



Overview

KIDS COUNT is a national and state-by-state effort funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children in the United States. It provides a broad annual summary of state indicators of child and family well-being and monitors changes in these indicators over time. KIDS COUNT publishes a national Data Book and provides interactive data at www.aecf.org/kidscount.

The Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT is produced by Family Connection Partnership to provide citizens and policy makers with current data needed to make informed decisions regarding priorities, services and resources impacting Georgia's children, youth, families and communities. Visit www.georgiafamilyconnection.org/kidscount for online data and more information.

Key Features of Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT

The Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT features a variety of tools designed to facilitate the use of nonbiased, reliable information about children, families, and communities. Tools include web-based data that can be downloaded; facts-at-a-glance for easy access to key indicators; publications to highlight policy implications of KIDS COUNT data; and training and technical assistance to help local communities, policymakers and others to interpret and use data.

Databases COUNT:

KIDS COUNT Database

- Access and download data on Georgia and the other 49 states.
- Access and download county level data for child and family indicators, demographic data, Census data by state legislative district, and school system data.
- Data available at: www.georgiafamilyconnection.org/kidscount

Publications COUNT:

Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT Pocket Guide for Key Indicators

- Offers a convenient guide for county data on Child Abuse and Neglect, High School Completion and Teen Pregnancy.

Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT County Factsheets

- Provides county data for key indicators of child and family well-being that can be downloaded from the Web.

Data Definitions and Technical Notes

- Gives source and technical information for each indicator.

Policy Briefs

- Focuses on key indicators and highlights best practices.

State Summary

- Presents key findings and state trends for KIDS COUNT indicators.

Data Guide

- Highlights key databases for result areas.

Communications COUNT:

Periodic E-Mail Newsletters

- Provides the latest information on KIDS COUNT, including the release of new data, publication of policy briefs, and policy highlights.

Postcards

- Highlights indicators or current policy issues and are suitable for mailing to key policy makers or legislators.

PowerPoint Presentation

- Features generic information on KIDS COUNT that can be customized for a variety of audiences or purposes.

Press Releases

- Sample press releases that can be customized for county-level use.

Brown Bag Conference Calls

- Connects Family Connection collaboratives in conversation with Family Connection Partnership/KIDS COUNT staff.

Presentations and Exhibits

- Presentations or exhibits are available for conferences, civic club meetings, collaborative meetings, and other events.

Training and Technical Resources COUNT:

Training

- Participate in workshops on how to use KIDS COUNT data.

Technical Assistance

- Receive customized technical assistance on the use and interpretation of data.

Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Online Databases

KIDS COUNT offers several interactive online databases that allow users to create free, customized data reports.

- **Profiles** give you detailed information about a single geographic area.
- **Graphs** allow you to view indicators graphed over time.
- **Maps** provide color-coded maps of the geographic area.
- **Rankings** allow you to view all of the comparable geographic regions, ranked by an indicator.
- **Raw Data** allows you to download the raw data for off-line use.

Database	Description	Geographic Areas	Indicators	Format
CLIKS	County-City-Community Level Information on Kids (CLIKS) contains data on the well-being of children collected by KIDS COUNT grantees. Users can access state-specific inventories of data from local sources, such as health departments, human services agencies, and schools.	<u>Georgia:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties (159) – includes county school systems • City School Systems (21) – education data for city school systems • Other (12) – Service Delivery Regions 	<u>Georgia:</u> Includes rates and numbers for over 30 indicators in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Children • School Readiness • School Success • Strong Families • Self-Sufficient Families 	Profiles Graphs Maps Rankings Raw Data
Census Data	KIDS COUNT has compiled indicators of child well-being released by the 2000 U.S. Census. This site consists of select data from the Census Short Form and the Census Long Form.	<u>Georgia:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties (159) • State Legislative Districts (203) • Congressional Districts (13) • Metro Areas (8) • Cities (3) • American Indian (1) 	Includes data on Age and Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, Living Arrangements, Income and Poverty, Employment, Education, Language, and Disability Status.	Profiles Rankings Raw Data
National Data Book	Contains data from the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book.	50 States and the District of Columbia	Ten key measures comprise an index of child well-being used to rank states and supplemental data on education, health, and economic conditions for each state.	Profiles Graphs Maps Rankings Raw Data
Right Start Online	<i>The Right Start</i> is a joint project of Child Trends and KIDS COUNT. This site presents data from the National Center for Health Statistics.	50 States and 55 Large Cities. (Georgia data includes Atlanta and Savannah.)	Eight key measures that reflect conditions prior to birth; a newborn's health status at birth; and maternal characteristics that are associated with a child's poor educational and social outcomes.	Profiles Graphs Maps Rankings Raw Data

Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT: Data Guide

Demographic Data

				Geography					
Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	Web Location	
Population under 18	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	
Race and Ethnicity	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	
Living Arrangements	Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	
Speak Language Other than English at Home	Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	
Children Ages 5-15 with Disability	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	
Adult Educational Attainment	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census	

Healthy Children

				Geography					
Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	Web Location	
Healthy Start Index • Birthweight • Prenatal Care • Smoking/Drinking	Percent, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP*	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS	
Teenage Pregnancies, ages 15-17	Rate per 1,000, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS	
Infant Mortality	Rate per 1,000, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS	
Child Deaths, ages 1-14	Rate per 100,000, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS	
Teen Violent Deaths, ages 15-19 • Homicide • Suicide • Accidents	Rate per 100,000, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS	

*OHIP, Office of Health Information and Policy, Public Health, DHR

CLIKS www.georgiafamilyconnection.org/kidscount

CENSUS www.aecf.org/kidscount/census

School Readiness

Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Geography				Web Location
				Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	
Low-Income Students Enrolled in Head Start and Prekindergarten Programs	Percent, Numbers	Office of School Readiness (OSR)	1997–1999	X	X			CLIKS
Kindergarten Students Who Attended Early Care and Education Programs	Percent, Numbers	DOE	1996–1999	X	X			CLIKS
Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program (Revised)	Percent	Office of Student Achievement (OSA)	2001–2003		X	X		CLIKS
Overage in 3rd Grade	Percent	DOE	1996–1999	X	X	X		CLIKS
Babies Born to Mothers with Less Than 12 Years of Education	Percent, Numbers	Vital Records/ OHIP	1990–2002	X	X			CLIKS
Children 3 and 4 Enrolled in School	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X (2000 Only)	KidsCount Census

School Success

Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Geography				Web Location
				Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	
Absence from School	Percent, Numbers	DOE	1996–2003	X	X	X		CLIKS
Curriculum-Based Tests:								
• 4th, 8th Grade (CRCT)	Percent	OSA	2000–2003		X	X		CLIKS
• 11th-Grade (GHSGT)	Percent	OSA	2000–2003		X	X		CLIKS
Norm Referenced Tests:								
• 8th-Grade (Stanford 9)	Percent	DOE/OSA	2001		X	X		CLIKS
• 4th & 8th Grade NAEP (State level only)	Percent	DOE/OSA	1990–2000		X	X		CLIKS
High School Completion	Percent, Numbers	DOE	1994–2003	X	X	X		CLIKS
High School Graduates Eligible for HOPE Scholarship	Percent, Numbers	DOE	1994–2002	X	X	X		CLIKS
Youth 16–19 Not in School & Not Working	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census

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Strong Families

Geography

Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	Web Location
New Family Index • Age 20 or older • High School Graduate • Father's Name on Birth Certificate	Percent, Numbers	Public Health	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS
Teen Repeat Births, ages 15-19	Percent, Numbers	Public Health	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS
Child Abuse and Neglect • Abuse • Neglect	Rate per 1,000, Numbers	DFCS	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS
Juvenile Arrests	Percent, Numbers	GBI	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS

Self-Sufficient Families

Geography

Indicator	Value	Data Source	Years	Region	County	City School District	Legislative District	Web Location
Children in Poverty	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census
Female-Headed Families in Poverty	Percent, Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census
Students Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Price School Meals	Percent, Numbers	OSA, DOE	1996-2002	X	X	X	X	CLIKS
Job Growth	Percent	Georgia Dept. of Labor	1994-2003		X			CLIKS
Unemployment	Percent, Numbers	Georgia Dept. of Labor	1994-2002	X	X			CLIKS
Median Family Income	Numbers	Census	1990, 2000		X		X	KidsCount Census

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Online Database Locations:

- CLIKS <http://georgiafamilyconnection.org/kidscount>
- Census Data <http://aecf.org/kidscount/census/>
- National Data Book <http://aecf.org/kidscount/databook/>
- Right Start Online <http://aecf.org/kidscount/rightstart2003/>

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Additional copies of the *Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT Data Guide* are available. For additional copies, technical assistance, presentations or further information contact:

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For the complete Georgia 2004 KIDS COUNT data, please visit www.georgiafamilyconnection.org/kidscount



Family Connection Partnership is a nonprofit, public/private partnership created by the State of Georgia and funders from the private sector. We assist communities in addressing the serious challenges facing Georgia's children and families. We also serve as a resource to state agencies across Georgia that work to improve the lives of children and families. Working jointly with Family Connection county collaboratives, we are implementing a vision for community-based decision making and accountability to build a better future for our communities.