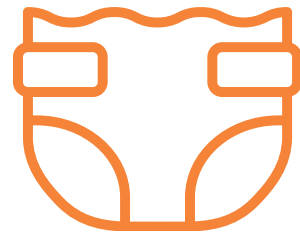


# ABOUT Diaper Need

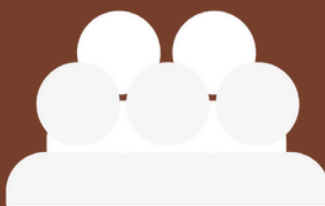


Diaper need is the lack of a sufficient number of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. Without consistent access to diapers, babies are more vulnerable to painful rashes or urinary tract infections, and have more trips to the doctor.



Today, nearly **1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers** to keep their infant or child clean, dry, and healthy. Of households experiencing diaper insecurity, 34% have reported skipping meals to afford diapers for their children.

**1 in 4 parents with diaper need miss work or school** because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.



## Without clean diapers:

1. Babies are exposed to potential health risks and toxic stress.
2. Mothers are at risk for increased maternal depression.
3. Parents are unable to access childcare, which requires a daily supply of diapers.



## Further Reading/Resources:

- [The NDBN Diaper Check 2026: Diaper Insecurity among U.S. Children and Families](#)
- [National Diaper Bank Network Website](#)
- [New Jersey Diaper Facts](#)
- [National Diaper Need Awareness Week](#)