

# NATIONAL PROFILE

OVERALL SCORE  
**547**  
WORSE

## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

SCORE  
**557**  
STABLE

UNITED STATES

<b>Children in poverty</b> us 11,117,000	<b>17%</b> 2019	<b>15%</b> 2024	↓ <b>BETTER</b>
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> us 18,420,000	<b>26%</b> 2019	<b>25%</b> 2024	↓ <b>BETTER</b>
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> us 22,385,000	<b>30%</b> 2019	<b>31%</b> 2024	↑ <b>WORSE</b>
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> us 1,218,000	<b>6%</b> 2019	<b>7%</b> 2024	↑ <b>WORSE</b>

## EDUCATION

SCORE  
**417**  
WORSE

UNITED STATES

<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> us 4,277,000	<b>52%</b> 2015-19	<b>54%</b> 2020-24	↑ <b>WORSE</b>
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> us N.A.	<b>66%</b> 2019	<b>70%</b> 2024	↑ <b>WORSE</b>
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> us N.A.	<b>67%</b> 2019	<b>73%</b> 2024	↑ <b>WORSE</b>
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> us N.A.	<b>14%</b> 2018-19	<b>13%</b> 2023-24	↓ <b>BETTER</b>

N.A.: Not available

**Note:** Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](https://datacenter.aecf.org).



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# HEALTH

**607**  
WORSE

UNITED STATES

<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 308,966	<b>8.3%</b> 2019	<b>8.5%</b> 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,648,000	<b>6%</b> 2019	<b>6%</b> 2024	STABLE
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 21,189	<b>25</b> 2019	<b>27</b> 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.	<b>31%</b> 2018-19	<b>30%</b> 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

**608**  
BETTER

UNITED STATES

<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,472,000	<b>34%</b> 2019	<b>34%</b> 2024	STABLE
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,868,000	<b>12%</b> 2019	<b>11%</b> 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,419,000	<b>9%</b> 2015-19	<b>7%</b> 2020-24	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 137,273	<b>17</b> 2019	<b>13</b> 2024	↓ BETTER

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