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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

WEST VIRGINIA



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
Children in poverty us 11,583,000 wv 86,000	17% 2019	16% 2022	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	25% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children whose parents lack secure employment us 18,635,000 wv 116,000	26% 2019	26% 2022	= SAME	34% 2019	33% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden us 21,807,000 wv 76,000	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME	20% 2019	22% 2022	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working us 1,149,000 wv 9,000	6% 2019	7% 2022	↑ WORSE	9% 2019	10% 2022	↑ WORSE

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EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school us 4,328,000 wv 25,000	52% 2013-17	54% 2018-22	↑ WORSE	64% 2013-17	71% 2018-22	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading us N.A. wv N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	78% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math us N.A. wv N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	85% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* us N.A. wv N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2020-21	= SAME	9% 2018-19	9% 2020-21	= SAME

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			WEST VIRGINIA		
Low birth-weight babies US 315,288 WV 1,684	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2022	↑ WORSE	9.8% 2019	10.0% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 3,932,000 WV 11,000	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	3% 2022	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,140 WV 110	25 2019	30 2022	↑ WORSE	31 2019	29 2022	↓ BETTER
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese** US N.A. WV N.A.	N.A. N.A.	33% 2021-22	N.A.	N.A. N.A.	40% 2021-22	N.A.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
Children in single-parent families US 23,331,000 WV 118,000	34% 2019	34% 2022	= SAME	35% 2019	36% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,015,000 WV 27,000	12% 2019	11% 2022	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	8% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,682,000 WV 30,000	12% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER	10% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 143,789 WV 1,024	17 2019	14 2022	↓ BETTER	25 2019	20 2022	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available **Overweight or obese data are not comparable across time due to methodology changes.

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