



National Center for Health Statistics

Child Health

Data are for the U.S.

Health status

- Percent of children ages 0–4 years who are in fair or poor health: 1.9% (2024)
- Percent of children ages 5–11 years who are in fair or poor health: 1.9% (2024)
- Percent of children ages 5–11 years who missed 11 or more days of school in the past 12 months because of illness, injury, or disability: 5.9% (2024)

Source: [Interactive Summary Health Statistics for Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2019-2024](#)


Obesity

- Percent of children ages 2–5 years with obesity: 12.7% (2017-March 2020)
- Percent of children ages 6–11 years with obesity: 20.7% (2017-March 2020)

Source: [National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2017-March 2020 Prepandemic Data Files-Development of Files and Prevalence Estimates for Selected Health Outcomes, table 3](#)  [PDF – 436 KB]

Health insurance coverage

- Percent of children younger than age 18 years without health insurance: 5.1%

Source: [Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, 2024, Table I](#)  [PDF – 727 KB]

The latest data are available from the [National Health Interview Survey’s Early Release Program](#)

Access to care

- Percent of children 0-4 years with a usual source of health care: 97.7% (2024)
- Percent of children 5-11 years with a usual source of health care: 96.3% (2024)

Source: [Interactive Summary Health Statistics for Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2019-2024](#)

Mortality

Children ages 1–4 years

- Number of deaths: 4,059
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 27.3

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality data \(2023\)](#) via CDC WONDER

Children ages 5–14 years

- Number of deaths: 6,005
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 14.7

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality data \(2023\)](#) via CDC WONDER

Leading causes of death

Children ages 1–4 years

- Accidents (unintentional injuries)
- Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
- Assault (homicide)

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality data \(2023\)](#) via CDC WONDER

Children ages 5–9 years

- Accidents (unintentional injuries)
- Cancer
- Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality data \(2023\)](#) via CDC WONDER

Children ages 10–14 years

- Accidents (unintentional injuries)
- Intentional self-harm (suicide)
- Cancer

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality data \(2023\)](#) via CDC WONDER

Related FastStats

- [Adolescent Health](#)
- [ADHD](#)
- [Asthma](#)
- [Infant Health](#)

More data: reports and tables



- [Trends in Child and Adolescent Health from Health, United States](#)
- [National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2022 Emergency Department Summary Tables](#)  [PDF – 1 MB]
- [National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2019 National Summary Tables](#)  [PDF – 864 KB]
- [Chronic School Absenteeism for Health-Related Reasons Among Children Ages 5-17 Years: United States, 2022](#) 
- [Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Coverage in Children Ages 9-17 Years: United States, 2022](#) 
- [Long COVID in Children: United States, 2022](#)

- [Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in Children Ages 5-17 Years: United States, 2020-2022](#) 
- [Emergency Department Visits Related to Mental Health Disorders Among Children and Adolescents: United States, 2018-2021](#) 
- [Stressful Life Events and Healthcare Utilization Among U.S. Children Aged 2-17 Years](#) 
- [Diagnosed Developmental Disabilities in Children Aged 3-17 Years: United States, 2019-2021](#)
- [Organized Sports Participation Among Children Ages 6–17 Years: United States, 2020](#)
- [America’s Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being](#) 

More data: query tools

- [Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health](#) 

Related Links

- [Mortality Statistics](#)
- [National Health Interview Survey](#)
- [National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey](#)
- [National Institute for Child Health and Human Development](#) 
- [KIDS Count](#) 

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