## **Overall Child Well-Being in Iowa**

Each domain below includes four key indicators. Find more information and the definitions and data sources for indicators at: datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2012.

Trends for Child Well-Being Indicators in Iowa

DOMAIN RANK





**OVERALL RANK** 

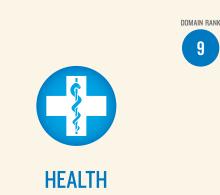


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## **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

Family economic success provides a critical foundation for healthy child development, which, in turn, promotes success in adulthood. Ongoing exposure to economic stress and hardship can negatively affect children's physical and mental health, academic achievement and socialemotional well-being. Establishing the conditions that promote successful educational achievement for children begins before birth and continues into the early elementary school years. With a strong and healthy beginning, it is much easier to keep children on track to stay in school and graduate, pursue postsecondary education and training and successfully transition to young adulthood.

EDUCATION



Children's health is the foundation for their overall development, and ensuring that they are born healthy is the first step toward increasing the life chances of disadvantaged children. Poverty, poor nutrition, lack of preventive health care, substance abuse, maternal depression and family violence can put children's health at risk, affecting later outcomes.



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

When children are nurtured and well cared for during their first five years, they have better social-emotional, language and learning outcomes. These lead to more positive behavior and academic achievement in their later years. But when families and neighborhoods lack sufficient human and social resources, children's well-being can suffer.

2012 STATE PROFILES OF CHILD WELL-BEING

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ECONOMIC	WELL	BEING		DOMAIN RANK
Key Indicators		National Trend	State	Trend
Children in poverty	2010 2005	22% 19%	16% 14%	14%
Children whose parents lack secure employment	2010 2008	33% 27%	25% 21%	19%
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden	2010 2005	41% 37%	27% 25%	8%
Teens not in school and not working	2010 2008	<mark>9%</mark> 8%	<mark>6%</mark> 4%	50%

EDUCATION				DOMAIN RANK
Key Indicators		National Trend	State	Trend
Children not attending preschool	2008–10 2005–07	53% 56%	52% 55%	-5%
Fourth graders not proficient in reading	2011 2005	<u>68%</u> 70%	<u>67%</u> 67%	0%
Eighth graders not proficient in math	2011 2005	<u>66%</u> 72%	<u>    66%</u> 66%	0%
High school students not graduating on time	2008/09 2005/06	24% 27%	<u>14%</u> 13%	8%

HEALTH				DOMAIN RANK		
Key Indicators		National Trend	State Trend			
Low-birthweight babies	2009 2005	8.2% 8.2%	<u>6.7%</u> 7.2%	-7%		
Children without health insurance	2010 2008	<u>8%</u> 10%	<u>4%</u> 6%	-33%		
Child and teen deaths per 100,000	2009 2005	<u>27</u> 32	<u>25</u> 33	-24%		
Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs	2008–09 2005–06		<u>8%</u> 10%	-20%		

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Key Indicators		National Trend	State	Trend
Children in single-parent families	2010 2005	34% 32%	29% 26%	12%
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma	2010 2005	<u>15%</u> 16%	<u>9%</u> 9%	0%
Children living in high-poverty areas	<u>2006–10</u> 2000	<u>11%</u> 9%	<u>4%</u> 1%	>100%
Teen births per 1,000	2009 2005	<u>39</u> 40	<u>32</u> 33	-3%

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