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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

## WEST VIRGINIA

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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
<b>Children in poverty</b> us 12,243,000   wv 73,000	17% 2019	17% 2021	= SAME	20% 2019	21% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> us 21,143,000   wv 129,000	26% 2019	29% 2021	↑ WORSE	34% 2019	36% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> us 21,857,000   wv 78,000	30% 2019	30% 2021	= SAME	20% 2019	22% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> us 1,234,000   wv 7,000	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE	9% 2019	8% 2021	↓ BETTER

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## EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> us 4,380,000   wv 25,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE	64% 2012-16	69% 2017-21	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> us N.A.   wv N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	78% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> us N.A.   wv N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	85% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> us N.A.   wv N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME	9% 2018-19	8% 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](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 311,932   WV 1,678	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	9.8% 2019	9.8% 2021	= SAME
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,165,000   WV 13,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	3% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,198   WV 130	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	31 2019	34 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   WV N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	40% 2018-19	41% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,626,000   WV 112,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	35% 2019	35% 2021	= SAME
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,269,000   WV 28,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	8% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 6,086,000   WV 34,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	9% 2012-16	9% 2017-21	= SAME
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 146,973   WV 1,080	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	25 2019	21 2021	↓ BETTER

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