



MINNESOTA KIDS COUNT 2022

Thriving Children, Thriving Minnesota

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KIDS COUNT: data to improve outcomes

2022 KIDS COUNT COUNTY FACT SHEET		MINNESOTA	Olmsted
		Child Population	1,299,284
		Births	66,022
		Family Income	\$75,489
		38,372	2,029
		\$82,683	
Olmsted			
FINANCIAL	CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY	CHILDREN ON MN FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MIFIP)	CHILDREN RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
	2020 2,501/6.6% 3037/8% 2019	2021 1,590 1,284 2020	2021 5,085 4,448 2020
HEALTH AND WELLBEING	CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE	CHILDREN (0-19) ON MEDICAID/MA	MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, EMOTIONAL PROBLEM (9TH GRADE)
	2020 1,181/2.9% 1,142/2.9% 2019	2021 14,627/34% 13,327/31% 2020	2019 22.2% 17.3% 2014
SAFETY	FIREARM DEATHS (ALL AGES, ALL CAUSES)	9TH GRADERS 1+ ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE (ACE)	CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT (RATE PER 1,000)
	1999-2020 173 -	2019 48%	2020 1.9 1.7 2019
EARLY CHILDHOOD	ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE	CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	3-4 YEAR-OLDS NOT IN SCHOOL
	2021 \$1,088 Center \$9,724 Family	2021 1,395 1,219 2020	2014 - 2020 56% 55% 2011-15
K-12 EDUCATION	PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS	PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRAD RATE	PUBLIC K-12 SPECIAL ED ENROLLMENT
	2021 24,836 24,937 2020	2021 84% 85% 2020	2021 - 22 4,305/17.2% 4,244/17.2% 2020-21
			PRETERM BIRTHS
			2019 150 102 2015
			5TH GRADER ALONE AFTER SCHOOL 1+ DAYS PER WEEK
			2019 54% 63% 2014

KIDS COUNT is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. CDF-MN publishes periodic Minnesota KIDS COUNT Data Books to share trends in child well-being and foster discussion on data-driven solutions to improve child outcomes. Updated October 2022. To access the Minnesota KIDS COUNT Data Book, all county fact sheets and more information about data sources, visit www.cdfmn.org.

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Every child & family deserves a strong start

80% of the brain is developed by age three. This means **relationships with caregivers and early experiences—both positive and negative—build the foundations of brain architecture**, which impacts the ability to learn, behavior, and overall health.



Minnesota families are struggling



- 68% of Minnesotans with children under 18 reported **several days to nearly everyday feeling nervous, anxious or on edge** (compared to 54% for those without children)
- 52% were **not able to stop or control worrying**
- 51% felt **hopeless, down or depressed**

US Census Bureau, PULSE Survey,
July/August 2022

Minnesota families are struggling

In summer of 2022, **45% of Minnesota households with children reported a somewhat or very difficult time paying for usual household expenses** in the past 7 days (compared 24% of those without children).

(US Census Bureau PULSE Survey)



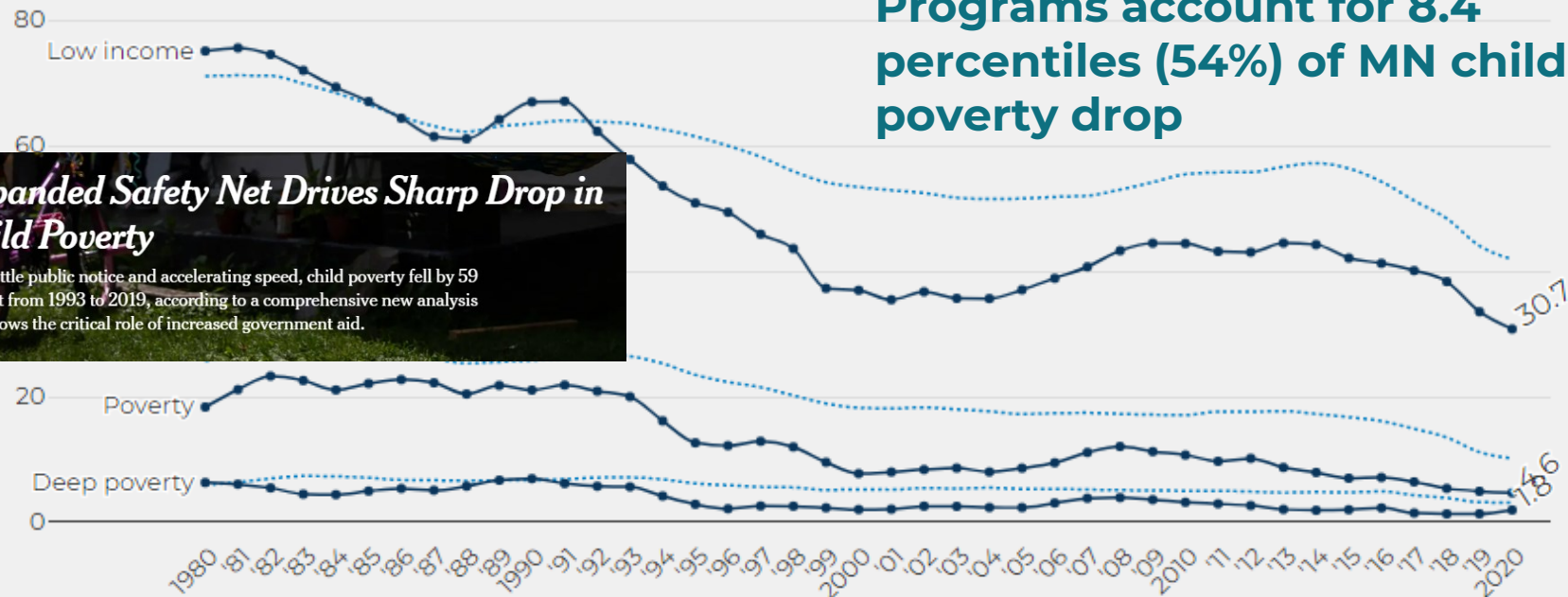
Early support matters



National Academy of Science finds that **modest boosts in parental income** during a child's first years have a striking association with that **child's future school and employment success.**

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Child poverty levels



Expanded Safety Net Drives Sharp Drop in Child Poverty

With little public notice and accelerating speed, child poverty fell by 59 percent from 1993 to 2019, according to a comprehensive new analysis that shows the critical role of increased government aid.

Source: www.childtrends.org/publications/state-level-data-for-understanding-child-poverty

Public supports improve family stability

Combined Public Supports Pull Blue Earth County Family of Three (Children 1 and 3 years old) Working Full-time at \$15 per Hour **Out of the Red**

Summary - monthly

Total Expenses and Taxes	\$5,170	Reduced Expenses	\$2,575
Income	\$2,500		\$2,500
What's Leftover?	(\$2,670)		(\$75)

Tax Credits - allotted over 12 months

Total Tax Credits	\$701
What's Leftover after adding Tax Credits	\$626

Economic Stability Indicator



Reducing costs for Blue Earth families

	Health Insurance	\$696		\$136
✓	Medical Assistance for Adults		Free Health Care Coverage	
✓	Medical Assistance for Children		Free Health Care Coverage	
✓	Medical Assistance for Pregnant Women		- ineligible -	
✓	MinnesotaCare		- ineligible -	
✓	Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC)		Monthly premium of \$136	
	Child Care	\$1,632		\$67
✓	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)		- ineligible -	
✓	Minnesota Family Investment Program Child Care		\$67 Co-Pay	
	Food	\$632		\$429
✓	SNAP		- ineligible -	
✓	Women, Infants and Children (WIC)		\$145	
✓	Minnesota Family Investment Program (Food Benefit)		\$58	

Flexible support: proven approach



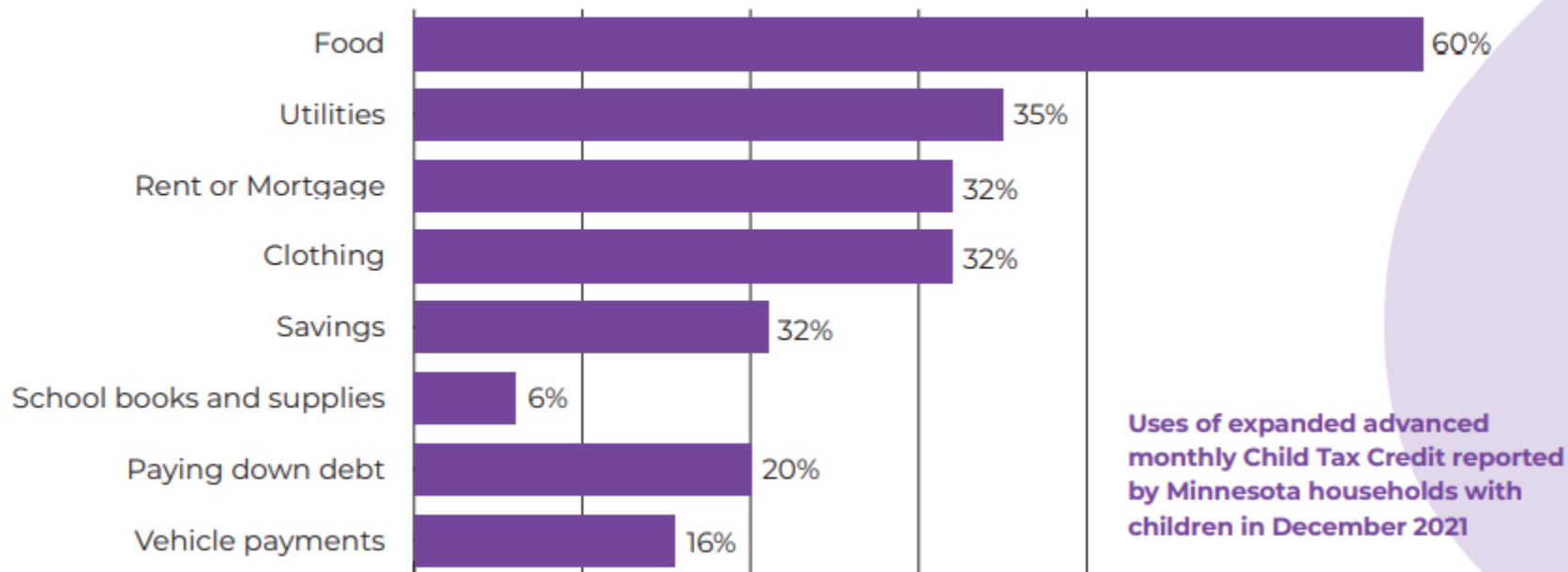
COMPELLING EVIDENCE SUPPORTS MINNESOTA PARENT SUGGESTIONS

Source: [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)

- Unmarried mothers with children under age 3 were 9 percentage points more likely to work with each additional \$1,000 in average EITC benefits (federal plus state)
- State EITCs boosted mothers' annual wages by 32%.
- \$3,000 increase in annual income for children ages 0-5 is associated with a 17% increase in annual earnings as adults.

MINNESOTA HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN USED FEDERAL CHILD TAX CREDIT TO COVER BASIC EXPENSES

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey

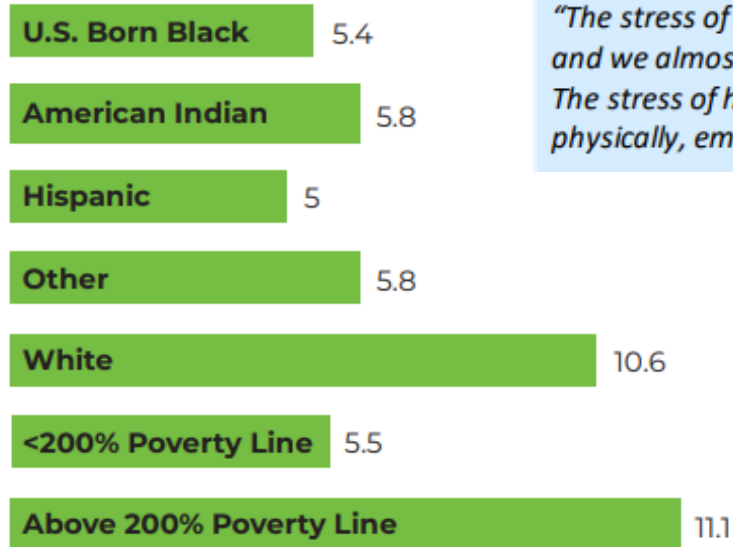


Lost income adds to new baby stress

MINNESOTA HEALTH AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY GAPS BEGIN AT BIRTH WITH SHORTER MATERNITY LEAVES

Median Weeks of Leave Taken After Birth

Source: MDH-PRAMS 2016-2020



A MOTHER'S STORY:

"The stress of unpaid maternity leave has left my family struggling to survive, to pay bills and we almost couldn't pay rent (I had to borrow money) which then we almost got evicted. The stress of having a baby without paid maternity leave has taken its toll mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually." – Minnesota PRAMS Survey Respondent

60% of maternity leaves among Minnesota mothers <200% of poverty were completely unpaid

Community and culture is an asset

Family Home Visiting has repeatedly demonstrated powerful impacts on multiple family and child outcomes, including positive pregnancy outcomes, school readiness, child abuse prevention and family self-sufficiency.

“Not only did the program help my son but on an emotional level it helped me since I did not feel alone in this process of being a new mom and not knowing about all these aspects of my child’s development.” – Lily S



Every child off to a strong start: 2023



Significant budget surplus along with retrenchment of federal COVID benefits and funding during a time of increased costs and needs.

- **Major new investments in childcare and early education**; rethinking and coordinating support for families and providers (Great Start Task Force)
- **Reducing child poverty** and its life long negative impacts with **a state level Child Tax Credit** building on the success and design of the federal CTC.

Every child off to a strong Start: 2023



- Increasing health and economic stability among families from the start with a **statewide Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program**.
- Investing in community-generated solutions: **Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development** grant program.
- Learning **from pandemic era improvements to public program administration**: streamlining, coordinating, simplifying.

Questions?

Thank you for your collective efforts to provide parents and children a strong foundation that prepares them to grow, learn and succeed.

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