



# North Carolina 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 one in three families struggles to provide clean diapers for their baby.

## North Carolina's Children Need Diapers

### North Carolina

**365,273**

Total Population  
Under Age 3

### United States

**11,936,322**

Total Population  
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**16%**  
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**20%**  
Live in families  
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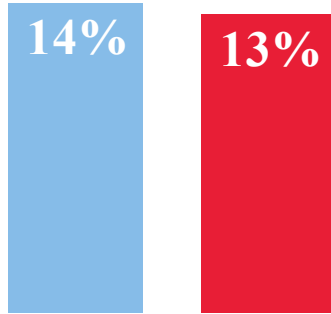
**22%**  
Live in families  
earning 100%  
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\* FPL = Federal Poverty Level

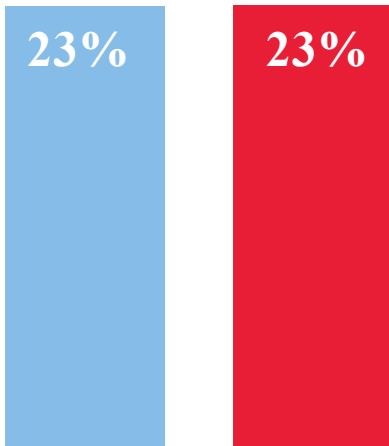
# North Carolina's Babies Need Strong Foundations

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 full potential.

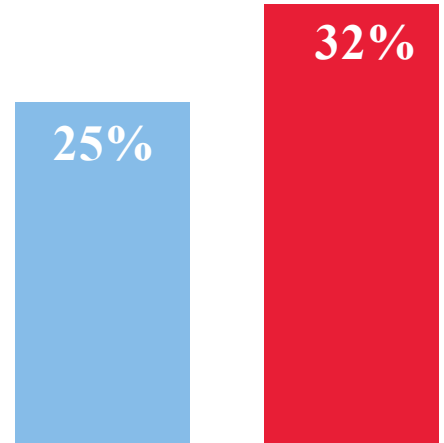
### Percentage of SNAP Recipients Under Age 5



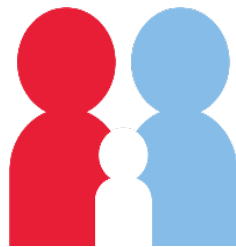
### Percentage of WIC Recipients that Are Infants



### Percentage of TANF Families with at Least One Child Under Age 3



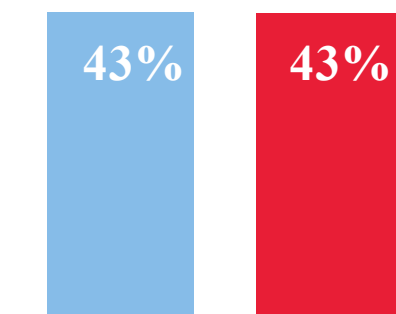
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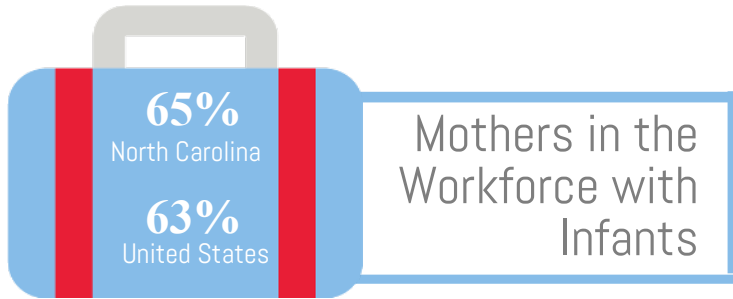
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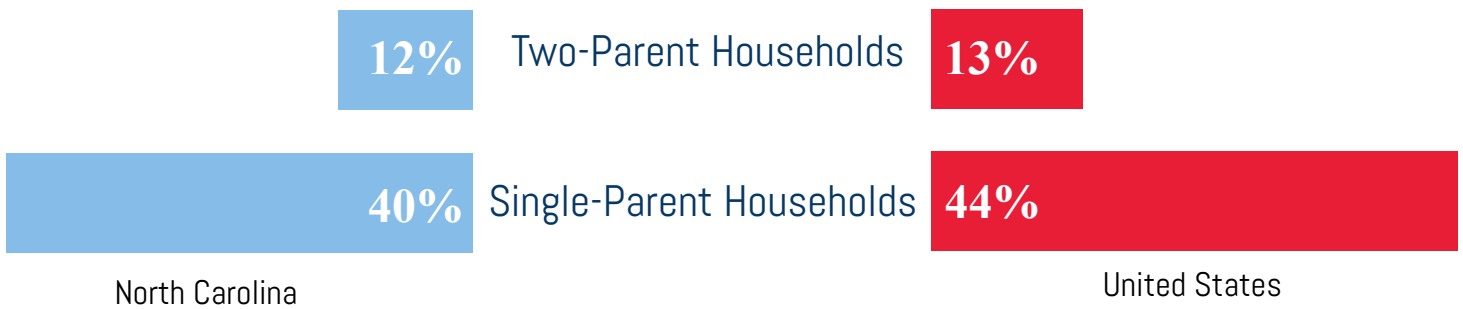
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# Diapers Are Essential to the Well-Being of North Carolina's Families



Most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Nationally, 57% of parents experiencing diaper need who rely on child care said they missed an average of four days of school or work in the past month because they didn't have diapers.

## Cost of Infant Care as a Percentage of Income



# Early Education Programs Help North Carolina's Children

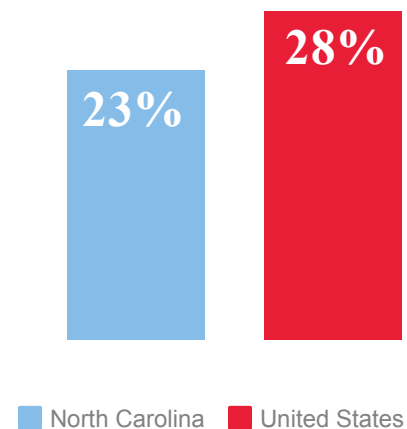
Early Head Start provides child and family development services for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Center-based EHS programs provide diapers for infants and toddlers. Other federally funded child care assistance programs don't. For families enrolled in the latter, not having access to diapers removes a key building block for strong families. Without diapers a parent cannot go to work, and not working disqualifies a parent from vital child care resources.

Nationwide, **154,352** infants, toddlers, and mothers participate in Early Head Start.

**4,214** are from North Carolina.



## Children Under Age 3 Receiving Federal Child Care Support



■ North Carolina ■ United States

# TANF & Diapers in North Carolina

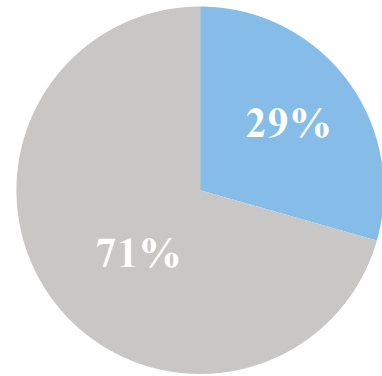
An average monthly supply of diapers costs approximately \$80. The only federal assistance program that can be used for diapers is TANF, but TANF has to cover many other expenses, including heat, electric and water bills, rent, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs. Little if any money is available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

Max Benefit for Family of 3  
(1 Parent & 2 Children)



■ North Carolina ■ US Average

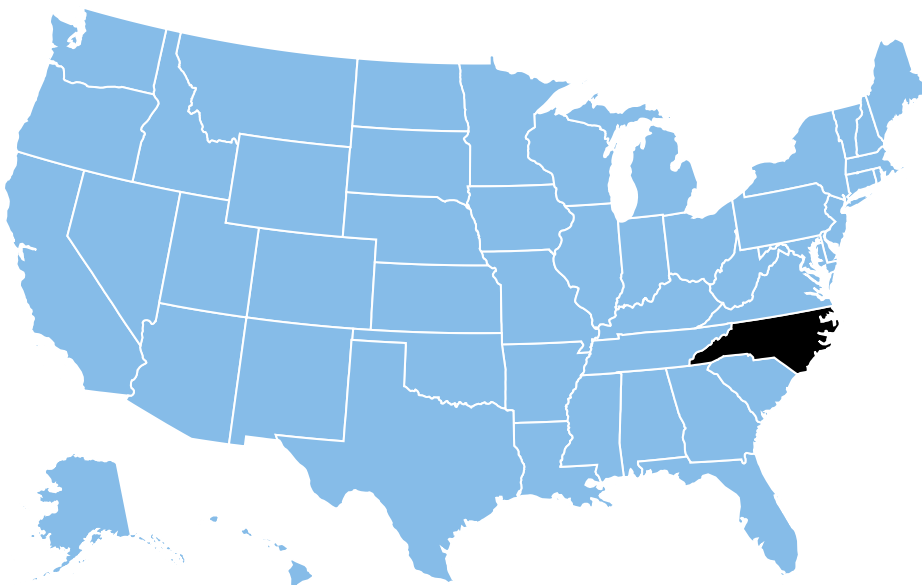
Diaper Costs Compared to Benefit



■ Diapers (29.41%) ■ Everything else (70.59%)

In North Carolina, there is a 12 month exemption from the work-related activity requirement after the birth of a child for single parent households receiving TANF payments. In this state, families who have a baby while on TANF cannot receive additional funds a larger family would ordinarily receive.

## North Carolina's Diaper Banks Help Fill the Gap



North Carolina's

3

NDBN-member  
diaper banks distribute

2,746,192

diapers annually.

# NDBN Working to End Diaper Need

The National Diaper Bank Network works 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.

**200+** NDBN-member diaper banks distribute over  
**64 million** diapers annually!

All diaper banks require community support and donations of diapers and dollars to improve the well-being of children and families in local communities.

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



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