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**Arizona Has Second-Highest Rate of Uninsured Children in the nation, as seen in 2025  
*KIDS COUNT Data Book***

**Children's Action Alliance Urges Focus on Supporting Thriving Kids and Families**

*Data shows progress and setbacks for children in Arizona, the Annie E. Casey Foundation Finds*

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** — Arizona has the second-highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, according to the **2025 KIDS COUNT Data Book**, a 50-state report of recent data developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation analyzing how kids are faring in America. The data shows **Arizona** leaders must do more to protect and advance health care for children and families, and to invest in affordable housing so children have a stable place to live.

"It's common sense that any action we take to strengthen children also strengthens Arizona," said January Contreras, Executive Director of Children's Action Alliance, Arizona's member of the Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT network. Contreras continued: "It's tough for families to make it these days, especially for single parents. Some of the lifelines that exist for children in struggling families - like health care and assistance with groceries and child care - are in danger of disappearing. We can't let that happen."

"Children do best when they have health care coverage, a stable place to call home, strong schools, nutritious food, and quality child care. Programs that meet these needs are smart investments that benefit the growth of Arizona's children and the growth of our state's economy."

Each year, the *Data Book* presents national and state data from 16 indicators in four domains — economic well-being, education, health, and family and community factors — and ranks the states according to how children are faring overall.

*Data Book* findings for the State of Arizona include:

- **This year, Arizona ranked 42nd overall in child well-being**, the same ranking as in the 2024 Data Book.
- **The percentage of children in poverty has steadily declined over the past decade from 26% in 2013 to 15% in 2023.**
- **The percentage of children who live in households burdened by the high cost of housing remains stubbornly at 29%, when compared to 2024.**



- **The percentage of children without health insurance increased slightly from the previous year. 9% of children in Arizona are uninsured, a rate that is only worse in one other state, Texas.**
- **36% of children live in single parent families**, families that find it especially difficult to stretch their budgets to afford daily essential expenses.

In its 36th year of publication, the *KIDS COUNT® Data Book* provides reliable statewide numbers to help leaders see where progress is being made, where greater support is needed and which strategies are making a difference. Children's Action Alliance encourages lawmakers and officials in Arizona to use this detailed information to unite across party lines and respond with initiatives that invest in young people. By offering a local road map, the *Data Book* equips policymakers, advocates and communities with the information they need to make decisions that help kids and young people thrive.

"To truly become a country that equips every child to thrive as adults, our leaders need focus, creativity and commitment," said **Lisa Lawson, president and CEO of the Casey Foundation**. "The *Data Book's* findings call on leaders at every level to act boldly to build a strong future, relying on what we know works."

Children's Action Alliance urges state and federal leaders to:

- **Protect Medicaid**, known as the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) in Arizona and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) program KidsCare, while also ensuring children and families do not face new red tape that will cause eligible families to lose their health care coverage
- **Increase affordable housing** for children and families. Three in 10 households with children continue to be housing burdened - spending more than 30% of their income on housing, leaving little for essential items like groceries, child care, and transportation
- **Ensure access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school meals, and child care assistance** for children in struggling families.

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## RELEASE INFORMATION

The 2025 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* will be available at [www.aecf.org/databook](http://www.aecf.org/databook). Additional information is available at [www.aecf.org/databook](http://www.aecf.org/databook). Journalists interested in creating maps, graphs and rankings in stories about the *Data Book* can use the KIDS COUNT Data Center at [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org).

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