



Child Wellbeing in States with High Immigrant Populations

Of the states in the top quintile for having the highest population of children in immigrant families, Texas is the only state that also ranks in the top quintile for the highest percentage of children living in poverty.

States with the Highest Percentage of Children in Immigrant Families	Rank for Child Poverty Rate (1 is highest % poor; 50 is lowest % poor)
California	25 (tied)
Nevada	35
New York	15
New Jersey	44
Arizona	12
Texas	7
Florida	25 (tied)
Hawaii	48
Rhode Island	25 (tied)
Illinois	25 (tied)

States with the Highest Levels of Child Poverty	Rank for Children in Immigrant Families (1 is highest; 50 is lowest)
Mississippi	50
Louisiana	43
Arkansas	30
New Mexico	17
Alabama	42
Kentucky	46
Texas	6
Tennessee	37
West Virginia	49
Oklahoma	29

SOURCES: Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, 2007: "[Children in Immigrant Families \(percent\) 2007](#)" and "[Children in Poverty \(percent\) 2007](#)"



Child Wellbeing in States with Low “Tax Burdens”

Texas ranks near the bottom in child wellbeing. A strong predictor of child wellbeing is states’ levels of public investment. One way of measuring these investments is the so-called “tax burden.” Of the states in the bottom quintile for “tax burden,” seven also are in the top quintile for child poverty.

States at the Bottom for “Tax Burden” (Per Capita Spending on Federal, State, and Local Taxes)	Rank for Child Poverty Rate (1 is highest % poor; 50 is lowest % poor)
Oklahoma	10
Alabama	5
Alaska	45
Mississippi	1
Tennessee	7 (tied)
New Mexico	4
Louisiana	2
South Dakota	25
Idaho	34
Texas	7 (tied)

States with the Highest Levels of Child Poverty	Rank for “Tax Burden” (1 is highest; 50 is lowest)
Mississippi	47
Louisiana	44
Arkansas	32
New Mexico	45
Alabama	49
Kentucky	34
Texas	41
Tennessee	46
West Virginia	40
Oklahoma	50

SOURCES: Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, 2007: “[Children in Poverty \(percent\) 2007](#)”; Every Child Matters “[Geography Matters](#),” citing tax burden data from the [Tax Foundation](#), “State and Tax Burdens Compared to Other States, 2007.” For [Per Capita Personal Income](#), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.