

Moments in America for Children Children's Defense Fund 2021

Number of Children Percent of the Child Population	All Children 73,039,150 100%
A public school student is suspended*	Every 2 seconds
Conditions lead a high school student to drop out*	Every 9 seconds
A child is arrested	Every 45 seconds
A child is confirmed abused or neglected	Every 48 seconds
A public school student is corporally punished*	Every 49 seconds
A baby is born into poverty	Every 1 minute
A baby is born without health insurance	Every 2 minutes
A baby is born into extreme poverty	Every 2 minutes
A baby is born at low birthweight	Every 2 minutes
A child is arrested for a drug offense	Every 6.5 minutes
A child is arrested for a violent offense	Every 12 minutes
A baby dies before their first birthday	Every 25 minutes
A child or teen dies from an accident	Every hour and 11 minutes
A child or teen is injured with a gun	Every 2 hours and 36 minutes
A child or teen dies by suicide	Every 3 hours and 11 minutes
A child is killed by abuse or neglect	Every 5 hours
A mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancy	Every 11 hours and 40 minutes