

# Did You Know?

Facts about Children in the State of Louisiana

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- ▶ The Child Population of Louisiana in 2009 was 1,123,386
- ▶ Louisiana is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in Child Well-Being in the National 2010 Kids Count Data Book

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- ▶ There are 1,880 licensed child care centers in Louisiana (as of 2009).
- ▶ The capacity of licensed child care centers throughout the state was 141,338 (as of 2009).

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- ▶ The number of child protection investigations from the 2007 fiscal year was 23,911.
- ▶ The median household income in 2008 was \$43,635.

# Did You Know?

- ▶ Pre-K enrollment in public schools:  
33,438 (as of 2008 school year)

# Did You Know?

- ▶ Live births in 2008: 65,083
- ▶ Infant mortality rate: 9.8 (from 2003–2007)

# Did You Know?

- ▶ LA has 43% more children 0–5 in poverty than the national average
- ▶ Since 1999, births to single mothers has increased 15% in LA

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- ▶ LA has approximately 310,700 children ages 0–5
- ▶ 230,400 children 0–5 are in Moderate–High Risk or High Risk parishes

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- ▶ LA's percentage of low birth weight babies is 36% higher than the national average
- ▶ LA's teen birth rate is 33% greater than the national average

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- ▶ LA's infant mortality rate is 45% greater than the national average
- ▶ 7% of children live in father only households (as of 2009)

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- ▶ 59% of children live in married-couple households (as of 2009)
- ▶ 6% of married couple families with related children live below the poverty line (as of 2009)

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- ▶ 70% of teens age 16 to 19 are unemployed (as of 2009)
- ▶ 27% of persons 18–24 live in poverty (as of 2009)

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- ▶ 33% of children live in mother only households (as of 2009)
- ▶ In 2006, 50% of births were to unmarried women

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- ▶ In 2007, 13 % of children 17 and below did not have health insurance
- ▶ 13.7% of births were to teens age 15–19 (2008)

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- ▶ In 2009, 7% of children live with cohabiting domestic partners
- ▶ In 2008, 85% of births were to women who received adequate prenatal care

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- ▶ 10.3% of births to women reported to smoke during pregnancy (in 2008)
- ▶ For the 2007 Fiscal Year there were 5,140 children in foster care.

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- ▶ Children served by Kipman Care program: 7,551 (FY 2009)
- ▶ 29.4% of children served by the food stamp program (FY 2009)

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- ▶ Enrollment in Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program (School Year 2008) 1,361
- ▶ 5% of Children served by the Child Care Assistance Program (FY 2009)

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- ▶ In La, children who participate in high-quality PreK programs (NSECD, LA4) proceed to Kindergarten scoring at or above the national average on the Developing Skills Checklist (DSC) in the areas of math, language, and print.
- ▶ In 2009, from kindergarten year through third grade, PreK participants demonstrate improved performance when compared to their non-prekindergarten peers .

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- ▶ 32% of Child Protection Investigations had a valid finding (2007)
- ▶ 40% of single-parent families with related children are below the poverty line (2009)

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- ▶ 6% of children speak a language other than English (2009)
- ▶ Average ACT score for graduating seniors: 20.1 (2009)

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- ▶ Average class size in public schools (School year 2008): 17
- ▶ Public High School Dropouts: 6.3% (School Year 2008)

# Did You Know?

- ▶ 7% of American children live in a grandparent-headed household
- ▶ In Louisiana, 11% of children live in a grandparent-headed household—the third-highest rate among states. Only Hawaii and Mississippi have higher rates (both of them at 14%).

# Did You Know?

- ▶ Louisiana women hold 48% of the jobs statewide; earn 58.6% of the degrees earned in the state college and university systems (2009)
- ▶ Louisiana ranks 39th in teen births with a rate of 54 per 1,000 females age 15 to 19 (2009)

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- ▶ The average first-year medical costs, including both inpatient and outpatient care, were about 10 times greater for preterm infants (\$32,325) than for full-term infants (\$3,325)
- ▶ In Louisiana, Medicaid pays for almost 70% of all births; the highest Medicaid birth rate in the nation.

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- ▶ In 2007, Medicaid paid for 45,181 births or 68.4 % of total births.
- ▶ In 2003–2005, Black women in Louisiana had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate in the US for giving birth to low–birth weight babies.

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- ▶ Between 2001–2005, infant mortality rate for White infants in LA was 7.6, while for African American infants, it was 13.9
- ▶ In many hospitals, unnecessary inductions and cesarean sections occur before 39 weeks and lead to an increase in neonatal intensive care admissions.

# Did You Know?

- ▶ In LA in 2007, 36.0% of live births were cesarean deliveries, and 64.0% were vaginal deliveries. Between 1997 and 2007, the percent of live births delivered by cesarean section in LA increased nearly 42%.