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2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			IOWA		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 IA 97,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	13% 2019	14% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 IA 142,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	20% 2023	= SAME
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 IA 144,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	20% 2019	20% 2023	= SAME
Teens not in school and not working US 1,168,000 IA 8,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			IOWA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 IA 45,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	53% 2014-18	57% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. IA N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	65% 2019	71% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. IA N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. IA N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	8% 2018-19	10% 2021-22	↑ WORSE

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

HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			IOWA		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 IA 2,742	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	6.8% 2019	7.6% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 IA 26,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	3% 2019	3% 2023	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 IA 202	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	24 2019	26 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. IA N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	33% 2018-19	32% 2022-23	↓ BETTER

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			IOWA		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 IA 201,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	30% 2019	29% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 IA 57,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	7% 2019	8% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 IA 22,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	3% 2014-18	3% 2019-23	= SAME
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 IA 1,299	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	14 2019	12 2023	↓ BETTER

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