



# **Total U.S. Spending for Children and Their Families: 2012**

## ***Detailed Findings***

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# Summary of Analytic Approach

- Spending analysis encompassed all programs – funded by federal, state, or local governments – which support children or the family as a whole.
- Data for the analysis was drawn from federal data sources, congressional reports, or well-recognized not-for-profit organizations. In each case, data for all states was drawn from the same source.
- The target year was federal fiscal year 2012 (October 2011 to September 2012) and school year 2012 (September 2011 to June 2012). In some cases, i.e. tax credits, calendar year 2012 was used.

## Guide to Per Capita Calculations

Methodology	Where Used
<b>General population, all children ages 0 to 17</b>	Used for calculations of education programs
<b>Children in families with incomes below 185% of poverty</b>	Used for calculations of health, child welfare, and economic support programs. Also used to calculate per capita on total spending for ages 0 to 2 and 3 to 4.
<b>Blend of 60% general population and 40% children in 185% of poverty</b>	Used for calculations of total spending for age groups 5 to 11 and 12 to 17+, which includes children only through graduation from high school or aging out of other social welfare programs. (The education expenditures do not include any spending on college.)



# Total Spending on Education

<i>(\$ Billions)</i>	Total National Spending	Total Spending – Ages 0 to 2	Total Spending – Ages 3 to 4	Total Spending – Ages 5 to 11	Total Spending – Ages 12 to 17+
Primary and Secondary School	561.96	n/a	n/a	299.06	262.91
Preschool	5.25	n/a	5.25	n/a	n/a
Head Start and Early Intervention	9.40	3.65	5.65	0.10	n/a



# Total Spending on Health Programs

<i>(\$ Billions)</i>	Total National Spending	Total Spending – Ages 0 to 2	Total Spending – Ages 3 to 4	Total Spending – Ages 5 to 11	Total Spending – Ages 12 to 17+
Medicaid	103.78	22.78	15.48	34.78	30.74
CHIP	11.95	2.62	1.74	3.99	3.57
Mental Health Programs	10.80	1.74	1.18	4.18	3.70
Immunizations	3.97	0.64	0.44	1.54	1.35
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	2.91	0.78	0.28	0.98	0.87



# Total Spending on Child Welfare Programs

<i>(\$ Billions)</i>	Total National Spending	Total Spending – Ages 0 to 2	Total Spending – Ages 3 to 4	Total Spending – Ages 5 to 11	Total Spending – Ages 12 to 17+
Foster Care, Adoption, Guardianship (Title IV-E)	6.38	1.42	0.97	2.12	1.87
Child Welfare State and Local Share	15.16	2.43	1.65	5.88	5.20
Child Welfare Services Promoting Safe Stable Families (Title IV-B)	0.60	0.11	0.07	0.20	.22
Child Welfare (Title XX)	1.70	0.44	0.27	0.57	.42
Juvenile Justice	9.15	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.15



# Total Spending on Economic Support Programs

<i>(\$ Billions)</i>	Total National Spending	Total Spending – Ages 0 to 2	Total Spending – Ages 3 to 4	Total Spending – Ages 5 to 11	Total Spending – Ages 12 to 17+
Child Care and Development Fund	8.57	2.57	2.41	3.59	n/a
Child Support Enforcement (Title IV-D)	9.47	1.52	1.03	3.67	3.23
TANF	28.17	6.29	4.08	10.69	7.12
Nutrition (SNAP, WIC, CACFP)	64.58	16.70	8.71	20.82	18.35
Tax Credits	126.31	24.29	16.51	45.57	39.94



# Total Spending Across Categories

<i>(\$ Billions)</i>	Total National Spending	Total Spending – Ages 0 to 2	Total Spending – Ages 3 to 4	Total Spending – Ages 5 to 11	Total Spending – Ages 12 to 17+
Education	576.61	3.65	10.90	299.16	262.91
Health	133.41	28.55	19.15	45.48	40.23
Child Welfare	32.99	4.40	2.96	8.77	16.86
Economic Support	237.09	51.38	32.75	84.33	68.64
Total Spent	980.10	87.98	65.75	437.74	388.64





# Total Per Capita Spending on Education

	Per Capita National Spending	Per Capita – Ages 0 to 2	Per Capita – Ages 3 to 4	Per Capita – Ages 5 to 11	Per Capita – Ages 12 to 17+
Primary and Secondary School	\$10,473	n/a	n/a	\$10,448	\$10,501
Preschool	\$650	n/a	\$650	n/a	n/a
Head Start and Early Intervention	\$791	\$543	\$1,234	\$10	n/a



# Per Capita Spending on Health Programs

	Per Capita National Spending	Per Capita – Ages 0 to 2	Per Capita – Ages 3 to 4	Per Capita – Ages 5 to 11	Per Capita – Ages 12 to 17+
Medicaid	\$3,388	\$3,390	\$3,384	\$3,380	\$3,397
CHIP	\$390	\$389	\$388	\$388	\$394
Mental Health Programs	\$147	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$148
Immunizations	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	\$40	\$66	\$34	\$34	\$35



# Per Capita Spending on Child Welfare Programs

	Per Capita National Spending	Per Capita – Ages 0 to 2	Per Capita – Ages 3 to 4	Per Capita – Ages 5 to 11	Per Capita – Ages 12 to 17+
Foster Care, Adoption, Guardianship (Title IV-E)	\$208	\$211	\$211	\$206	\$207
Child Welfare State and Local Share	\$495	\$362	\$361	\$571	\$575
Child Welfare Services Promoting Safe Stable Families (Title IV-B)	\$20	\$16	\$15	\$20	\$24
Child Welfare (Title XX)	\$55	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$47
Juvenile Justice	\$365	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$365



# Per Capita Spending on Economic Support Programs

	Per Capita National Spending	Per Capita – Ages 0 to 2	Per Capita – Ages 3 to 4	Per Capita – Ages 5 to 11	Per Capita – Ages 12 to 17+
Child Care and Development Fund	\$280	\$383	\$527	\$349	n/a
Child Support Enforcement (Title IV-D)	\$129	\$128	\$128	\$128	\$129
TANF	\$920	\$936	\$892	\$1,039	\$787
Nutrition (SNAP, WIC, CACFP)	\$2,108	\$2,486	\$1,904	\$2,023	\$2,028
Tax Credits	\$4,124	\$3,615	\$3,611	\$4,428	\$4,414



# Per Capita Spending Across Categories

	Per Capita National Spending	Per Capita – Ages 0 to 2	Per Capita – Ages 3 to 4	Per Capita – Ages 5 to 11	Per Capita – Ages 12 to 17+
Education	\$7,832	\$307	\$1,349	\$10,452	\$10,501
Health	\$4,355	\$4,249	\$4,186	\$4,420	\$4,446
Child Welfare	\$1,077	\$655	\$647	\$852	\$1,863
Economic Support	\$7,740	\$7,646	\$7,160	\$8,196	\$7,585
Total Spent	\$20,787	\$13,093	\$14,376	\$26,192	\$26,494

