

 **Nebraska**

**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 the **Nebraska 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.**

**Nebraska: Who's at Risk of Diaper Need \***

Total Population Under Age 3	<b>70,638</b>	WIC Recipients that are Infants	<b>26%</b>
Infants and Toddlers living at <100% FPL	<b>12%</b>	SNAP Recipients Under Age 5	<b>14%</b>
Infants and Toddlers living at <200% FPL	<b>33%</b>	Families on TANF with a Child Under Age 3	<b>30%</b>
TANF Monthly Benefit Family of 3	<b>\$485</b>	Births Cover by Medicaid	<b>35%</b>
Monthly Diaper Cost as % of TANF	<b>16%</b>	Minimum Hourly Wage in Nebraska	<b>\$10.50</b>

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

**Households Using Diaper Banks**



- **82 Nebraska Diaper Bank** recipients surveyed.
- **74%** of families receiving diapers have received diapers for one year or less.
- **33%** of families anticipated they would need future support for one year or less.
- **35%** reported income less than \$25,000.
- **94%** reported income less than \$50,000.
- Of families surveyed, **90%** of children were insured by Medicaid and **4%** of children were uninsured.

**Impact on Employment**



- **100%** of families receiving diapers from the **Nebraska Diaper Bank** are working and still are unable to afford an adequate supply of diapers.
- **9%** of adults are working two or more jobs and still struggling to afford diapers.
- **20%** 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 the **Nebraska 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.
- **100%** of families using childcare rely on childcare so an adult in their household can go to work.
- **96%** of children enrolled attend 3+ days per week.
- **4 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).