



Hub Summary Winslow Hub

Overview of the Region

The Winslow Hub consists of Winslow and Winslow West, and is located in Navajo County but residents primarily access resources in Flagstaff. There are 1,367 children ages birth through five in the hub, representing 13% of all children ages birth through five in the region.¹ Fifty percent of them were American Indian, 28% were Hispanic or Latino and 16% were White in 2010.²

The Neighborhood Economy

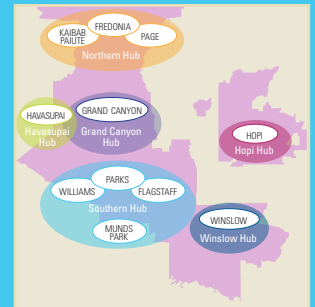
Children who grow up in poverty are more likely to lack adequate food, become victims of crime and violence, and lack basic health care. They are at significant risk for dropping out of school early, poor academic performance, behavior problems in school, lower levels of literacy, and lower educational attainment. Approximately 24% of children under the age of five in Arizona are living in poverty.¹

- Approximately 16% of children ages birth through five in the city of Winslow were living in poverty. This was the lowest percentage of all the community hubs and lower than Coconino County as a whole (23%).¹

Food Insecurity

When children suffer from lack of food, it can lead to poor health, difficulty learning, more school absences, and lower test scores. One way for children to get good nutrition is to receive free and reduced price meals at school.

- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of children in the Winslow Unified School District were eligible for free and reduced priced meals in 2011.³



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To better understand the diversity within the region, the First Things First Coconino Regional Council has divided the region into regional hubs. They have defined six areas in the region: Havasupai, Hopi, Grand Canyon, Northern, Southern, and Winslow. These divisions are used throughout the report to better identify and target the needs and assets of children in the region.

Child Care

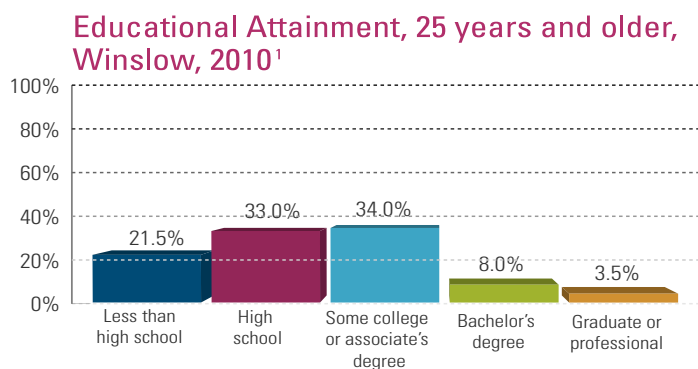
The first five years of a child's life are the most important years for a child's brain development. Quality child care helps children develop social and cognitive skills in preparation for school and life success. Child care, and in particular, subsidized care for low-income families, also provides critical support for parents while they are at work.

- » There were a total of 13 child care programs in the Winslow Hub, including licensed centers, public schools, small group homes, and child care homes. There were approximately 365 licensed child care spaces in 2011. Of the 13 child care programs, 3 were Quality First programs with a combined capacity for 84 children.⁴
- » The Winslow Hub had 141 Head Start enrollment slots and 19 Early Head Start enrollment slots during the 2009/10 school year.⁵

School Readiness

Research shows that children who have the early learning skills that allow them to be prepared for kindergarten perform better on standardized tests in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. The DIBELS Assessment is one method to measure children's readiness for kindergarten. There were 10 children enrolled in preschool and 151 children enrolled in kindergarten in the Winslow Unified School District during the 2010/11 school year.⁶

- » One third (33%) of kindergartners in the Winslow Unified School District tested at grade level when they entered kindergarten in 2010/11, however 67% of kindergartners tested below grade level and needed additional or substantial intervention, according to the DIBELS assessment.⁷



School Success

Third grade reading scores are an excellent predictor of later school success, including high school graduation rates and career success.

- » While 66% of children in the Winslow Unified School District appear to be entering school without early literacy skills, they seem to have gained some ground by 3rd grade with 72% of 3rd grade students meeting or exceeding the standards on the AIMS reading assessment in 2011. This is slightly lower than the State of Arizona at 75%.⁸

Educational Attainment

Educational attainment is an important indicator of future economic success because those with at least a high school diploma have better employment opportunities.

- » 74% of students graduated from high school in the Winslow Unified School District in 2010.⁹
- » 22% of the population 25 years and older in Winslow had not completed High School, which was the highest of all the community hubs.¹



Special Needs

Developmental screenings including vision, cognitive, and hearing screenings are an important practice to ensure children’s optimal growth, setting them up for success by identifying early on when services are needed. Early identification of children with special needs helps ensure these children get the support and opportunities they need to achieve success in school and in the community.

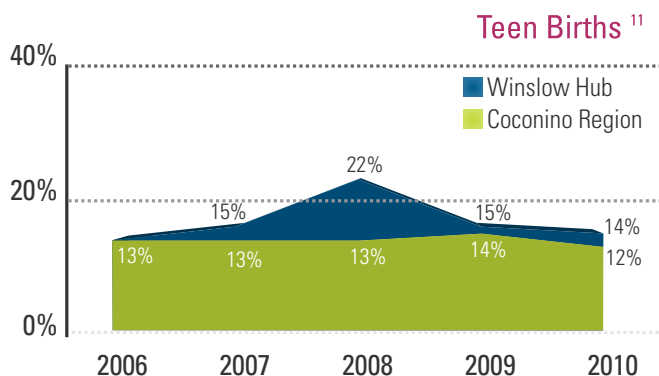
- 9% of parent survey respondents in the Winslow Hub reported having a child with a special need in 2010.¹⁰
- There were 7 children enrolled in preschool with a disability in the Winslow Unified School District in 2009/10.⁷

The Health of Mothers and Babies

In the Coconino Region, the number of births has decreased steadily since a peak birth rate in 2007. Changes in income, unemployment rates, and personal savings, have been correlated with both fertility and birth outcomes. There were 149 children born to mothers in the Winslow Hub in 2010.

Babies born to mothers who receive no prenatal care are three times more likely to be born at a low birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds), and have lower survival rates, than those whose mothers received prenatal care. Low birth weight is a risk factor for developmental delays, visual and hearing defects, chronic respiratory problems, autism, and learning difficulties.

- 72% of mothers in the Winslow Hub received prenatal care in their first trimester of pregnancy in 2010, which was lower than the Coconino Region overall (85%).¹¹
- 7% of mothers had babies born at less than 5.5 pounds in the Winslow Hub in 2010, which was slightly lower than the Coconino Region as a whole at 8%.¹¹

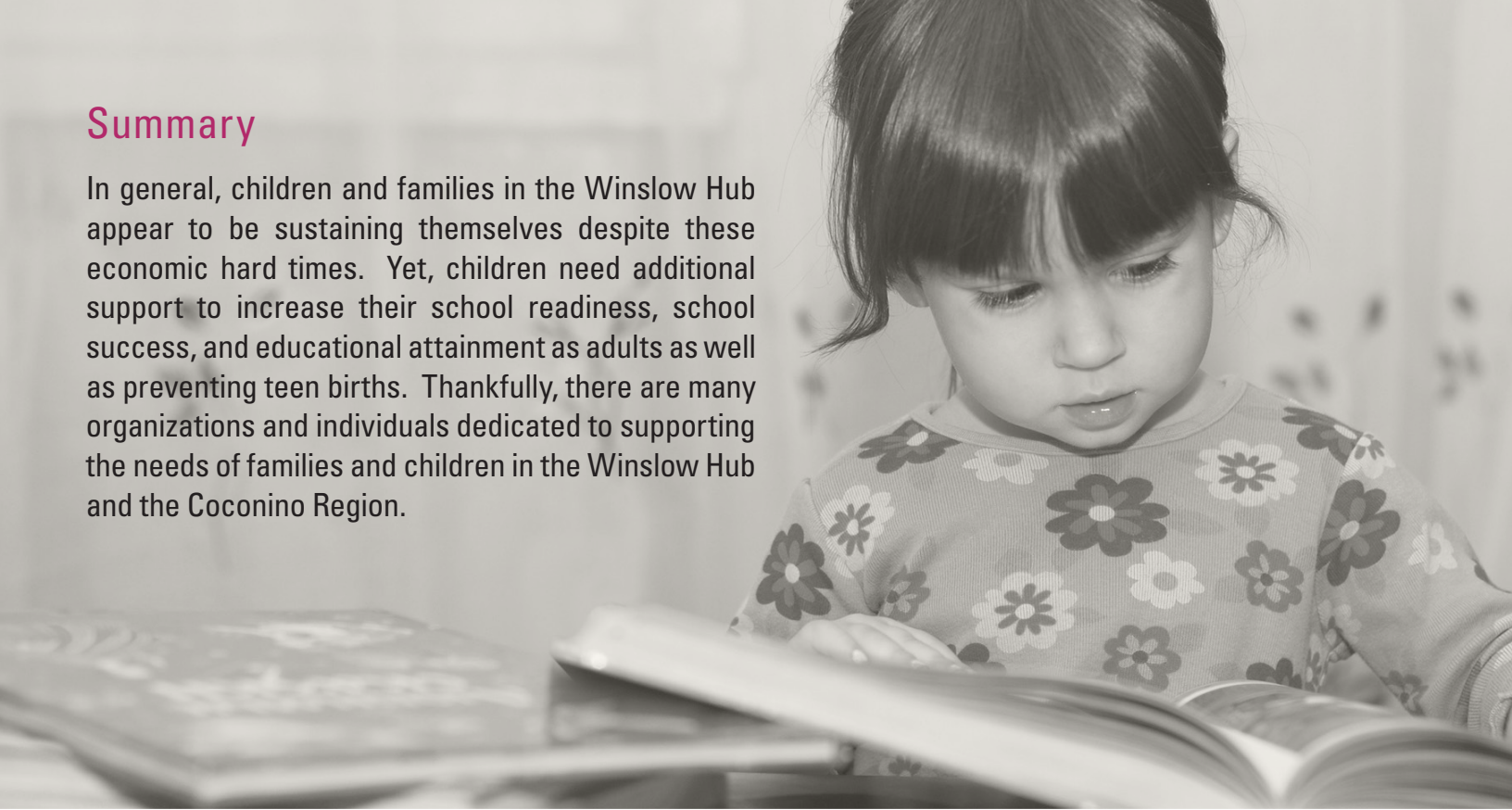


Teen mothers are less likely to complete high school, and have lower earning power in their careers. Children born to teens are 50% more likely to repeat a grade, and are less likely to complete high school.

- 14% of births in the Winslow Hub were to teen mothers, higher than the Coconino Region overall at 12%.¹¹

Summary

In general, children and families in the Winslow Hub appear to be sustaining themselves despite these economic hard times. Yet, children need additional support to increase their school readiness, school success, and educational attainment as adults as well as preventing teen births. Thankfully, there are many organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting the needs of families and children in the Winslow Hub and the Coconino Region.



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For complete sources and hub data, please view the comprehensive First Things First Coconino Region 2012 Needs and Assets Report at <http://www.azftf.gov>.



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