

CT Kids Report Card:

Results Based Accountability in Action

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The Select Committee on Children of the Connecticut legislature is building this report card on the state of the state's kids, which is required by [Public Act 11-109](#). A wide-ranging group of people who care strongly about making things better for every child in Connecticut is helping us. We are using Results-Based Accountability (RBA), a data-based tool for getting from talk to action, to track how our children are doing and identify ways to achieve better outcomes. Ultimately, we want the CT Kids Report Card to become a guide for policy, program, and budget decisions that promote the well-being of all Connecticut children.

Our Desired Result:

All Connecticut children grow up in stable environments, safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

Right now, four key indicators related to children's health, safety, stability, and future success are highlighted on this page. Click on the icon for each domain. The arrow symbols you see at the bottom of each indicator chart show if the most recent changes are going in a positive (green) or negative (red) direction. In the future, you will be able to find many additional "headline" (or primary) and related secondary indicators about the well-being of Connecticut children on this webpage. We are still working on finding, refining, adding and explaining data. But we already know that despite our state's generally positive overall trends, when we look at results data by race, ethnicity, age, gender, income and other important characteristics, we often see a very different picture.

Our goal is to make the CT Kids Report Card website a centralized source of data that can be used by the public, as well as policymakers, service providers, and other partners, to increase accountability and transparency. Most important, we expect the report card to help the state achieve the best results possible for all Connecticut children by answering: how much are we doing; how well are we doing it; is anyone better off; and what can we do to do better?

STABLE



The stable domain includes a number of indicators related to children growing up in a stable environment, and are reflective of three dimensions of a stable family: environment, parental engagement, and child resilience. The spotlight indicator, displayed in this report card, is the **percentage of students who are chronically absent from school**.



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SAFE



The safety domain includes a number of indicators related to child safety that are reflective of behaviors, life circumstances, and geography. The spotlight indicator, displayed in this report card, is the **rate of abuse and neglect for all children in Connecticut**.



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HEALTHY



The healthy domain includes a number of indicators related to child health that are reflective of prenatal care, medical care, nutrition, behaviors, environmental factors and behavioral health. The spotlight indicator, displayed in this report card, is the **low birth rate for single, live births in Connecticut**.



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FUTURE SUCCESS



The future success domain includes a number of indicators related to educational milestones, employment readiness and economic well-being. The spotlight indicator, displayed in this report card, reflects the **percentage of Connecticut third-graders who are reading at or above goal in reading, as measured by the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)**.



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Why RBA

- Increased accountability
- Better results
- Targets spending to programs that work
- Helps us turn the curve in under-performing systems

Results Statement

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Indicators

- STABLE: The stable domain includes a number of indicators related to children growing up in a stable environment, and are reflective of three dimensions of a stable family: environment, parental engagement, and child resilience.
- Headline Indicators:
 - Chronic Absenteeism
 - Families without a parent employed full time
 - Families with disproportionately high rent
 - Families without enough money for food

Indicators

- SAFETY: The safety domain includes a number of indicators related to child safety that are reflective of behaviors, life circumstances, and geography.
- Headline Indicators:
 - Children referred to Juvenile Court
 - Child Abuse and Neglect
 - Unexpected Deaths
 - Emergency Room visits for injuries

Indicators

- HEALTHY The healthy domain includes a number of indicators related to child health that are reflective of prenatal care, medical care, nutrition, behaviors, environmental factors and behavioral health.
- Headline Indicators:
 - Low Birth Weight Babies
 - Childhood Obesity
 - Children with Health Insurance

Indicators

- FUTURE SUCCESS: The future success domain includes a number of indicators related to educational milestones, employment readiness and economic well-being.
- Headline Indicators:
 - On-time High School Graduation
 - Third Grade Reading Level
 - Children living in Poverty
 - Kindergartners needing substantial help in school