

Utah Children & Youth Fiscal Map

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What Is a Fiscal Map?

A fiscal map is a powerful tool that provides a detailed analysis of how funding is allocated for certain services. The Utah fiscal map captures state and federal investments, offering a clear view of where money is spent. Some maps may also include private (philanthropic), county, or city investments. Fiscal maps can be created for different scopes like cities and counties, or for entire states.

Why Utah Needs a Fiscal Map for Children and Youth

Fiscal maps help ensure actions and investments align with values. As a state, our #1 value is children and families, therefore, Utah has a vested interest in making sure our investments align with this value. The Utah Children and Youth Fiscal Map can inform decision-making and future strategic public financing for children and youth. It can help elected officials, public sector employees, advocates, and other state and community members understand our state's strengths and pinpoint areas for improvement in serving our children and youth.

This clarity will drive better policy decisions and more effective use of resources.

Key Questions Answered by this Fiscal Map

WHO INVESTS
HOW MUCH
AND IN WHAT?

HOW MUCH ARE WE
ALREADY INVESTING
IN OUR KIDS?

Utah Quick Facts

- Roughly **40%** of Utah's population is under the age of 25, compared to **32%** of the national population, making Utah the "youngest" state in the nation.
- Total population age 0-24: **1,337,888**
- In 2022, **8.4%** of Utahns under age 18 were living in poverty.
- **10.6%** of Utahns age 18-24 did not graduate from high school or an equivalent.
- **38%** of renters in Utah pay over 1/3 of their income in rent.
- **96.1%** of Utahns age 5-17 are enrolled in school, either public or private.

*United States Census Bureau 2022 American Community Survey tables.





What's in Utah's Children & Youth Fiscal Map?

Utah's fiscal map provides data about how Utah funds are targeted to specific outcomes, services, age groups, and populations.

Funds are divided into five outcome categories:



Educated



Healthy



Connected And Supported



Safe



Employed

There are four levels of intervention:



Positive Child and Youth Development



Basic Services



Intervention



Prevention

This fiscal map includes federal and state operating appropriations, including Medicaid, that supported children and youth ages 0-24 in Utah for fiscal years 2019-2022. This fiscal map excludes facilities and other expenses and appropriations, transportation, housing programs not specifically for children and youth 0-24, general support, and individual grants less than \$1,000.

Details regarding outcome category definitions, intervention levels, program and service eligibility and criteria, and proxy measures can be found in the "Methodology" section of the fiscal map (page 13).

How to Use the Fiscal Map

This fiscal map provides critical information that can spur improved outcomes for children in the following ways:

Align investments with goals

Understand how current investments align or don't align with policy goals and the needs of children in our state.

Identify funding opportunities

Discover where additional funds are needed.

Forecast gaps and issues

Understand how current investments align or don't align with policy goals and the needs of children in our state.

Examine equal opportunity

Ensure funding is adequately distributed and addresses disparities.

Guide philanthropic giving

Direct use of private funds to fill gaps left by public funds.

We created the Utah Children and Youth Fiscal Map in collaboration with Children's Funding Project. Children's Funding Project is a nonprofit social impact organization that helps communities, states, and Native nations expand equitable opportunities for children and youth through strategic public financing. For more information childrensfundingproject.org.