

# Oklahoma Baby Diaper Facts

Compiled by the National Diaper Bank Network

Diapers are as essential to a baby's healthy development as a mother's love. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy is key to building a solid foundation for all children to reach their full potential. But many babies don't have the clean diapers they need.

## Oklahoma's Children Need Diapers

### Oklahoma

**159,114**

Total population under age 3

**17%**

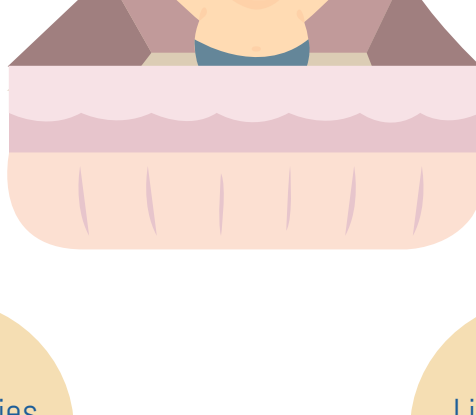
of children under age 18 are infants or toddlers

**28%**

Live in families earning less than 100% of FPL

**23%**

Live in families earning 100% to 200% of FPL



### United States

**11,957,307**

Total population under age 3

**16%**

of children under age 18 are infants or toddlers

**20%**

Live in families earning less than 100% of FPL

**21%**

Live in families earning 100% to 200% of FPL

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## Oklahoma's Babies Need Strong Foundations

Children in low-income families are at greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families can't afford diapers. Current public support programs help some, but young children have additional needs necessary to build a strong foundation for healthy growth and to reach their fullest potential.

Percentage of SNAP Recipients Under Age 5

**16%**

**14%**



Percentage of WIC Recipients that are Infants

**23.1**

**23%**

**23**

**23%**

Percentage of Births Covered by Medicaid

**60%**

**48%**

Percentage of TANF Families with at least one child under age 3

**32%**

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Legend: Oklahoma (light blue), United States (dark blue)

## Diapers Are Essential to the Well-Being of Oklahoma's Families

**57%**

Oklahoma

**63%**

United States

Mothers in the workforce with infants

Most working parents rely on child care. Most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Without child care, parents can't work or attend school.

Cost of Infant Care as a Percentage of Income

Oklahoma

**9%**

Two-Parent Households

United States

**12%**

**30%**

Single-Parent Households

**42%**

## Early Education Supports Help Oklahoma's Children

Of the **149,986** infants, toddlers, and mothers who participate in Early Head Start,

**2,925**

are from Oklahoma

Children Under Age 3 Receive Federal Child Care Support

**33%**

**28%**

Legend: Oklahoma (light blue), United States (dark blue)

## TANF & Diapers in Oklahoma

An average monthly supply of diapers costs approximately \$80. The only federal assistance program that can be used for diapers is TANF, but TANF has to cover many other expenses, including heat, electric and water bills, rent, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs. Little if any money is available to purchase enough diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

Max Benefit for Family of 1 Parent & 2 Children

**\$292**

**\$457**

Legend: Oklahoma (blue), US Average (green)

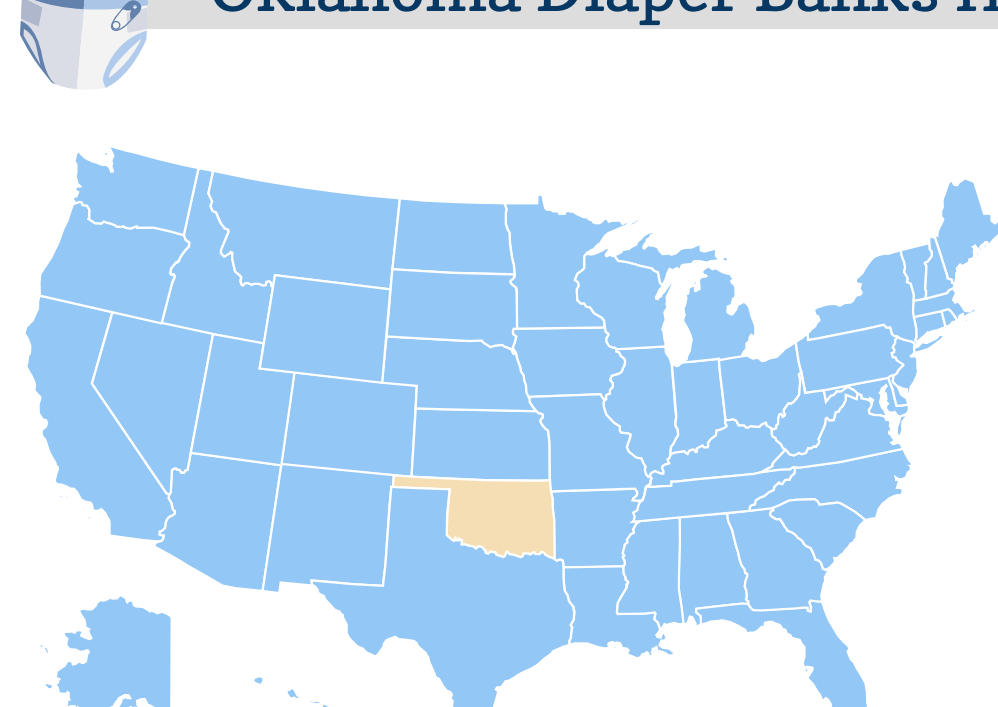
Diaper Costs Compared to Benefit

In Oklahoma, there is a 4-month exemption from the work-related activity requirement after the birth of a child for single parent households receiving TANF payments.



Legend: Diapers (27.40%), Everything else (72.60%)

## Oklahoma Diaper Banks Help Fill the Gap



Oklahoma has

**2**

NDBN-member diaper banks distributing

**1,698,357**

diapers annually!

The National Diaper Bank Network's goal is to ensure that every child in the United States has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Diaper banks across the country are working to eliminate diaper need by providing families with diapers.

Nationally there are **300+** NDBN-member diaper banks distributing over

**52 million** diapers annually!

All diaper banks require community support and donations of diapers and dollars to allow them to serve their communities.



Learn how you can help at [NationalDiaperBankNetwork.org](http://NationalDiaperBankNetwork.org)



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