

Overall Child Well-Being in Virginia

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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 Virginia

9 IMPROVED

6 WORSENERD

1 UNCHANGED

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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 social-emotional well-being.

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EDUCATION

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.

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HEALTH

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.

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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.

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Find more state and community-level data at the KIDS COUNT Data Center: datacenter.kidscount.org/VA.

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

GETTING BETTER

GETTING WORSE

NO CHANGE



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Key Indicators

National Trend

State Trend

Children in poverty

2010	22%	14%	8%
2005	19%	13%	

Children whose parents lack secure employment

2010	33%	26%	13%
2008	27%	23%	

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden

2010	41%	37%	12%
2005	37%	33%	

Teens not in school and not working

2010	9%	7%	0%
2008	8%	7%	



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National Trend

State Trend

Children not attending preschool

2008-10	53%	52%	-5%
2005-07	56%	55%	

Fourth graders not proficient in reading

2011	68%	61%	-3%
2005	70%	63%	

Eighth graders not proficient in math

2011	66%	60%	-10%
2005	72%	67%	

High school students not graduating on time

2008/09	24%	22%	-15%
2005/06	27%	26%	



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Key Indicators

National Trend

State Trend

Low-birthweight babies

2009	8.2%	8.4%	2%
2005	8.2%	8.2%	

Children without health insurance

2010	8%	7%	-13%
2008	10%	8%	

Child and teen deaths per 100,000

2009	27	21	-30%
2005	32	30	

Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs

2008-09	7%	7%	-13%
2005-06	8%	8%	



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Key Indicators

National Trend

State Trend

Children in single-parent families

2010	34%	32%	10%
2005	32%	29%	

Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma

2010	15%	11%	-15%
2005	16%	13%	

Children living in high-poverty areas

2006-10	11%	4%	33%
2000	9%	3%	

Teen births per 1,000

2009	39	31	-9%
2005	40	34	