

Fast Diaper Facts

- 1 in 2 American families reports experiencing diaper need
- 10 million children in the US aged 3 or younger live in poor/low-income families. In Virginia, 293,000 children 3 and below live in poor/low-income families.
- Infants require up to 12 diapers a day, toddlers about 8
- Disposable diapers can cost \$80 to \$90 per month per baby
- No state or federal child safety net program allocates dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers and SNAP dollars cannot be used for the purchase of diapers
- Without transportation, buying diapers at a convenience store rather than a “big box” store can significantly increase the monthly cost of diapers
- Most childcare centers, even free and subsidized facilities require parents to provide a day’s supply of disposable diapers
- In 2024, Fairfax County had a 6.1% poverty rate. 1 in 13 residents living in poverty are children.
- In Fairfax County, a family of 4 with income below \$32,150 is considered living in poverty.
- Fairfax Diapers distributes over 25,000 diapers a month through Food for Others, Fairfax County Health Department visiting nurses, She Believes in Me, Annandale United Methodist Church Mission, ICNA Relief, Britepaths, Lutheran Social Services National Capitol Area, Sahara Programs, Holmes Middle School Pantry, and ACCA.