

Key Facts About Children in the United States

- Almost 22 percent of children in the United States live in poverty.
- Of all U.S. children, almost 27 percent (19.9 million) receive food stamps.
- More than two-thirds of children who are poor (68%) live in a household with a family member who works full-time, year-round.
- Approximately 9.2 percent of children (7.1 million) are without health insurance.
- Two-thirds of fourth graders in public schools read below grade level, and almost six out of ten (59%) achieve below grade level in math.
- Over 9 percent of children in the United States (670,000) are victims of abuse or neglect.

SOURCE: Children's Defense Fund, *State of America's Children*, 2014. Available at www.childrensdefense.org/