

The State of America's Children® 2021

MOMENTS

Moments in America for Children by Race/Ethnicity

Number of Children Percent of the Child Population	All Children 73,039,150 100%	White 36,682,894 50.2%	Hispanic 18,687,565 25.6%	Black 10,007,157 13.7%%	Asian/Pacific Islander 3,831,129 5.2%	American Indian/Alaska Native 615,950 <1%
A public school student is suspended*	Every 2 seconds	Every 6 sec	Every 9 sec	Every 4 sec	Every 2 min and 19 sec	Every 2 min
Conditions lead a high school student to drop out*	Every 9 seconds	Every 19 sec	Every 28 sec	Every 53 sec	n/a	n/a
A child is arrested	Every 45 seconds	Every min and 12 sec	n/a	Every 2 min and 15 sec	Every 54 min	Every 33 min
A child is confirmed abused or neglected	Every 48 seconds	Every 2 min	Every 3 min and 30 sec	Every 4 min	Every 1 hr and 7 min	Every 58 min

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A public school student is corporally punished*	Every 49 seconds	Every 2 min	Every 11 min	Every 2 min	Every 6 hrs and 38 min	Every 46 min
A baby is born into poverty	Every 1 minute	Every 3 min	Every 2 min and 15 sec	Every 5 min	Every 37 minutes	Every 9 hrs and 38 min
A baby is born without health insurance	Every 2 minutes	Every 4 min	Every 8 min and 25 sec	Every 19 min	Every 37 min	Every 2 hr and 39 min
A baby is born into extreme poverty	Every 2 minutes	Every 5 min	Every 5 min	Every 10 min	Every 1 hr and 15 min	n/a
A baby is born at low birthweight	Every 2 minutes	Every 4 min	Every 8 min	Every 7 min	n/a	n/a
A child is arrested for a drug offense	Every 6.5 minutes	Every 9 min	n/a	Every 30 min	Every 7 hrs	Every 5 hrs

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A child is arrested for a violent offense	Every 12 minutes	Every 25 min	n/a	Every 25 min	Every 13 hrs	Every 11 hrs and 23 min
A baby dies before their first birthday	Every 25 minutes	Every 59 min	Every 2 hrs	Every 1 hr and 26 min	Every 11 hrs and 15 min	Every 1.5 days
A child or teen dies from an accident	Every hour and 11 minutes	Every 2 hrs and 14 min	Every 5 hrs and 30 min	Every 5 hrs and 43 min	Every 2 days	Every 2 days
A child or teen is injured with a gun	Every 2 hours and 36 minutes	Every 7 hrs and 35 min	Every 15 hrs and 24 min	Every 6 hrs	Every 5.5 days	Every 8 days
A child or teen dies by suicide	Every 3 hours and 11 minutes	Every 5 hrs	Every 18 hrs and 13 min	Every day and 4 hrs	Every 4 days	Every 4 days
A child is killed by abuse or neglect	Every 5 hours	Every 13 hrs and 32 min	Every 1.5 days	Every 20 hrs and 19 min	Every 2.5 weeks	Every 5 weeks

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A mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancy	Every 11 hours and 40 minutes	Every 25 hrs	Every 3.5 days	Every 1.5 days	Every 1.5 weeks	Every 3.5 weeks

*Based on 180 school days a year

Notes: Where possible, racial categories (White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native) do not include Hispanic children. See Endnotes for citations.