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2025 KIDS COUNT

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MEETING

Trevor Storrs, President/CEO



About Kids Count



- National and state-by-state effort tracking the well-being of children, youth, and families

- Four Focus Areas



Health



Education



Economic Well-Being



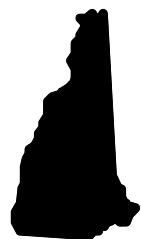
Family & Community

- Use sound data to help answer the question: ***How are Alaska's children doing?***

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ABOUT KIDS COUNT

How Are **Alaska's** Kids Doing? smaller states



New Hampshire
1st

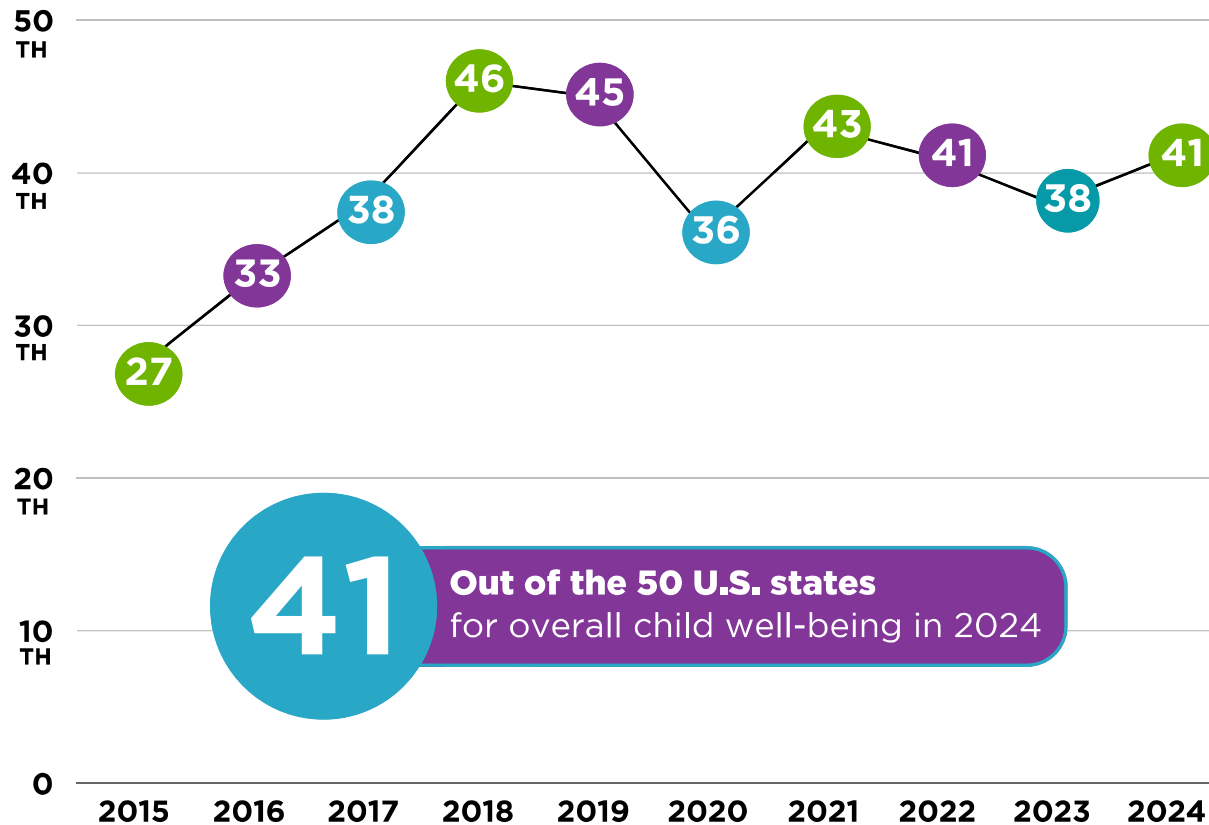


New Mexico
50th

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NATIONAL RANKING

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



50th

Alaska's KIDS COUNT
Overall Ranking for Child Well-Being

NATIONAL RANKING



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HEALTH

How Are **Alaska's** Kids Doing?



**13 out of
1,000**

Alaska children are confirmed victims of neglect, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse (2023)

2,309

Alaska children experienced child abuse or neglect (2023)

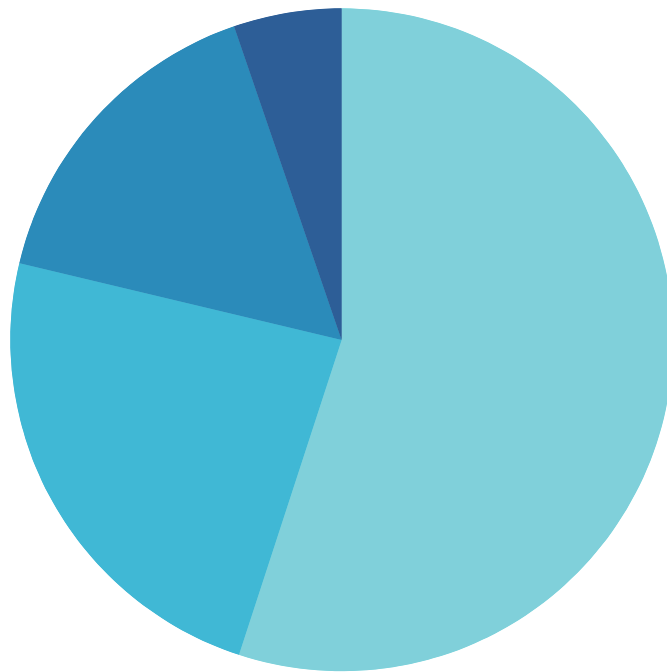
\$300,200

in state spending per case
(2019)



HEALTH - ALASKA IS 37 OF 50 STATES

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



TYPES OF MALTREATMENT VICTIMS EXPERIENCED IN 2022

- Neglect: 74%
- Mental Injury: 35%
- Physical Abuse: 24%
- Sexual Abuse: 10%

Victims may have experienced more than one form of maltreatment

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**OF ALASKAN CHILDREN
LACK HEALTH
INSURANCE** (2022)

Alaska has the 8th highest rate of
uninsured children in the nation.

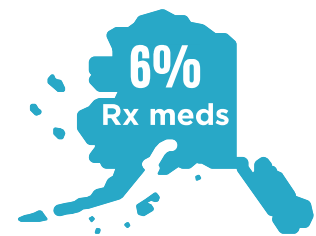
59%



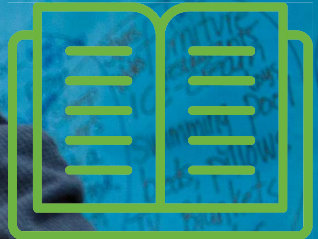
**INCREASE IN
STUDENTS
WHO FELT
SAD OR
HOPELESS**
(2013-2023)



**% OF ALASKAN TEENS USING DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES IN
THE PAST MONTH** (2023)



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EDUCATION

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



ONLY 31%
OF ALASKA
CHILDREN ARE
KINDERGARTEN-READY
(LESS THAN 1 IN 3)

(2023-2024)



Less than 1 in 3 students
met 11 of the 13 skills
showing they were ready
for kindergarten

(2023-2024)



62% OF ALASKA YOUNG
CHILDREN (AGES 3 & 4) ARE
NOT IN SCHOOL

(2018-2022)

High-quality preschool
programs set the stage for:

- skill development
- learning
- well-being
- future academic and employment success



EDUCATION - AK IS 47 OUT OF 50 STATES

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



ALASKA 4TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING



On average over the span of 2013 to 2022, about three-quarters of Alaska fourth graders scored below proficient on reading achievement tests.

ALASKA 8TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH



Less than 3 in 10 Alaskan 8th graders are proficient in math



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FAMILY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?

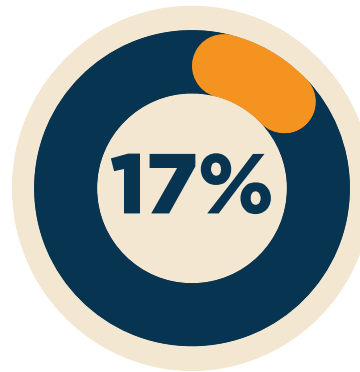


14% OF ALASKA CHILDREN
LIVE IN **POVERTY** (2022)

36% CHILDREN UNDER
5 ARE MORE
LIKELY TO LIVE IN
POVERTY THAN
OLDER CHILDREN
(2023)



28%
OF ALASKA
CHILDREN LIVE
IN HOUSEHOLDS
EXPERIENCING A
HIGH HOUSING
COST BURDEN (2022)



OF ALASKA
CHILDREN LIVE IN
HOMES THAT
EXPERIENCE **FOOD**
INSECURITY (2021-2023)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING - AK IS 37 OF 50 STATES

How Are **Alaska's** Kids Doing?



22% OF ALASKA MOTHERS WITH 3-YEAR-OLDS REPORTED THAT SOMEONE IN THEIR FAMILY HAD TO FORGO, LEAVE, OR CHANGE A JOB DUE TO CHILD CARE NEEDS (2021 - 2022)



104%
increase

In waiting lists
impacting parents of 3-
year-olds' access to
preferred child care

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING - AK IS 37 OF 50 STATES



FAMILY & COMMUNITY

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



ALASKA'S **FOSTER CARE** RATE IS **3X**
HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

16 **PER**
1,000 Alaska
children are
in foster care
(2021)

5 **PER**
1,000 children are in
foster care on a
national level

68% Of Alaska's foster care
placements are Alaska
Native Children (2023)

54% OF ALASKA
HIGH SCHOOLERS
PARTICIPATE IN
AFTERSCHOOL
ACTIVITIES

(2023)



FAMILY & COMMUNITY - AK IS 26 OF 50 STATES

How Are Alaska's Kids Doing?



OF ALASKA'S TEENS
HAD PLANNED A
SUICIDE ATTEMPT IN
THE PAST 12 MONTHS
(2023)

From 2019-2023
Alaska's teen suicide
rate was:

34 PER 100,000

From 2009-2019,
suicidal ideation in
high school students
increased significantly
in both males and
females:

80%
females

100%
males



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ALASKA CHILDREN'S BUDGET

How is the Alaska Children's Budget Doing?

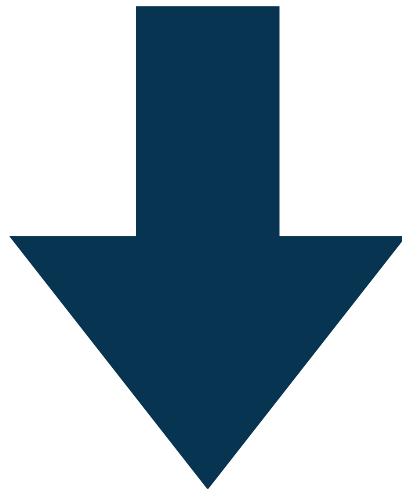


only
32.1%
of Alaska's budget is
spent supporting
children, youth, and
families

ACB spending: \$3.63 B
Total FY 2025 budget: \$11.3 B

ALASKA CHILDREN'S BUDGET

How is the Alaska Children's Budget Doing?



15%

The percentage the
Alaska Children's
Budget has fallen
compared to FY2014-
2017 averages.

ALASKA CHILDREN'S BUDGET

Changes in Purchasing Power



10%



25%



15%



3%

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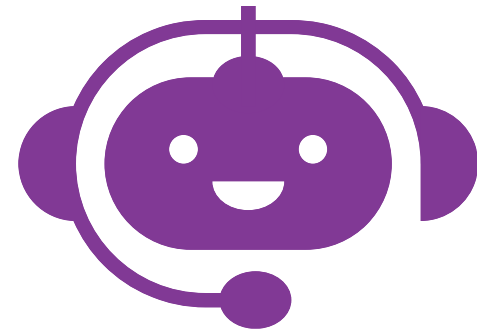


KIDS COUNT CHAT

KIDS COUNT Chat



- Annie E. Casey Data Center:
 - <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data?location=AK#AK>
- KIDS COUNT AI Chat Bot
 - data exploration AI tool that allows users to conversationally explore data from the KIDS COUNT data center to help answer questions about how Alaska's kids and families are doing.



KIDS COUNT CHAT

KIDS COUNT Chat - DEMO



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KIDS COUNT Chat & Further Resources



Learn more about **KIDS COUNT Chat** by attending a live demonstration webinar on February 27!

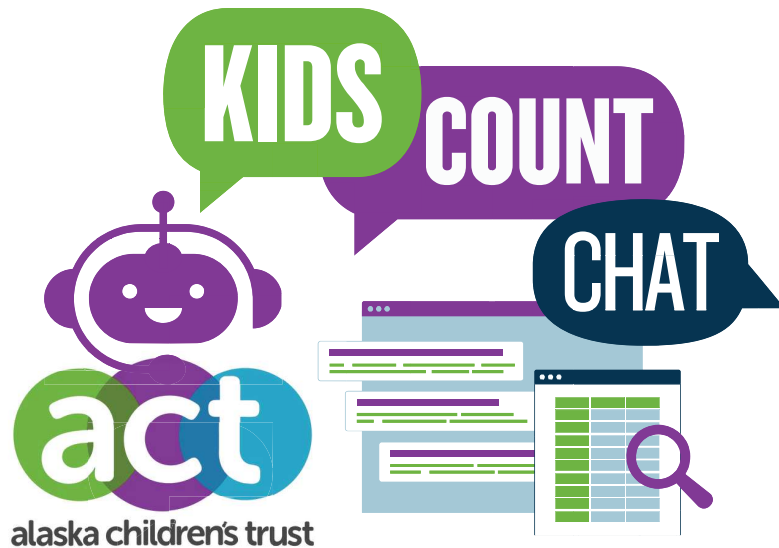
Morning Session:

- 8:30-9:00am



Afternoon Session:

- 12-12:30pm



RESOURCES

Why do **KIDS COUNT?**



AMPLIFYING DATA-DRIVEN POLICY

QUESTION & ANSWER



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



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