percent for both the state and nation in 2005.
- 70 percent of Oklahoma fourth-graders were not proficient in reading in 2013. That's worse than the national average of 66 percent, but an improvement from 2005 when 75 percent of Oklahoma fourth-graders were not proficient in reading.
- 75 percent of Oklahoma eighth-graders were not proficient in math in 2013, placing Oklahoma well behind the national average of 66 percent. However, it was an improvement from 2005, when 79 percent of Oklahoma children were not proficient in math.
- 10 percent of Oklahoma teens were not in school and not working in 2012. That's worse than the national rate of 8 percent.
- There were 36 Oklahoma child and teen deaths per 100,000 individuals in 2010. That's much worse than the national average of 26 such deaths per 100,000 people, but an improvement from 2005 when Oklahoma experienced 45 child and teen deaths per 100,000 individuals.

- 21 percent of Oklahoma high school students were not graduating on time during the 2011-12 school year, a rate slightly higher than the national rate of 19 percent.
- 10 percent of Oklahoma children lacked health insurance in 2012. The national rate was 7 percent.
- 6 percent of Oklahoma teens abused or were dependent on alcohol or drugs in 2011-12. That's the same as the national rate. Both improved from an 8 percent rate in 2005-06.
- 12 percent of Oklahoma children lived in high poverty areas in 2008-12, a dramatic increase from 2000 when 5 percent of Oklahoma children lived in high-poverty areas. The national rate for 2008-12 was 13 percent.

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