



## Alabama

## Diaper Need and Its Impact

**What is Diaper Need?** Diaper need is the inability to provide a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

A study of families who received diapers July 2021 through April 2022 from **Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank** examined the impact of diaper need. The study found that when families receive diapers, **more families are able to work or attend school, healthcare spending is reduced, and children are healthier.**

### Alabama: Who's at Risk of Diaper Need \*

Total Population Under Age 3	<b>163,252</b>	WIC Recipients that are Infants	<b>27%</b>
Infants and Toddlers living at <100% FPL	<b>22%</b>	SNAP Recipients Under Age 5	<b>13%</b>
Infants and Toddlers living at <200% FPL	<b>47%</b>	Families on TANF with a Child Under Age 3	<b>27%</b>
TANF Monthly Benefit Family of 3	<b>\$215</b>	Births Cover by Medicaid	<b>50%</b>
Monthly Diaper Cost as % of TANF	<b>37%</b>	Minimum Hourly Wage in Alabama	<b>No Requirement</b>

\* Sources: US Census, USDA, HHS, DOL, Kaiser Family Foundation

### Households Using Diaper Banks



- **163 Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank** recipients surveyed.
- **80%** of families receiving diapers have received diapers for one year or less.
- **67%** of families anticipated they would need future support for one year or less.
- **68%** reported income less than \$25,000.
- **92%** reported income less than \$50,000.
- Of families surveyed, **78%** of children were insured by Medicaid and **7%** of children were uninsured.

### Impact on Employment



- **81%** of families receiving diapers from **Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank** are working and still are unable to afford an adequate supply of diapers.
- **6%** of adults are working two or more jobs and still struggling to afford diapers.
- **15%** of households had an adult enrolled in a school or job training program. As educational attainment rises, wages increase and unemployment rates fall.

### Impact on Healthcare & Illness



Families reported that after receiving diapers from **Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank**, their children experienced:

- **fewer** cases of diaper rash and severe diaper rash.
- **fewer** cases of urinary tract infections.
- **fewer** visits to their pediatrician, urgent care, emergency room, and hospital admissions for diaper-related illnesses.

### Impact on Childcare



- **100%** of childcare providers required families to provide diapers.
- **73%** of families using childcare rely on childcare so an adult in their household can go to work.
- **98%** of children enrolled attend 3+ days per week.
- **1 in 10** families use childcare to allow an adult to attend school or a job training program.

Source: National Diaper Bank Network-funded research conducted in partnership with 65 U.S. diaper banks. For more information visit [nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS](http://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS).