

KIDS COUNT News



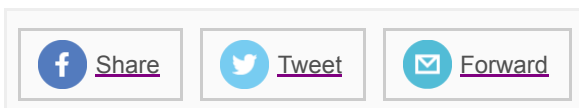
Millions of Kids Feel Unsafe in Their Own Neighborhood

In the United States, 6% of children — or 4.4 million kids — reportedly live in unsafe areas, according to 2015–2016 data.

The likelihood that children do not feel safe in their home community varies by location. Rates range from a low of 2% in North Dakota and Minnesota to 10% in California and New York.

Race and ethnicity also make a difference. African-American and Latino children are three times more likely than their white peers to feel unsafe in their own neighborhood, while Asian and Pacific Islander children are twice as likely to feel this way.

[Learn how perceptions of safety affect child development in your community.](#)

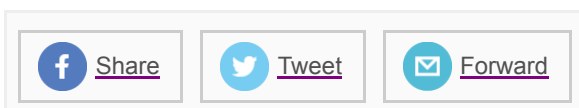


Only 8 in 10 Kids Have Had Preventive Dental Care

Across America, 54 million children received preventive dental care in the last year, according to 2015–2016 data. This total represents 79% of kids nationwide.

Healthy teeth help kids maintain better self-esteem, nutrition and overall health, according to experts. Yet the likelihood that a child has teeth in excellent or very good condition varies nationwide.

[Learn the percentage of kids with healthy teeth in your state](#)



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