

Girls' Well-Being: West Virginia vs. the United States

The State of Girls 2017

The State of Girls is the first research report to focus on the health and well-being of the 26 million girls living in the United States. The third edition of this report by the Girl Scout Research Institute focuses on changing demographics; economic, physical, and emotional health; education; and extracurricular/out-of-school time activities.

This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of girls living in West Virginia, compared with girls living in the U.S.

Education 79% West 67% 67% Virginia 64% 61% United 53% States 3% 2% Girls ages 16-19 Girls ages 3-4 Eighth-grade girls Fourth-grade who are high who are not girls who are not who are not school dropouts enrolled in proficient in proficient in preschool reading math

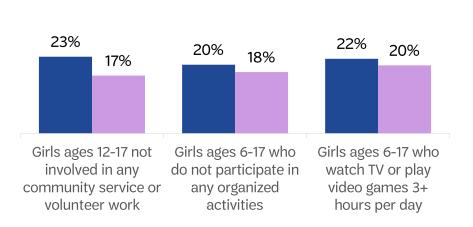
West Virginia State Ranking



The state ranking is based on 13 national measures of girls' well-being.*

Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities

■ West Virginia ■ United States

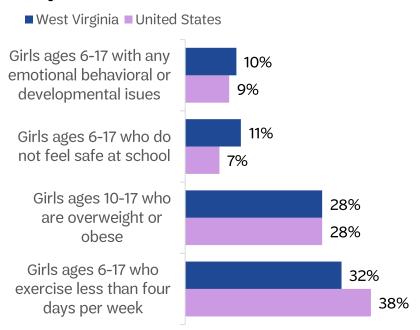


Top ranked states for girls' well-being:

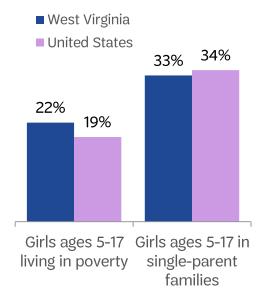
- 1. New Hampshire
- 2. Utah
- 3. Minnesota
- 4. Vermont
- 5. South Dakota
- 6. Massachusetts
- 7. Nebraska
- 8. Connecticut
- 9. Maine
- 10. North Dakota



Physical and Emotional Health



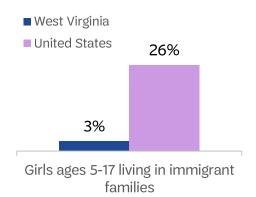
Economic Well-Being



Girls' Race/Ethnicity

| | West Virginia | United States |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| White | 90% | 51% |
| Latina | 2% | 25% |
| Multiracial | 4% | 4% |
| American Indian | 0% | 1% |
| Asian | 1% | 5% |
| Black | 4% | 14% |

Girls' Immigrant Status



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Source: PRB analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). ACS, NSCH, and NAEP estimates are based on surveys of the population and are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. These measures represent the most recent data gathered from national and government sources for the period 2012–2015.

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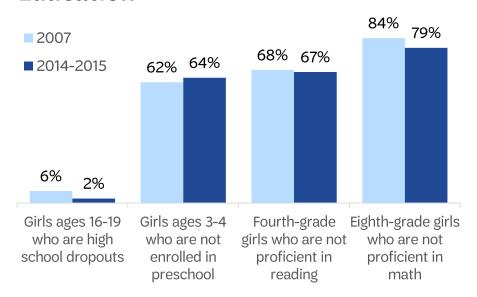
Girls' Well-Being in West Virginia: 2007 – Present

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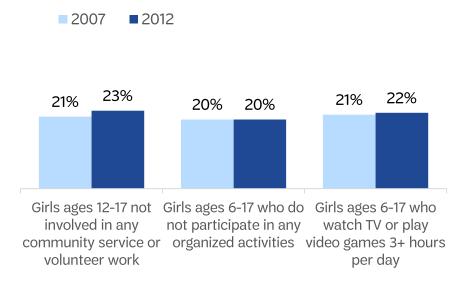
This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of the 135,481 girls ages 5 to 17 living in West Virginia across two time points: before and after the Great Recession, which took place from 2007 to 2009.

Education



The population of girls living in West Virginia dropped to 135,481 in 2014 from 139,681 in 2007.

Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities



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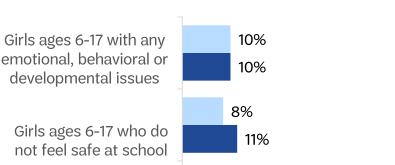
| girls' well-being: | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>2007</u> | <u> 2016</u> | |
| 1. Vermont | 1. New Hampshire | |
| 2. Minnesota | 2. Utah | |
| 3. New Jersey | 3. Minnesota | |
| 4. Utah | 4. Vermont | |
| 5. New Hampshire | 5. South Dakota | |
| 6. Connecticut | 6. Massachusetts | |
| 7. Massachusetts | 7. Nebraska | |
| 8. North Dakota | 8. Connecticut | |
| 9. Wyoming | 9. Maine | |
| 10.Wisconsin | 10.North Dakota | |
| 40.West Virginia | 38. West Virginia | |

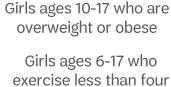
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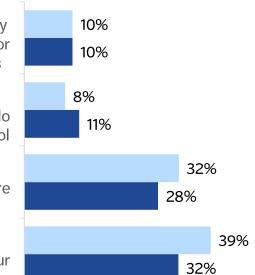
2007 ■ 2012

Physical and Emotional Health



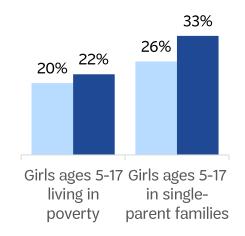


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Economic Well-Being

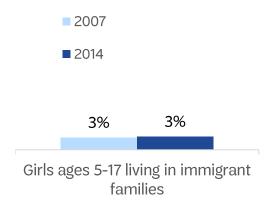




Girls' Race/Ethnicity

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