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The Utah KIDS COUNT program provides information about child well-being to enhance discussions on securing better futures for children. Indicators of children's quality of life are chosen to reflect a range of influences on children, conditions across developmental stages, and comparisons across time. Ten indicators examined included: (1) low birth-weight babies; (2) infant mortality; (3) child death; (4) births to single teens; (5) juvenile violent crime arrests; (6) graduation from high school; (7) teens not in school and not employed; (8) teen violent deaths; (9) children in poverty; and (10) children in single-parent families. This indicator data is summarized in tables by county on a topical basis including: (1) "1993 Utah Families: Demographics and Economics" which addressed poverty, income, hunger, taxes, homelessness, and housing; (2) "1993 Child Protection" which examined abuse, neglect, foster care, adoption, and domestic violence; (3) "1992 Maternal and Child Health" which examined pregnancy, births, low birth weight, infant death, child death, WIC participation, health care access, family planning, disabilities, infectious disease, AIDS/HIV, and sexually transmitted diseases; (4) "1993 Juvenile Justice" which addressed juvenile court, gang activity, and youth corrections; and (5) "1993 Mental Health" which studied mental illness, hospital inpatient discharges, and substance abuse. (SD)

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UTAH KIDS COUNT

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Providing policy-makers and citizens with information about child well-being, Utah KIDS COUNT seeks to enhance local, state and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for our children.

Utah KIDS COUNT joins national and state-by-state efforts to track the status of children in the United States.

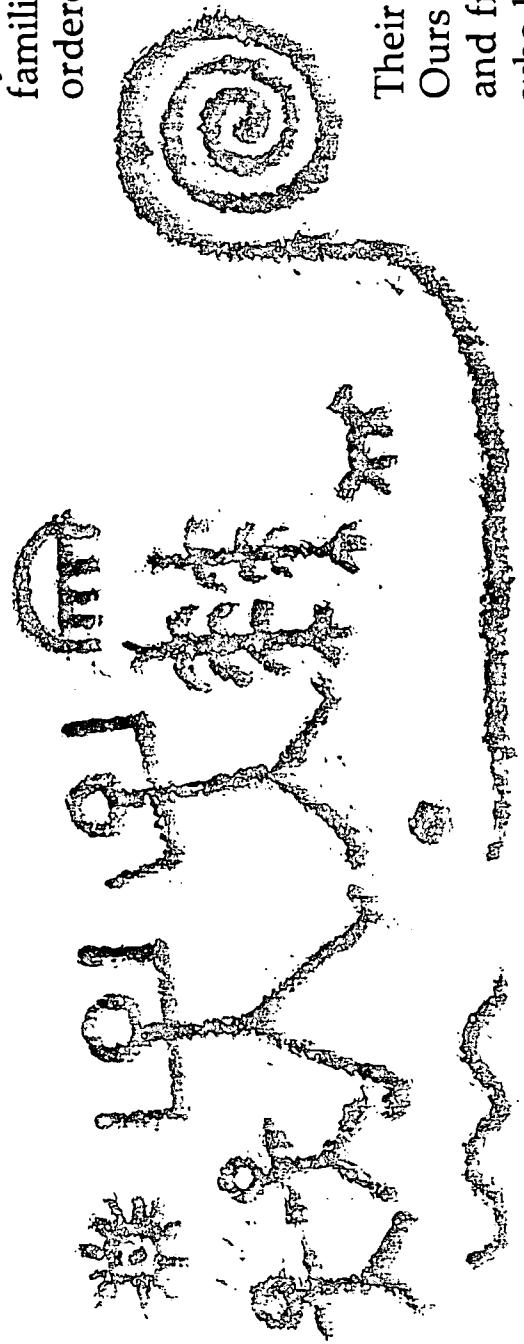
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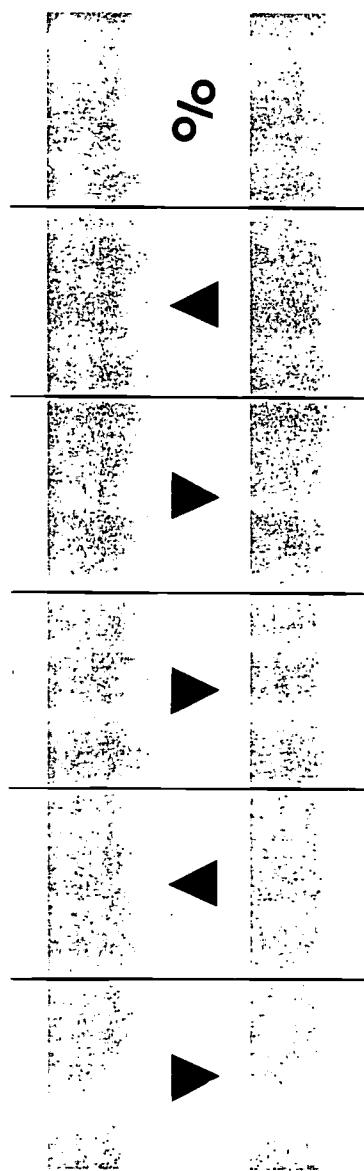
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Petroglyphs tell us much about ancient peoples. These symbols tell how they fed their families, planned ahead, and ordered their lives.



Their society was simple. Ours is increasingly complex, and frequently it is our children who bear the brunt of that complexity.



Now we use indicators or measures to tell a story about our society. They show us what we need to do to help create positive futures for children.

The following ten measures were developed by the national KIDS COUNT project. While they cannot capture the full range of circumstances that shape our children's lives, these indicators reflect three important attributes: 1) a range of conditions influencing children's well-being; 2) conditions across developmental stages; and 3) comparisons across time and place.

PERCENT LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES

A newborn baby weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds), enters life with a high likelihood of problems later in childhood. Growth stages and abilities may be different - often difficult - challenging the child's physical, mental and social development. Increased numbers of low-birth weight babies may suggest a decrease in the overall health status or access to care of mothers.

Research shows that women who do not receive early prenatal care are more likely to give birth to a baby under 5.5 pounds. Mothers without health insurance are least likely to seek appropriate prenatal care. Among other serious effects, the lack of prenatal care can contribute to the number of pregnant women who jeopardize the health of their unborn child by smoking, using drugs, drinking alcohol, poor nutrition or inadequate diets.

While infant mortality due to low birth weight is declining it remains high among infants of color.

Known risk factors such as lack of prenatal care account for a small number of these cases. For example, high rates persist when control variables such as the mother's educational level are studied.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE (birth to one year)

Nationally and in Utah, the infant mortality rate has been dropping. This encouraging process reflects new advances in neonatal medical care and improved public education about prenatal care and the effects of smoking and drinking.

While Utah shows excellent improvement in this indicator of child well-being, for some populations - especially poor families living in distressed neighborhoods - infant mortality rates are still quite high. According to the 1990 Census, there are four distressed Utah neighborhoods: one in Salt Lake City and three in Ogden. Communities with high rates of poverty, unemployment, prison incarceration, and illiteracy, often endure higher infant mortality rates because it is difficult for parents to prevent illness and to access good medical care.

CHILD DEATH RATE

This indicator includes deaths from disease, homicide, suicide, and accidents of all kinds for children, birth to 19 years. The leading cause of death is motor vehicle related accidents. While it appears that these deaths are declining, motor vehicle/pedestrian deaths are on the rise. Despite improvements in hospital trauma care, auto safety, and accident prevention, too many children are still living at risk for death.

This measure signals that children need adults who speak up on their behalf for preventive approaches. Such preventions include parent education about child behavior from a developmental perspective; quality child care from mature and trained caretakers; consistently enforced seat-belt laws and speed limits; safe playgrounds and adequate supervision. Community-wide vigilance is necessary to ensure that all of our children are safe and secure at home, school and in public areas.

PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS TO SINGLE TEENS

The increasing percentage of births to single teens worries health educators, parents, teachers, and government agencies. It not only reflects a growing number of babies who will have to overcome many odds to succeed; it also reveals that many teens believe their choices in adulthood are limited.

Increases in births to adolescent mothers - married or unmarried- are troubling for several reasons. Marital status at time of birth will not protect a teen mother or her child(ren) from poverty. Marriages between young partners tend to be less stable than those begun later in life, when the partners are more mature. Also, the earlier a young woman gives birth, the greater the likelihood she won't finish high school or go on to college.

Parents who don't complete their education have increased difficulty in today's labor market. If a teen mother with minimal education is married and later divorced, her earning power is lessened. Even among families with more education, households with only one adult employed usually have lower incomes and fewer resources for supporting the many costs of raising children.

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARREST RATE

Utah dropped from 26th in the national ranking to 31st in one year. This rate reflects the number of youths between the ages of 10 and 17 years who have been arrested for homicide, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault.

For a young person, being arrested for a violent crime is clearly a negative outcome. Adolescents arrested for committing a violent crime have usually been on a problematic path for some time; their chances for smooth transitions to productive adulthood are jeopardized.

It is important to remember that while the rate of change shows an increase, most of our adolescents are not in this category. It is also possible that changes in the arrest rates reflect changes in police surveillance, or in public policy, rather than a surge in violent behavior among teens.

PERCENT CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

This indicator requires some interpretation and adaptation. Clearly, youth who have dropped out of school and are not in the labor force are vulnerable. Work experience at this point in their life is especially critical. People who spend a large share of their young adult years unemployed have a hard time finding work and staying employed later in life.

Utah demographics reveal a 30.4% increase in the teen population during the last decade. We need more information about those who are out of school and out of work.

PERCENT GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Utahns have been living in a relatively robust economy for more than ten years, an economy increasingly based upon educational attainment rather than physical labor. Graduation rate is an important indicator of how well youth are progressing in preparation for the future. There are striking differences in earning power between those who graduate from high school and those who do not.

Without a high school diploma most young adults do not go on to college, technical training, or to employment that will lead to sustainable incomes. Unemployment is much higher among those who do not finish high school. Unemployment can also contribute to mental and physical depression. Economic security for young adults, and the families they will form, depends upon gaining employable skills fine-tuned for a technological society. This indicator has shown unsteadiness over the past six years in the rate of Utah's teens staying in high school through graduation, rising and falling several times. This past year Utah slipped from 10th highest in the nation to 19th.

The economic gap between those with a high school diploma and those who drop out will likely grow even wider. As Utah moves into the twenty-first century, parents, schools, and communities are challenged to provide education programs which provide advanced skills and technological knowledge required for meaningful employment.

PERCENT TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE

This indicator reflects injury-related deaths among youth age 15 to 19 years. Trends in this rate are difficult to track - the numbers vary widely up or down from year to year. It appears that suicides and homicides are increasing while motor vehicle deaths are decreasing. Young men are particularly vulnerable. For 1992, they constitute almost 75% of violent death victims.

TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE

Poverty affects children's physical and emotional health, self-esteem, nutrition, intelligence, and likelihood of completing school. Family poverty seriously impacts child development in many ways. Despite Utah's economic boom, child poverty has been gradually increasing.

This has to do with many factors: incomes not keeping up with housing costs; rising numbers of families where both parents have to work to make ends meet; an increase in households headed by single parents, either by divorce or choice. Of particular concern are the numbers of pre-schoolers now living in poverty. Poverty will decrease their own capacities for success in school and in life as they mature. According to the United States Census Bureau, a quarter of all children under age 6 are living in poverty.

PERCENT CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

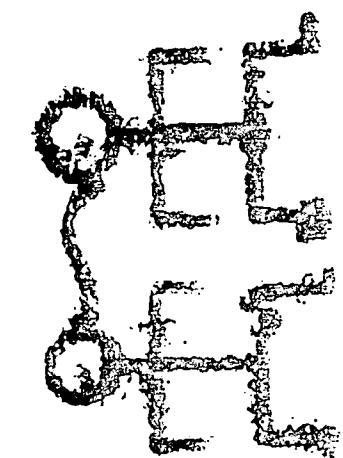
According to Census data, over the last ten years the percentage of children in single-parent families has risen steadily in every state in the nation. Children in these families usually do not enjoy the same economic, housing or human resources available to children in a two parent household.

Furthermore, poverty among single-parent families is not erased by public assistance programs for poor children such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). In addition, many Utah families do not receive full child support payments.

In 1993, Utah's combination of AFDC and Food Stamps is only 67.4% of the poverty line. This barely pays the rent for most two bedroom apartments in Salt Lake City. Many families are forced to double-up or move in with other relatives, placing children at greater risk through overcrowded housing in communities which cannot support their physical, educational, or emotional needs.

NOTES

- Indicator data is noted by county on the appropriate topic page.
- Utah KIDS COUNT is developing additional indicators for Utah's children. Those indicators will be reflected in *Key Facts 1995*.
- Watch for Utah KIDS COUNT Issue Briefs. These publications will highlight Utah's families and children by specific issue, geographic area, or need.



COUNTY	Beaver	Elder	Cache	Cache
TEENS not in School & not working	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8
Unemployment Rate	0.0	2.0	1.4	3.2
School Districts	3,942	2.0	2.0	6.6
Migrant Health Services	220			
Youth Corrections	466			
Youth Services	52	0.0	3.5	3.8
TOTAL	4,680			
(1992 TOTAL)	4,424			
(1991 TOTAL)	4,849			

See education tables for more data

Homeless Children and Youth - Reported by	
School Districts	3,942
Migrant Health Services	220
Youth Corrections	466
Youth Services	52
TOTAL	4,680
(1992 TOTAL)	4,424
(1991 TOTAL)	4,849

Salt Lake Family Shelter (FY94)	
Families served	142
Two parent household	69
Single Parent/female	63
Single Parent/male	10
Children served	343

Age of children served (years)	
infant to five	181
six to eleven	118
twelve to seventeen	43
Average length of stay	74.32 days

Subsidized Housing Applications	
Housing Authority	206
Bear River	257
Beaver City	18
Carbon County	423
Cedar City	65
Davis County	1,086
Emery County	92
Grand County	45
Ogden City	1,248
Provo City	724
Roosevelt/Milton	63
Salt Lake City	2,388
Salt Lake County	1,841
St. George	181
Tooele County	223
Utah County	745
Weber County	76
West Valley	388
TOTAL	9,863

* includes public housing. Section 8 certificates, vouchers,
new construction, rehabilitation, etc.

HUNGER

Food Pantries, by reporting agencies

See county tables for data on hunger.

TAXES	\$ earned income credit	# child credit	1992 Federal Adjusted Gross Income \$	returns
Under 1	27	270,482	11,686	280
1 - 5,000	27	270,482	21,512	8,108
5,001 - 10,000	27	270,482	28,322	472,206
10,001 - 15,000	27	270,482	28,224	28,246,338
15,001 - 20,000	27	270,482	16,521	1,143,874
20,001 - 25,000	27	270,482	9,050	1,177,146
25,001 - 30,000	27	270,482	30,001 - 35,000	1,298,780
35,001 - 40,000	27	270,482	35,001 - 40,000	1,356,087
40,001 - 45,000	27	270,482	40,001 - 45,000	1,325,994
45,001 - 50,000	27	270,482	45,001 - 50,000	1,174,565
50,001 - 75,000	27	270,482	50,001 - 75,000	19,290
75,001 - 100,000	27	270,482	75,001 - 100,000	3,124,831
100,001 - 250,000	27	270,482	100,001 - 250,000	6,280
> 250,000	27	270,482		327,091
				33,161
				1,844

1992

FY94

1994 Projections

County	Population	Households	Household Size (average)	Children < 18 years	Children 10-17 years	Dependency Ratio	Child Support Cases	Median Family Income \$ 28,800	Per Capita Personal Income \$ 12,300
Beaver	5,500	1,841	2.99	2,031	955	103	224	42,200	16,300
Box Elder	39,196	17,306	3.24	15,402	7,575	97	782	42,200	16,300
Cache	77,096	23,387	3.30	28,247	11,960	80	852	37,100	13,500
Carbon	20,941	7,116	2.94	7,071	3,731	89	1,440	36,000	16,100
Daggett	709	257	2.76	238	123	82	23	32,200	18,900
Davis	210,295	64,445	3.26	79,446	37,799	80	5,145	41,800	14,700
Duchesne	13,329	3,792	3.52	5,760	3,000	106	791	31,100	13,600
Emery	10,465	3,072	3.41	4,364	2,397	100	498	39,600	12,700
Garfield	4,281	1,445	2.96	1,487	753	104	141	27,300	12,800
Grand	7,831	2,826	2.77	2,388	1,135	75	614	30,500	16,300
Iron	24,212	7,598	3.19	8,449	3,824	83	1,284	31,400	12,000
Juab	6,401	2,040	3.14	2,395	1,226	105	41	33,600	12,000
Kane	5,549	1,897	2.93	1,868	926	99	220	28,700	12,800
Millard	11,779	3,459	3.41	4,950	2,585	117	62	37,300	12,200
Morgan	6,238	1,890	3.30	2,453	1,337	90	45	44,300	16,400
Piute	1,404	496	2.83	444	267	101	11	26,100	11,200
Rich	1,780	570	3.12	691	377	99	18	34,800	15,700
Salt Lake	796,182	263,393	3.02	270,652	121,947	74	36,511	41,800	17,300
San Juan	13,197	3,822	3.45	5,297	2,308	92	1,131	22,100	9,400
Sanpete	18,356	5,384	3.41	6,893	3,604	100	104	29,100	11,100
Sevier	16,733	5,287	3.16	6,272	3,312	105	102	32,200	12,600
Summit	20,564	7,027	2.93	6,854	3,300	64	263	49,400	23,500
Tooele	26,996	8,972	3.01	9,385	4,683	80	1,246	39,200	16,500
Uintah	23,972	7,491	3.20	9,249	4,393	89	1,562	31,200	11,800
Utah	303,241	88,795	3.42	116,432	48,831	81	8,936	37,300	13,400
Wasatch	11,686	3,839	3.04	4,365	2,168	86	291	34,700	12,600
Washington	62,521	20,030	3.12	22,025	10,578	105	3,303	32,900	12,600
Wayne	2,277	791	2.88	756	381	94	22	26,600	13,500
Weber	172,466	57,902	2.98	57,789	26,409	80	7,097	41,800	16,900
UTAH							72,759		

County	Persons Served by Department of Human Services, Selected Categories, June 94		Percent of Population Served	
	AFDC	Total Work Program Only	General Assistance Only	Food Stamps Only
Beaver	108	298	656	14
Cache	443	942	16	1,601
Carbon	1,360	1,031	29	508
Daggett	+	0	1	4
Emery	504	4,193	74	2,823
Garfield	+	34	32	503
Grand	See Carbon	382	30	114
Iron	See Beaver	63	2	101
Juab	See Carbon	324	11	239
Kane	See Beaver	781	7	836
Millard	1,279	125	2	155
Morgan	See Beaver	170	8	89
Platte	See Juab	404	20	326
Rich	+	21	0	25
Salt Lake	See Juab	6	0	4
San Juan	See Box Elder	21	0	17
Sanpete	28,091	20,267	588	12,126
Sevier	See Carbon	1,290	3	494
Summit	See Juan	448	9	414
Tooele	See Juab	732	8	332
Utah	See Utah	121	5	174
Wasatch	See Salt Lake	978	7	459
Wayne	+	834	18	460
Weber	3,381	3,881	80	5,293
UTAH	See Utah	152	7	226
Washington	See Beaver	1,576	50	1,521
Wayne	See Juab	32	0	91
Weber	3,760	7,121	210	2,925
UTAH	50,777	46,693	1,233	32,556

1993 Child Protection

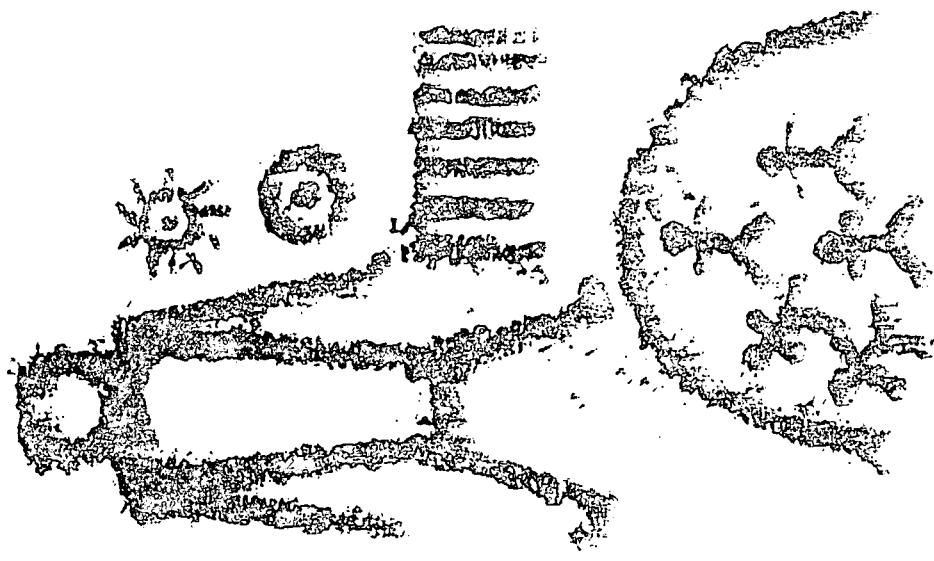
Local Office	All Referrals Examined	Selected Causes					ABUSE AND NEGLECT	Gender of Perpetrator	Age of Perpetrator - years
		Verified	Physical Abuse	Physical Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Neglect			
Beaver	45	18	5	11	2				
Blanding	168	100	41	47	32				
Bingham City	310	151	60	36	47				
Castle Dale	93	35	10	7	18				
Cedar City	300	98	39	9	44				
Clearfield	1,066	462	156	128	145				
Delta	37	12	4	3	7				
Fillmore	37	20	9	7	7				
Heber	31	20	4	4	16				
Kanab	39	10	1	12	3				
Moab	22	5	3	0	0				
Logan	330	151	35	46	103				
Manti	110	39	20	23	7				
Moab	87	42	15	10	14	Age of Victim			
Monticello	56	19	0	1	1	0-1 years			
Ogden	1,407	557	201	253	145	2-4			
Panguitch	36	16	9	2	8	5-8			
Park City	36	11	5	1	3	9-12			
Price	392	137	44	56	35	13-18			
Provo	1,783	789	278	272	337	Unknown			
Richfield	209	78	24	22	14	Gender of Victim			
Roosevelt	276	89	26	14	37	Female			
SL/Holladay	4,454	1,849	709	397	607	Male			
S. Salt Lake	3,699	1,502	486	497	474	Disabling Condition of Victim			
St. George	359	154	41	28	44	Chronic illness/disability			
Troebe	377	135	64	10	77	Mental retardation			
Vernal	409	147	46	43	55	Emotional illness			
UTAH	16,168	6,646	2,335	1,939	2,282	Learning disability			
						Hearing, speech, sight			
						Undiagnosed condition			
						Original Permanency Goal			
						Adoptive placement			
						Independent living			
						Permanent foster care			
						Return/remain in home			
						Unknown			

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Severity of Abuse/Neglect to Victim		Local Office	
Hospitalized	Fatal	Permanent Disability	Beaver
0	0	0	Blanding
3	1	0	Brigham City
3	0	1	Castle Dale
0	0	0	Cedar City
1	0	0	Clearfield
3	4	1	Delta
0	0	0	Fillmore
1	0	0	Heber
0	0	0	Kanab
0	0	0	Loa
0	0	0	Logan
0	0	0	Manti
4	0	0	Moab
0	0	0	Monticello
8	2	2	Ogden
2	0	0	Panguitch
1	0	0	Park City
0	0	0	Price
11	7	1	Provo
5	1	0	Richfield
3	0	0	Roosevelt
58	4	1	SL/Holladay
7	4	1	So. Salt Lake
3	1	0	St. George
2	0	0	Tooele
2	0	0	Vernal
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Living Arrangement		
In-state training school	0	.0
Home of relative/guardian	53	53
Own family home	71	71
In-state hospital	7	.7
Adoptive home	0	.0
Foster home/no payment	7	.7
Foster home	331	331
Correction facility	16	16
Residential treatment	13	13
Runaway	20	20
Emergency placement	124	124
Group home/no payment	9	9
Group home	0	0
Independent living	5	.5
Unknown/not reported	404	404

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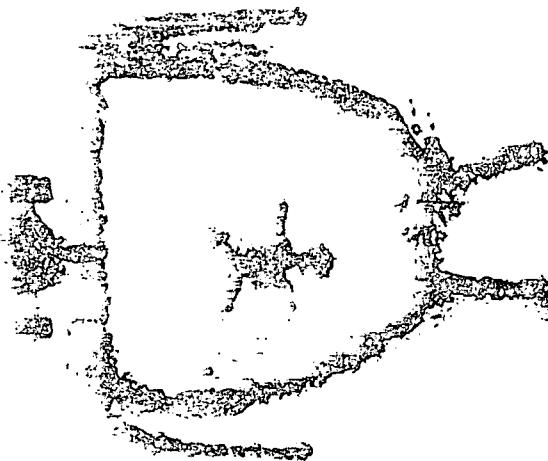
	1991	1992	1993
Adoptions	1,308	1,371	1,320
Women sheltered	1,634
Shelter days	8,302
Children sheltered	2,047
Shelter days	14,088
Protective orders obtained through domestic violence shelter programs	2,385

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1992 Maternal & Child Health

COUNTY	Births number	Births to Teens (< 20 yrs.)		*1991 1990	*1991 269	*1991 222	*1992 221
		number	percent				
PREGNANCY & BIRTH							
Beaver	92	15	16.30				
Box Elder	652	80	12.27	Pregnancies	40,984		
Cache	1,776	128	7.21	Fetal Deaths	261		
Carbon	282	51	18.09	Induced Abortions	3,525		
Daggett	6	0	0.00	Births	37,198		
Davis	4,017	368	9.16	Medicaid Births - estimates			
Duchesne	270	43	15.93	FY88	5,440		
Emery	170	17	10.00	FY89	6,227		
Garfield	61	7	11.48	FY90	8,550		
Grand	94	17	18.09	FY91	9,973		
Iron	444	34	7.66	FY92	11,480		
Juab	98	17	17.35	FY93	11,891		
Kane	84	11	13.10	FY94	12,519		
Millard	196	26	13.27	PRENATAL CARE			
Morgan	89	5	5.62	Trimester care began			
Piute	10	1	10.00	Not stated	477		
Rich	21	0	0.00	No prenatal care	90		
Salt Lake	15,223	1,668	10.96	Third trimester	782		
San Juan	353	50	14.16	Second trimester	4,593		
Sanpete	290	37	12.76	First trimester	31,256		
Sevier	295	58	19.66	LOW BIRTH WEIGHT			
Summit	285	16	5.61	Less than 2,500 grams			
Tooele	483	66	13.66	(5 lbs. 8 oz.)			
Uintah	426	77	18.08	Number of births	1990	*1991	*1992
Utah	7,055	545	7.73	Percent of births	2,067	2,179	2,089
Wasatch	172	19	11.05	By age of mother			
Washington	1,019	97	9.52	Under age 18			
Wayne	26	4	15.38	Percent of births			
Weber	3,209	461	14.37	Age 18 and over			
UTAH	37,198	3,918	10.53	Percent of births			

* Provisional



CHILD HEALTH EVALUATION AND CARE, FFY93

Service Category	CHPC eligible	Percent supervision	Percent participation	Total		Corrective services		Treatment referral		Service Type		# waiting	
				Screening	Services	vision	dental	Respite/Family Support Services	Regional Office	# served			
Beaver	335	75	22.39	95	18	27	69						5
Box Elder	2,044	290	14.19	328	43	191	416						26
Cache	4,473	1,646	36.80	2,843	151	282	816						65
Carbon	2,195	657	29.93	855	150	284	458						166
Daggett	134	51	33.06	86	8	6	21						6
Davis	9,991	4,382	43.86	4,844	537	729	2,454						566
Duchesne	1,605	399	24.86	589	44	167	234						37
Emery	890	272	30.56	327	72	123	146						15
Garfield	260	75	28.85	86	19	26	41						1
Grand	759	117	15.42	122	45	67	102						10
Iron	2,270	488	21.50	673	87	166	541						38
Juab	472	69	14.62	117	11	45	107						8
Kane	439	90	20.50	100	23	47	60						5
Millard	918	181	19.72	285	15	67	215						28
Morgan	71	16	22.54	23	2	3	11						2
Piute	94	5	5.32	7	1	15	16						1
Rich	70	10	14.29	12	3	8	12						0
Salt Lake	49,350	23,576	47.77	21,448	1,866	2,537	8,967						940
San Juan	2,866	478	16.68	645	105	214	152						16
Sanpete	1,383	79	5.71	117	12	114	246						18
Sevier	1,490	208	13.96	210	30	253	347						23
Summit	416	103	24.76	166	9	22	70						6
Tooele	2,127	590	27.74	786	81	192	411						27
Uintah	2,615	690	26.39	1,152	128	287	312						35
Utah	17,550	8,011	45.65	9,633	796	1,004	3,229						319
Wasatch	693	173	24.96	248	26	77	134						31
Washington	4,718	1,390	29.46	2,245	250	414	1,014						108
Wayne	128	30	23.44	45	4	41	27						2
Weber	13,607	6,356	46.71	6,777	611	834	2,832						500
UTAH	123,963	50,507	40,74	54,864	5,147	8,112	23,460						3,183

DISABLED INFANTS & CHILDREN

Department of Human Services,
Division of Services for People with Disabilities
Children, age 0 - 18 Years

Region		# waiting		# served	
Blanding			32		
Brigham City			5		
Cedar City			11		
Clearfield			48		
Delta			16		
Manti			3		
Moab			11		
Nephi			17		
Ogden			45		
Price			16		
Provo			85		
Richfield			9		
Salt Lake			202		
St. George			54		
Tooele			5		
Vernal			28		
TOTAL			618		
			353		

Primary Diagnosis

Region		# served	
Autism			50
Blindness			7
Brain Damage			71
Cerebral Palsy			88
Deafness			1
Epilepsy			11
Mental Retardation			224
Physical Health Problems			11
Mental Illness			4
Other			151
TOTAL			618
			353

Department of Health
Children's Special Health Services

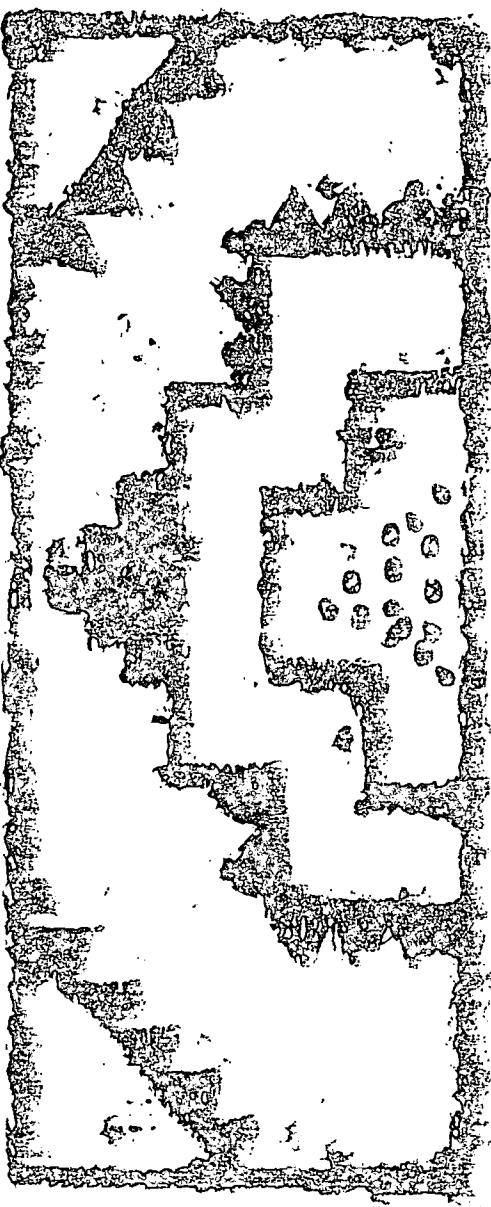
Children with chronic illness or disabling conditions estimate	64,656
Early Intervention Services - CY93	
Children served	1,494
Percent of target population served	47%
Specialty Clinic & Care Program - FY94 estimates	
Children served	6,000
Clinic visits	18,000
Home Health Care Program - FY94	
Children served	107
HIV/AIDS children served	2
Pediatric case management contacts, including home visits, phone calls, case conferences	1,800

PREVENTABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Reported Cases	1991	1992	1993
Measles	224	0	0	
Pertussis	45	45	43	
1993 Rate	UTAH	US		
Measles	0	.1		
Pertussis	2.3	2.3		
per 100,000				
Children Inadequately Immunized	1992	1993	1994	
At licensed or reporting unlicensed child care	1,985	2,036	2,057	
At school or kindergarten entry	2,336	2,409	2,204	

AIDS/HIV

	Reported through June 10, 1994	PEDIATRIC (< 13 yrs.)	AIDS	HIV
Mother at risk		15		4
Hemophilic/clotting factor Transfusion		3	2	0
ADOLESCENT (age 13-19)	10			1
				26



DISTRICT	School Year Dropouts	Annual Dropout Rate	
Alpine	2,220	142	0.66
Beaver	84	3	0.45
Box Elder	697	69	1.39
Cache	809	42	0.71
Carbon	317	35	1.37
Daggett	11	*	*
Davis	3,319	694	2.68
Duchesne	276	54	2.50
Emery	200	22	1.36
Garfield	69	4	0.81
Grand	80	40	5.57
Granite	4,032	1,014	2.80
Huron	310	30	1.20
Iron	3,749	464	1.51
Jordan	101	2	0.26
Kane	100	2	0.29
Logan	327	1	0.04
Millard	234	9	0.51
Morgan	123	6	0.67
Murray	403	8	0.26
Nebo	1,095	39	0.49
No. Sanpete	118	*	*
No. Summit	54	5	1.06
Ogden	612	352	6.64
Park City	115	15	1.45
Piute	43	*	*
Provo	818	58	0.92
Rich	38	*	*
Salt Lake	1,057	455	4.37
San Juan	208	24	1.49
Sevier	313	70	2.85
So. Sanpete	187	18	1.29
So. Summit	59	12	2.26
Tintic	21	*	*
Tooele	487	49	1.44
Uintah	312	62	2.13
Wasatch	188	39	2.59
Washington	846	74	1.11
Wayne	34	2	0.71
Weber	1,659	135	1.07
UTAH	25,725	4,050	1.93

EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL	
All current expenditures including food service revenue, Chapter 1 Funds, etc.	\$3,218
Utah	\$5,616
U.S.	4.87

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO	
Average daily attendance	22.5
Utah Average	16.0
U.S. Average	16.0

ALL DISTRICTS REPORTING	
12th grade (year end enrollment)	28,290
Graduates	25,725
Dropouts	1,400
Self-contained	203
Status unknown	962

* Data are zero, not available or not reported.

DROPOUT RATE	
Grade level	Annual event rate (percent)
9	0.66
10	2.38
11	3.83
12	4.87

Kindergarten through 12th grade

number
2,878

percent
0.62

ETHNIC REPRESENTATION	
African American	6,403
Native American /Alaskan Native	6,880
Asian	423,220
Caucasian	19,643
Hispanic	4,26
Pacific Islander	2,235
Total students of color	38,039
	8.24

COUNTY	Capacity	Center			Child Care			Child Care			School-age			Infant Care			Licensed Child Care		
		Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers	Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers	Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers	Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers	Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers	Providers	School-age Slots	Child Care Centers
CHILD CARE																			
Children needing child care - 1994 Projections																			
less than age 6	224,160	24	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	7	
6 - 11 years	221,726	4	1	85	4	0	4	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	1	
Specialists licensing and monitoring providers																			
Center providers	4	135	13	0	0	0	0	21	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	1	
Home care providers	19 full-time	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2,003	1	
	3 part-time	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2,039	1	
Licensed Family Day Care																	75	1	
Providers	2,710	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Number of slots	13,200	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Children enrolled	unknown	7	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1	
License Exempt Care																	33	1	
Providers (estimate)	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	
Contracts	unknown	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	
Children Receiving Subsidized Care - FY94 Forecast																	14,351	1	
Title IV-A & SPED	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Average per month	7,416	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Average cost per month	147.27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Low Income																	Rich	1	
Average per month	5,834	1,128	88	1,809	30	1,86	30	186	186	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,853	1	
Average cost per month	152.12	3	1	30	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wasatch	1	
<i>based on February '94 data</i>																			
HEAD START																	Utah	1	
Special education pre-school	2,690	80	6	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	1	
Head Start	.959	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	477	1	
TOTAL enrolled	3,649	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,204	1	
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wayne	1	
	275	28	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Weber	1	
	2,042	72	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	UTAH	1	

1993 - 1994 SCHOOL YEAR

District	Enrolled	Receiving Free Lunch	Reduced Price Lunch	Homeless Children & Youth	Migrant Children Enrolled	Expenditures per Student	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Teacher Salary	Bilingual Students	Low Income Students	Special Education
Alpine	41,601	6,829	4,409	267	417	2,868	28.70	29,048	732	6,229	1,038
Beaver	1,398	345	144	*	*	3,574	21.53	23,607	6	347	13
Box Elder	11,326	2,019	974	37	140	3,120	25.17	26,455	166	2,046	203
Cache	12,846	1,842	1,491	*	299	3,228	27.69	26,065	311	1,670	292
Carbon	5,067	1,422	373	150	*	3,700	24.28	24,920	25	1,352	126
Daggett	191	41	24	*	*	8,430	11.65	23,923	*	35	*
Davis	57,933	6,976	4,684	319	109	3,103	25.99	26,270	3,154	7,018	1,942
Duchesne	4,527	1,268	468	*	*	3,513	23.10	23,859	384	1,267	208
Emery	3,429	708	410	*	*	4,064	21.01	22,608	630	689	50
Garfield	1,140	305	171	*	*	4,299	20.13	23,831	15	305	10
Grand	1,603	568	102	100	*	3,667	20.28	23,378	54	481	35
Granite	79,209	15,451	6,560	1,091	*	3,021	25.85	28,668	5,301	14,772	2,994
Iron	5,858	1,522	493	258	66	3,308	25.10	25,879	36	1,459	25
Jordan	70,255	8,309	4,847	44	199	2,973	26.04	27,381	2,188	7,652	2,218
Juab	1,608	370	260	*	*	3,513	24.93	24,013	*	384	41
Kane	1,399	369	224	*	*	3,984	19.68	25,706	8	388	13
Logan	5,838	1,346	530	149	*	3,036	22.86	26,848	501	1,344	167
Millard	3,891	1,059	707	148	257	4,094	22.43	25,939	214	1,039	86
Morgan	2,004	195	272	*	*	3,235	25.42	25,915	46	197	22
Murray	6,821	852	424	1	*	3,164	24.50	26,400	116	831	225

1992 - 1993 SCHOOL YEAR

District	Enrolled	Receiving Free Lunch	Reduced Price Lunch	Homeless Children & Youth	Migrant Children Enrolled	Expenditures per Student	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Teacher Salary	Bilingual Students	Low Income Students	Special Education
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Carbon	5,067	1,422	373	150	*	3,700	24.28	24,920	25	1,352	126
Daggett	191	41	24	*	*	8,430	11.65	23,923	*	35	*
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Duchesne	4,527	1,268	468	*	*	3,513	23.10	23,859	384	1,267	208
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Garfield	1,140	305	171	*	*	4,299	20.13	23,831	15	305	10
Grand	1,603	568	102	100	*	3,667	20.28	23,378	54	481	35
Granite	79,209	15,451	6,560	1,091	*	3,021	25.85	28,668	5,301	14,772	2,994
Iron	5,858	1,522	493	258	66	3,308	25.10	25,879	36	1,459	25
Jordan	70,255	8,309	4,847	44	199	2,973	26.04	27,381	2,188	7,652	2,218
Juab	1,608	370	260	*	*	3,513	24.93	24,013	*	384	41
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Logan	5,838	1,346	530	149	*	3,036	22.86	26,848	501	1,344	167
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1993 - 1994 SCHOOL YEAR

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District	Enrolled	Reduced Free Lunch	Homeless Children & Youth	Migrant Children Enrolled	Expenditures per Student	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Teacher Salary	Bilingual Students	Low Income Student	Special Education
Nebo	17,871	3,562	2,507	82	116	2,918	26.78	27,413	229	3,264
No. Sanpete	2,426	806	321	17	260	3,464	23.15	23,903	67	788
No. Summit	976	107	79	*	*	3,865	21.09	27,228	*	97
Ogden	12,775	5,798	1,368	2,121	605	3,658	22.90	27,316	1,311	5,291
Park City	2,761	151	55	4	*	3,858	23.64	29,000	22	142
Plute	374	167	58	*	*	5,070	20.78	20,182	*	161
Provo	13,706	3,507	1,369	261	*	3,981	23.80	26,482	999	3,473
Rich	564	201	68	*	*	4,969	19.44	27,229	7	191
Salt Lake	25,698	9,698	1,818	2,594	*	3,674	23.47	30,354	3,798	9,225
San Juan	3,537	1,892	413	1,339	*	6,065	16.34	28,284	2,837	1,723
Sevier	4,914	1,386	705	*	*	3,668	25.56	24,615	2	1,274
So. Sanpete	2,975	929	361	10	*	3,123	23.89	24,437	107	926
So. Summit	1,148	158	83	*	*	4,425	23.11	24,622	*	154
Tintic	247	124	31	10	*	6,357	12.99	25,356	*	104
Tooele	7,334	1,635	782	112	*	3,647	24.37	25,135	937	1,442
Uintah	6,814	2,084	652	75	*	3,511	24.51	25,593	338	1,984
Wasatch	3,219	473	265	*	*	3,167	24.36	26,098	13	468
Washington	15,644	2,421	1,157	443	*	2,784	27.81	26,149	430	3,249
Wayne	590	225	107	7	*	5,141	18.47	23,052	*	207
Weber	27,158	3,303	2,608	30	see Ogden	3,193	27.02	27,109	63	3,328
UTAH	468,675	90,423	42,374	9,669	2,468	3,218	25.44	27,239	24,447	86,996

NOTES: * Data are zero, not available, or not reported.
** Does not include school lunch revenues, Chapter 1 funds, etc.

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*** Ratio = pupils (special education & K-weighted, excluding out-of-state students) to teachers (including interns and resource teachers).

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BEST COPY AVAILABLE

*** Includes Career Ladder

JUVENILE COURT		Cases Handled by Juvenile Court		16-18		YOUTH CORRECTIONS	
		Age Group yrs.	0-11	12-15		Different Youth Served	Avg. Nightly Bed Count
Misdemeanors & Infractions	31,848	Girls	420	5,184	3,195	Cache Attention/ Detention Center	8
Girls		Boys	2,461	16,701	15,162	Canyonlands Youth Home	5.7
Felony	Percentage with at least one referral to Juvenile Court during their teen years	Boys	43	687	372	Castle Country	5
Felonies	42.1%	Boys	558	4,358	3,627	Youth Center	4
Misdemeanors/infractions	9,990	Abuse, Neglect & Dependency (Victims)	926	446	120	Central Utah Youth Home	3.8
Juvenile Status	45,437	Girls	888	302	118	MOWEDA Youth Home	24
Traffic	12,134	Boys				Provo Youth Detention Center	6
Dependency, Abuse,Neglect (Victims)	3,176					St. George Youth Center	1.3
Top 10 Offenses	2,841					Salt Lake Detention	4
Substance abuse &/or related offenses						Southwest Utah Youth Center	0.1
Shoplifting	7,379					Uintah Basin Youth Center	0
Possession of Tobacco	7,177					Total	94
Theft	7,113						3,911
Destruction of Property	7,063	Identified gang members or associates	2,143			Case Managers	151
Burglary & Vehicle Burglary	5,270	Identified gangs	254			Average case load	149.3
Contempt of a Court Order	4,822	Age					
Curfew	4,603	Juvenile					
Misdemeanor Assault	3,576	Adult					
Rearrest	3,073	Gender					
	2,690	Male					
		Female					
Percent Growth - Top 8 (between 1992 and 1993)							
Curfew	28%	Cases by Jurisdiction					
Alcohol/drugs	24%	Midvale City					
Disorderly Conduct	18%	Murray City					
Tobacco possession	17%	Salt Lake City					
Out of state runaway	15%	S.L.County Sheriff's Office					
Receiving stolen property	13%	Sandy City					
Habitual truancy	10%	South Salt Lake City					
Total		University of Utah				Parole hearings	551
		West Jordan City				Parole hearings	114
Utah County Gang Project		West Valley City				On parole	172
Gang Related Reports		Total				Parole terminations	93
Gang Related Arrests						Average length of parole supervision	23
Number of Gangs							176
Gang Members							

JUVENILE CRIME ARRESTS

County	Violent Crime Arrests by Age (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault)						Selected Offenses, ages 9 through 17 years						Other sex offense
	9 yrs	10-12 yrs	13-14 yrs	15-16 yrs	17 yrs	10-17 yrs	Larceny/theft	Other Assault	Vandalism	Weapons	2	0	
Beaver	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	6	6	286	60	106	17
Box Elder	1	3	0	2	1	1	1	4	156	462	41	65	18
Cache	0	2	1	5	0	8	0	1	54	30	3	6	9
Carbon	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Daggett	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1,406	328	386	47
Davis	6	12	29	37	21	99	1,406	1,406	1,406	84	0	0	4
Duchesne	0	0	1	2	1	4	100	16	7	0	0	0	2
Emery	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	16	0	0	0	0	0
Garfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	0
Grand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	16	24	3	2
Iron	0	0	0	3	2	3	8	113	32	9	7	12	4
Juab	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21	5	24	4	4	4
Kane	0	1	3	3	3	10	30	3	12	0	2	0	0
Millard	1	1	1	2	0	4	27	8	8	0	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	1	1
Piute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rich	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	12	0	0	0
Salt Lake	19	66	170	230	109	575	5,992	1,418	458	205	458	205	44
San Juan	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
Sanpete	0	2	4	3	5	14	64	21	54	1	0	0	5
Sevier	2	2	2	8	0	12	207	33	65	0	5	5	2
Summit	0	0	0	8	2	10	50	5	3	5	5	5	8
Tooele	0	4	7	5	3	19	132	45	62	17	11	11	11
Uintah	0	0	0	4	2	6	204	31	39	9	5	5	5
Utah	0	11	32	39	13	95	1,734	218	469	75	61	61	61
Wasatch	0	0	0	3	0	3	33	22	7	3	3	3	3
Washington	1	6	2	6	4	18	442	50	115	23	19	19	19
Wayne	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	3	2	0	0	0
Weber	4	9	28	56	35	128	1,155	350	242	99	78	78	512
UTAH	35	122	286	421	205	1,034	12,697	2,866	3,162	830	0	0	0

MENTAL ILLNESS

Community Mental Health Centers

Number served:											
Day treatment	1,632										
Residential treatment	620										
Outpatient SED (caseload + admissions)	2,895										
Case management-estimate	500										
State Hospital	1-12	13-17	18-39	5							
Age	16										
Admissions	3										
Re-admissions											
Gender											
Female	3										
Male	9										
Race/ethnicity											
Caucasian	9										
Hispanic	1										
Native American	0										
Other	0										
Commitment status											
Voluntary/Parent	9										
Voluntary/DFS	6										
Voluntary/Self	0										
Juvenile Court	0										
Civil Commitment	1										
SED Diagnosis	14										
Schizophrenia	0										
Major Depression	3										
Dysthymia	1										
Conduct Disorder	2										
Oppositional/Defiant	3										
ADHD	5										
Other	1										
Not Yet Diagnosed	1										
Median Length of Stay	374										
Average Occupancy	20										
Combined Length/Stay	343										
Combined Avg Occupancy	68										

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HOSPITAL INPATIENT DISCHARGES

Children under age 18 †

Mental Diseases and Disorders (DRG 424-432)		Insurance status	number	percent		ALOS					
Self pay	0		0	0		0					
Charity	4		1.10	2.50							
Medicaid	114		31.40	22.36							
Other Government	25		6.89	54.36							
Other Insurance	199		54.82	22.34							
Unknown	21		5.79	34.90							
TOTAL	363		100.00	25.03							
Depressive Neuroses (DRG 426)		Self pay	5	1.47		49.00					
Charity	1		0.29	17.00							
Medicaid	77		22.58	22.62							
Other Government	18		5.28	43.89							
Other Insurance	228		66.86	15.97							
Unknown	12		3.52	17.00							
TOTAL	341		100.00	19.47							
Neuroses (DRG 427)		Self pay	2	1.14		16.50					
Charity	2		1.14	8.00							
Medicaid	57		32.57	22.54							
Other Government	14		8.00	45.21							
Other Insurance	93		53.14	17.84							
Unknown	7		4.00	65.14							
TOTAL	175		100.00	23.33							
Psychoses (DRG 430)		Self pay	13	0.79		10.46					
Charity	22		1.34	29.27							
Medicaid	304		18.58	20.34							
Other Government	107		6.54	49.27							
Other Insurance	1,061		64.85	17.51							
Unknown	129		7.89	70.74							
TOTAL	1,636		100.00	24.42							

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Drug & Alcohol Treatment Admissions

District											
Bear River											
Central Utah											
Davis County											
Four Corners											
Salt Lake County											
San Juan											
Southwest Utah											
Tooele County											
Uintah Basin											
U of U Clinic											
UAF											
Utah County											
Utah State Prison											
Valley Mental Health											
Wasatch County											
Weber County											
TOTAL	1,985		1,014								

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ADHD. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.	Dependency. Credible evidence that through no parental/caretaker fault a child is without food, shelter, supervision, or health care.	Expenditures per student. Charges incurred, whether paid or unpaid, which are presumed to benefit the school current fiscal year. For elementary/secondary schools, these include all expenditures for current outlays plus capital outlays and interest on school debt.
AFDC. Aid to Families with Dependent Children.	Dependency Ratio. The number of pre-school children (age 0-4), school age children (age 5-17) and retired people (age > =65) per 100 working age adults (age 18-64).	Family. A group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together.
AIDS. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.	DRG. Diagnostic Related Group.	Family Support. The division of Services for People with Disabilities defines Family Support as support to enable a family to meet the challenges of have a child/ren with a disability. Respite care provides parents with a temporary break. Assistive technology and equipment allow children to participate in all activities. Special training addresses the unique needs of the children or the family in order for them to live as much like other families as possible.
ALOS. Average length of stay.	Dropout. An individual in grades 7-12 who was enrolled in public school at some time during the previous school year; was not enrolled within five school days of the start of the current school year; has not graduated from high school or completed a state/district approved education program. The following are exclusions: transferred to another public school district, private school or state/district approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school approved illness; or death.	Fiscal Year. A twelve month accounting/budget cycle usually ending June 30 or for the Federal Government, September 30. Other government entities such as a city or county may have a different budget cycle.
Calendar Year. A twelve month period ending December 31.	Dropout Rate. The percentage of school dropouts under age 22 eligible to be enrolled in grades seven through twelve.	FY. See Fiscal Year
Career Ladder. A program which offers financial and career incentives for teachers to enhance their skills.	Dysphemia. Mental distress.	FFY. Federal Fiscal year, ending September 30.
CHEC. Child Health Evaluation and Care - see EPSDT.	Emergency Foster Care. An emergency short term placement of a child/youth in custody of the State while another placement is being arranged, generally because the youth has either left the foster home and will not be returning, or must be removed from the foster home and is awaiting replacement. Providers must be licensed and trained.	Group Home. A licensed facility which provides care and treatment for more than six children or youth, generally through purchase of a service contract.
Chapter 1. Federally funded education program created by Part A, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Provides financial assistance to schools to meet the educational needs of low income or neglected children.	Child Foster Care. A temporary service for children who have been removed from their parent's home due to serious neglect, abuse, abandonment, or are otherwise dependent and in need of care. The State is given legal custody either through a voluntary agreement with the parents (for 90 days) or by a court order. This term may also refer to Basic Foster Care, a level of foster care in which foster parents provide parental supervision and care. The providers must be licensed and trained.	HIV. Human Immune Deficiency Virus
Children Group Homes. A group setting with a home-like atmosphere. This out-of-home placement is for children requiring twenty-four hour medical and/or supervised care from trained staff.	EPSDT. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment.	Household. Includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit.
CY. See Calendar Year		Independent Living. Services provided to 16-18 year old youth in custody of the State to prepare them for eventual self-sufficiency, and to help those not returning home to transition to living on their own when custody is terminated.

Juvenile. A person less than 18 years of age.

PID. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease.

Professional Parent. Out-of-home placement with a family which has specialized training to care for a disabled child. A professional parent provides the most home-like environment. Efforts are made to encourage and enable the natural parents to be reunited with their child.

Respite Care and Family Support. Respite care provides temporary relief or rest for parents dealing with the extra demands of a child with special medical, physical, emotional, or educational needs. Care may be provided by friends, relatives or respite care providers, in the individual's home, in the provider's home or in an approved facility. This care may be provided on an hourly basis up to 6 hours a day, or on a 24 hour basis. Ideally, respite care is provided by specially trained individuals who understand the needs of disabled individuals.

SED. Serious emotional disturbance is a functional definition that describes intense problems persisting over time, one year or longer, covering many life areas, such as family, school, peers, health, etc.

SPMI. Serious and persistent mental illness is a functional definition that describes a severe emotional and behavioral disorder in children causing life distress in several domains and requiring intensive mental health treatment.

SIDS. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Shelter Care. An emergency placement provided in a licensed home for children in imminent danger from abuse, neglect, or parental absence. A court hearing is required if the placement is longer than 24 hours.

SPED. Single Parent Employment Demonstration Project.

Special Education Students. Children evaluated with the following impairments and needing special education and services: deaf/hard of hearing, deaf/blind, mentally retarded, multi-handicapped, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, seriously emotionally disturbed (SED), specific learning disabled, speech and language impaired, visually impaired, and homebound or hospitalized.

STD. Sexually transmitted disease.

Title IV-A. Amendment to the Social Security Act providing states with funding for public assistance programs.

UAF. Utah Alcoholism Foundation, Salt Lake City.

Uninsured. Adults and children not covered by health insurance. Health insurance includes private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance. Based on Department of the Treasury definition.

USDC. Utah State Developmental Center. A state operated facility which provides active intensive treatment and training to people with mental retardation. Children are now served in the community.

WIC. Women, Infants and Children food program.

Working Family. Families, including unrelated individuals, in which either the reference person or spouse is employed. Based on Department of the Treasury definition.

Make a Difference for Children

CILDREN'S ACTION NETWORK

Utah Children has developed a list of individuals and organizations committed to making a difference for children. The computer-based network makes possible the following activities: linking persons concerned about similar issues; sharing information; and action alerts on pending policy or legislative issues.

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YES...

- I support the *Pledge to Our Children*
 - I want to be part of the *Children's Action Network*
 - Send membership information
- I want to be a force for change in...
- Child abuse prevention
 - Child care
 - Foster care
 - Health care services for children
 - AFDC - income supports for poor families
 - Child support
 - Divorce impact on children
 - Juvenile justice
 - Mental health
 - Education
 - Adoption
 - Children with disabilities

Other: _____

The following organization:

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- I provide direct services to children
 - I work for government
 - I am an elected official
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Name _____

Address _____

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A PLEDGE TO OUR CHILDREN

Utah Children has chosen this theme to unify and mobilize Utah child advocates. The Board of Trustees considered a number of approaches. A Bill of Rights was too legalistic. A dream...a vision...a promise were all too vague. We have chosen the word *pledge* because it implies commitment and looking to the future. We have selected words and phrases to cover the breadth of children's needs. We believe the pledge, with the endorsement of many individuals and groups, will provide a reference point for specific initiatives by Utah citizens in future years.

I want to be involved through...

- KIDS COUNT regional meetings
- KIDS COUNT statewide conference
- Writing letters
- Making phone calls
- Serving on a committee
- Speaking to groups
- Office work
- Endorsement
- Legislative monitoring

I represent...

- Myself

The following organization:

Finally we pledge to guard our children's liberty, rights and dignity.

Utah Children was founded in 1985 by individuals concerned about children whose parents are least able to nurture and provide for them. Our goal is to encourage preventive investment in children before they get sick, get into trouble, drop out of school or suffer family breakdown. Our work complements direct services for children by providing a bridge between community programs and state policy-making.

Utah Children seeks to: 1) improve and increase the effectiveness of the public systems charged with the protection of abused, neglected and foster children; 2) assure children have adequate nutrition, health care, child care and monetary support from their absent parents; and 3) assure that safe, quality child care is available to all children.

METHODS

Research - Issue identification and policy analysis

Education - Sharing factual information

Publications - Quarterly newsletter and topical papers

Legislative Reports - Reports and presentations

Speakers Bureau - Tailored presentations

Advocacy Consultation - Strategy development

Networking - Bridges for communities

Recognition - Annual outstanding service award

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Utah Children's work is guided by a board of trustees representing a wide range of backgrounds and expertise. Staff is responsible for program activities. Volunteers assist with research, advocacy, mass mailings, and other activities. University interns are placed periodically at Utah Children. Ad hoc committees are convened as needed to study, consult and advise the board and staff on pertinent issues affecting families and children and to recommend actions and strategies for improving services to children and their families.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A statewide organization speaking out for the interests of children
- Coordinate advocacy efforts for children
- Nine publications and three position papers
- *Rights, Responsibilities, Relationships, Children's rights handbook for Utah*
- Statewide advocacy conference annually since 1990
- Utah KIDS COUNT grantee
- Improved outcomes for at-risk children
 - treatment of handicapped infants and toddlers
 - reforms in child welfare and foster care
 - more child welfare workers
 - expanded guardian ad litem program
 - establishment of office of child care
 - lower child/provider ratios in child care
 - increased training for child care providers
 - better collaboration among state agencies

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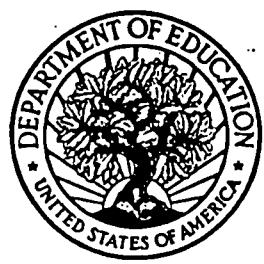
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