

# KEY COUNTY INDICATORS OF CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## State of Maine: 2024

Maine  
KIDS  
COUNT

### DEMOGRAPHICS

	Maine
<a href="#">Children under age 5, 2022</a>	62,120
<a href="#">Children ages 5 -17, 2022</a>	187,186
<a href="#">Total Children ages 0 -17, 2022</a>	249,306
<a href="#">Births, 2022</a>	12,081
<a href="#">Children of color, Census 2020 †</a>	41,514
<a href="#">Children in poverty, 2022</a>	29,991
<a href="#">Economically disadvantaged students, under 185% of poverty, 2023-2024</a>	63,983
<a href="#">Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2023</a>	133,431
<a href="#">Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2023</a>	55,559



### HEALTH

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
<a href="#">Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2021</a>	11,226	4.3%	5.6%	
<a href="#">Infants with low birth weights, 2022</a>	994	8.2%	7.3%	
<a href="#">Youth in evidence-based practices of HCT FFT or HCT MST*, rate per 1,000, September 2023</a>	124	1.04	1.05	
<a href="#">Children in foster care, December 2023, rate per 1,000</a>	2,401	9.6	9.0	
<a href="#">Substantiated child abuse, 2022, rate per 1,000</a>	3,907	15.8	16.9	

### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
<a href="#">Child poverty, 2022</a>	29,991	12.4%	13.8%	
<a href="#">Median household income, 2022</a>	\$69,485	N/A	\$64,823	
<a href="#">Teens not in school and not working, 2018-2022</a>	2,721	4.2%	3.9%	
<a href="#">Unemployment Rate, 2022</a>	N/A	3.0%	4.6%	
<a href="#">All parents in workforce, children under 6, 2018-2022</a>	51,261	69.6%	69.7%	

### EDUCATION

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
<a href="#">Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2023-2024</a>	6,269	48.5%	47.5%	
<a href="#">High school graduation rate, 2022</a>	11,961	86.1%	86.1%	
<a href="#">Chronic absenteeism in schools with 12th graders**, 2021-2022</a>	17,379	31.4%	34.0%	
<a href="#">High-quality child care sites (Rising Stars 4 or 5)††, December 2023</a>	265	17.7%	17.0%	

= Better, = Worse, = No change (defined as less than 1% change) compared to county data from prior year.

#### Notes:

Maine's standardized reading tests do not include proficiency determinations so academic achievement indicators are not included.

† See [Children by race & ethnicity, 2020 Census](#) for the numbers and percents of children by each race and ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino; and among Non-Hispanic children the following races: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black or African-American, Two or More Races/ Some Other Race and white.

\* HCT-MST and HCT-FFT are the acronyms of two evidence-based intensive home and community mental health treatment services for families and youth to prevent institutional placements.

\*\* Secondary school chronic absenteeism (18 days or more) among all public schools that offer grades 9-12, including 60% publicly funded private schools and excluding technical schools.

†† As of March 2023, Rising Stars is Maine's method of assessing and encouraging quality early care programs. It is mandatory and licensed child care programs start at 2 stars.