

Moments in America for Children

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Every 2 seconds during the school year a public school student receives an out-of-school suspension.*

Every 9 seconds during the school year a public high school student drops out.*

Every 20 seconds a baby is born to an unmarried mother.

Every 21 seconds a child is arrested.

Every 30 seconds during the school year a public school student is corporally punished.*

Every 32 seconds a baby is born into poverty.

Every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected.

Every 62 seconds a baby is born into extreme poverty.

Every 70 seconds a baby is born without health insurance.

Every 1-and-a-half minutes a baby is born to a teen mother.

Every 1-and-a-half minutes a baby is born at low birthweight.

Every 3-and-a-half minutes a child is arrested for a drug offense.

Every 8 minutes a child is arrested for a violent offense.

Every 22 minutes a baby dies before his or her first birthday.

Every hour a child or teen dies from an accident.

Every 3 hours and 15 minutes a child or teen is killed by guns.

Every 4-and-a-half hours a child commits suicide.

Every 5-and-a-half hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect.

Every 11 hours a baby's mother dies due to complications from pregnancy or childbirth.

*Based on 180 school days a year. See Endnotes in The State of America's Children 2014 for citations. –
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Each Day in America

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2 mothers die in childbirth.

4 children are killed by abuse or neglect.

5 children or teens commit suicide.

7 children or teens are killed by guns.

24 children or teens die from accidents. 66 babies die before their first birthdays.

187 children are arrested for violent crimes.

408 children are arrested for drug crimes.

838 public school students are corporally punished.*

847 babies are born to teen mothers.

865 babies are born at low birthweight.

1,241 babies are born without health insurance.

1,392 babies are born into extreme poverty.

1,837 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.

2,723 babies are born into poverty.

2,857 high school students drop out.*

4,028 children are arrested.

4,408 babies are born to unmarried mothers.

16,244 public school students are suspended.*

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