

OVERALL RANK

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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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| | UNITED STATES | | | MASSACHUSETTS | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Children in poverty US 12,243,000 MA 169,000 | 17% 2019 | 17% 2021 | = SAME | 12% 2019 | 13% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children whose parents lack secure employment US 21,143,000 MA 396,000 | 26% 2019 | 29% 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 25% 2019 | 29% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 21,857,000 MA 408,000 | 30% 2019 | 30% 2021 | = SAME | 31% 2019 | 30% 2021 | ↓ BETTER |
| Teens not in school and not working US 1,234,000 MA 17,000 | 6% 2019 | 7% 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 4% 2019 | 5% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |

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EDUCATION

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| | UNITED STATES | | | MASSACHUSETTS | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,380,000 MA 64,000 | 53% 2012-16 | 54% 2017-21 | ↑ WORSE | 41% 2012-16 | 44% 2017-21 | ↑ WORSE |
| Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A. MA N.A. | 66% 2019 | 68% 2022 | ↑ WORSE | 55% 2019 | 57% 2022 | ↑ WORSE |
| Eighth-graders not proficient in math US N.A. MA N.A. | 67% 2019 | 74% 2022 | ↑ WORSE | 53% 2019 | 65% 2022 | ↑ WORSE |
| High school students not graduating on time* US N.A. MA N.A. | 14% 2018-19 | 14% 2019-20 | = SAME | 12% 2018-19 | 11% 2019-20 | ↓ BETTER |

N.A.: Not available *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.

HEALTH

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| | UNITED STATES | | | MASSACHUSETTS | | |
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| Low birth-weight babies US 311,932 MA 5,148 | 8.3% 2019 | 8.5% 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 7.6% 2019 | 7.5% 2021 | ↓ BETTER |
| Children without health insurance US 4,165,000 MA 18,000 | 6% 2019 | 5% 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 2% 2019 | 1% 2021 | ↓ BETTER |
| Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,198 MA 238 | 25 2019 | 30 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 15 2019 | 16 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. MA N.A. | 31% 2018-19 | 33% 2020-21 | ↑ WORSE | 24% 2018-19 | 28% 2020-21 | ↑ WORSE |

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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| | UNITED STATES | | | MASSACHUSETTS | | |
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| Children in single-parent families US 23,626,000 MA 415,000 | 34% 2019 | 34% 2021 | = SAME | 32% 2019 | 32% 2021 | = SAME |
| Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,269,000 MA 119,000 | 12% 2019 | 11% 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 8% 2019 | 9% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children living in high-poverty areas US 6,086,000 MA 74,000 | 13% 2012-16 | 8% 2017-21 | ↓ BETTER | 8% 2012-16 | 5% 2017-21 | ↓ BETTER |
| Teen births per 1,000 US 146,973 MA 1,309 | 17 2019 | 14 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 7 2019 | 6 2021 | ↓ BETTER |

N.A.: Not available

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