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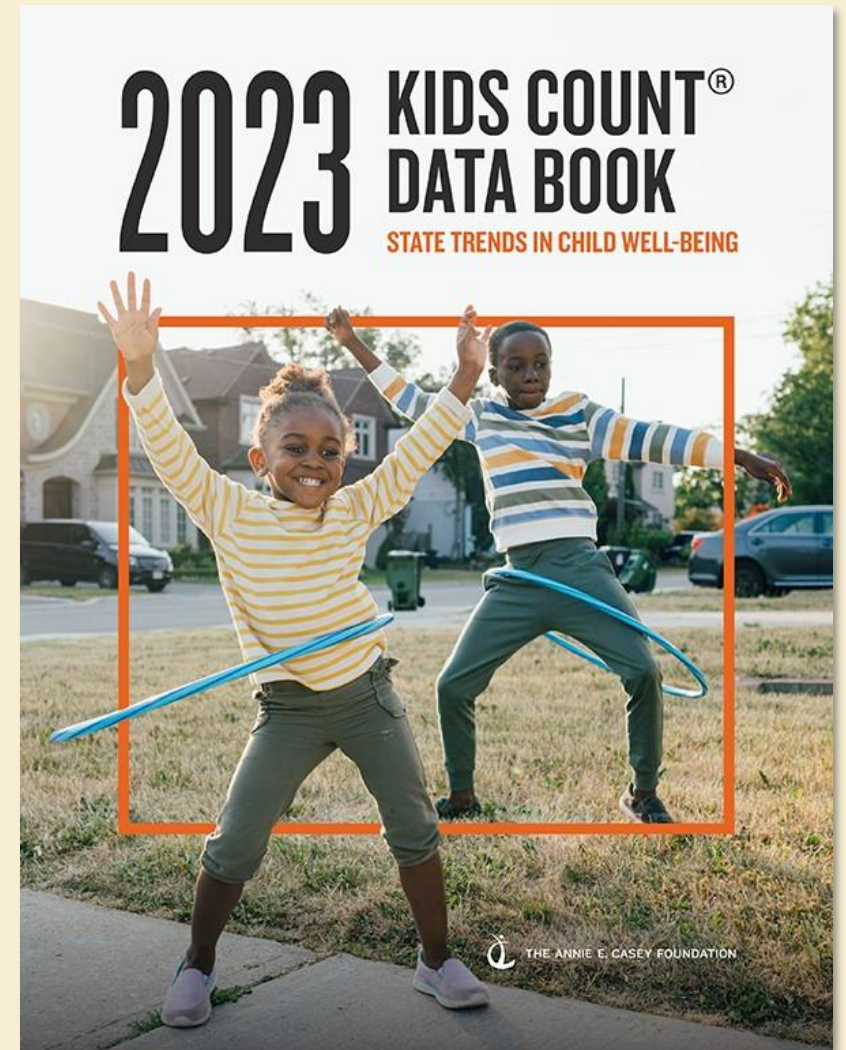
STATE TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING: THE KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK

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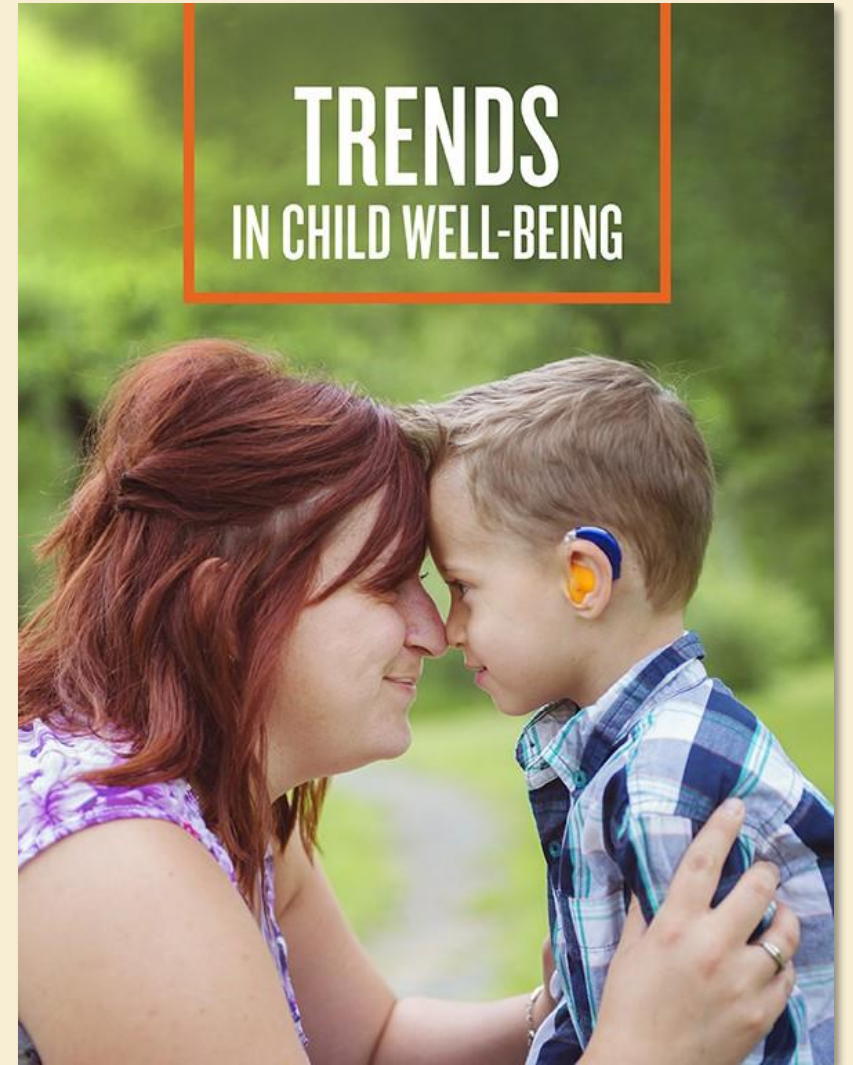
The Annie E. Casey Foundation develops solutions to build a brighter future for children, families and communities.

- Detailed picture of **how children are faring** nationally and state by state
- **16 indicators:** economic well-being, education, health, family and community



www.aecf.org/resources/2023-kids-count-data-book

- **Compared to last year's *Data Book***, eight indicators worsened, four improved and four stayed the same.
- This is the first time we have enough data to begin tracking how the **pandemic affected kids and families.**



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

UNITED STATES

Children in poverty

US 12,243,000

17%
2019

17%
2021

=
SAME

Children whose parents lack secure employment

US 21,143,000

26%
2019

29%
2021

↑
WORSE

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden

US 21,857,000

30%
2019

30%
2021

=
SAME

Teens not in school and not working

US 1,234,000

6%
2019

7%
2021

↑
WORSE

EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school us 4,380,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading us N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth-graders not proficient in math us N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* us N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME

* State educational agencies were allowed to change requirements for a high school diploma to account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore caution should be used when interpreting changes between 2019-20 and prior years of data. Due to data quality concerns and late delivery of data, the national average was calculated using imputed data for Illinois and Texas.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

UNITED STATES

Children in single-parent families

US 23,626,000

34%
2019

34%
2021

=
SAME

Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma

US 8,269,000

12%
2019

11%
2021

↓
BETTER

Children living in high-poverty areas

US 6,086,000

13%
2012-16

8%
2017-21

↓
BETTER

Teen births per 1,000

US 146,973

17
2019

14
2021

↓
BETTER

HEALTH

UNITED STATES

Low birth-weight babies

US 311,932

8.3%
2019

8.5%
2021

↑
WORSE

Children without health insurance

US 4,165,000

6%
2019

5%
2021

↓
BETTER

Child and teen deaths per 100,000

US 23,198

25
2019

30
2021

↑
WORSE

Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese

US N.A.

31%
2018-19

33%
2020-21

↑
WORSE

Child Care: A Critical System for Families and the Economy

Challenges



Important for young children and their development



Hard to access and afford



Low pay for providers and workers, leading to low capacity

Solutions

Use American Rescue Plan funds to:



Increase income limits for child care assistance



Increase payment rates for providers



Expand eligibility for subsidies



Assess and enhance quality



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