

WisKids Count Data Snapshot

Data Source and Definitions

Population (Total, under age 18, under age 5)

Data are from the US Census Bureau, <http://census.gov>

Children in Single Parent Households

Data are from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en . Data includes children in both single father (no mother present) and single mother (no father present) households.

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Data are from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey,

http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en

Living in Poverty

For larger counties, data are from the Census Bureau, American Community Survey

http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en

For smaller counties, data are from the US Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

Child Medicaid Recipients (per 1,000 children):

These data, which come from the Division of Health in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, provide a snapshot of Medicaid eligibility as of December 31 for selected years. The figures include BadgerCare recipients and all the Medicaid-related categories of coverage for children ages 0-17, but exclude the family planning waiver (which does not provide full health care coverage). Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year. State totals include recipients whose eligibility may have been determined by an agency other than the county (i.e. tribal agencies). Therefore, the state total is larger than the cumulative county totals. This may also have the effect of artificially decreasing the participation rates in certain counties with significant Native American populations

Food Stamp Recipients (per 1,000 residents):

Reported data are calendar year monthly averages from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Web address: www.dhfs.state.wi.us.

Children Receiving Free & Reduced Lunch (% of students enrolled in school):

Data are from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Eligibility for both free and reduced-price lunch is determined by an application process in which students or their parents show annual household income to be at or below 185% of the federal poverty line. Web address: www.dpi.state.wi.us. School lunch eligibility is generally the best measurement annually available to estimate the percentage of low-income children in each school district. A limitation of these percentages is that there are an unknown number of students who do not apply for the program, but who would otherwise be

eligible. Therefore, percentages of eligible students may underestimate the actual percentage of low-income students in each district.

Infant Deaths (per 1,000 live births):

Infant deaths include all deaths, regardless of cause, for children under age one. Data for 2000 are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics* and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Total births (to calculate the rate) are from the same sources. Data for 2003 and 2005 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator.

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

Births to Teen Mothers (per 1,000 15 to 19 year olds) – Data from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, *WISH Interactive Statistics on Health*,

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wish>

Median Family Income:

Data for selected years are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Web address: www.huduser.org.

Unemployment Rate:

Rates are provided on a regular basis by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Web address: www.dwd.state.wi.us (Labor Market Info link)

W-2 Cash Benefit Caseload Recipients (both number and per 1,000 residents):

The Department of Workforce Development maintains this data on their website, as well as non-cash benefit caseload numbers. Web address: www.dwd.state.wi.us

People over 25 without a HS Diploma, with only a HS diploma & with a BA or Higher

Data for selected counties are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, www.census.gov.

Section 8 Housing Units

Data are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

People using emergency shelter

Data are from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. *Regional and Annual Statistics for WISP, 2005*. Data reported are unduplicated counts of individuals using emergency shelter.

Fair Market Rent:

Data for selected years are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Web address: www.huduser.org. Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are gross rent estimates; they include shelter rent and the cost of utilities, except telephone. The level at which FMRs are set is expressed as a percentile point within the rent distribution of standard

quality rental housing units. The current definition used is the 40th percentile rent, the dollar amount below which 40 percent of standard quality rental housing units rent. The 40th percentile rent is drawn from the distribution of rents of units, which are occupied by recent movers (renter households who moved into their unit within the past 15 months). Newly built units less than two years old are excluded, and adjustments have been made to correct for the below market rents of public housing units included in the data base.

Percent of Renters Unable to Afford Fair Market Rent:

Data for selected years from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, *Out Of Reach*. For years prior to 1999, the report only includes the 20 Wisconsin counties with urban areas. NLIHC web address is: www.nlihc.org.

Full Time Hourly Wage needed as 30% of Income:

This indicator attempts to show the amount of hourly wage a full-time worker would need to make in a specific county to keep their housing costs at 30 percent of their income, the generally accepted standard for affordability established by Congress and HUD. This dollar amount calculation was based on a 40 hour work week for 50 weeks of the year.

Children in Emergency Shelter

Data is from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Wisconsin Service Point data collection system (WISP). Data represents 75% of the entire emergency shelter network in Wisconsin; the remaining 25% have no obligation legal or financial to report data. The data does not include domestic violence shelters.

<http://commerce.wi.gov/CD/cd-boh-WISP-home.html>

Children under age 6 with all parents working

Data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, www.census.gov

Wisconsin Shares Participation (per 1,000 0-7 year olds):

Data are from reports from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Child Care Section. Subsidized children are those whose families are eligible to receive Wisconsin Shares, the child care funding program. Those children also have an authorization stating the amount that the Wisconsin Shares Program will pay toward the cost of child care. Children are eligible in licensed, certified and "provisionally" certified settings. County-by-county and state census data on children by age from website Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2005 (see section on demographic data) website: http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison_selection.asp?selState=1 from US Dept of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Children in 4 Year Old Kindergarten (per 1,000 4yr olds)

Rates were developed using the county population of 4 year olds and by assigning school district enrollment to counties. Caution should be used when looking at these data as school districts do not fall neatly into county boundaries and therefore may exaggerate or under-represent the portion of children enrolled. This is particularly true of small population counties. Four-year-old kindergarten enrollment data is point-in-time data.