

KIDS COUNT Project

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM SURVEY OF STATE LEGISLATORS

- 75% ARE AWARE OF KIDS COUNT
- 55% SAY THEY USE KIDS COUNT REPORTS
- 58% SAY KIDS COUNT DATA IS TIMELY
- 65% SAY KIDS COUNT IS CREDIBLE
- 52% SAY KIDS COUNT IS USEFUL AND RELEVANT FOR POLICY MAKERS
- 64% SAY KIDS COUNT HAD AN IMPACT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THEIR STATE
- 60% SAY KIDS COUNT HAD AN IMPACT ON PUBLIC POLICY IN THEIR STATE

WAYS STATE LEGISLATORS SAID THEY USE DATA FROM KIDS COUNT

- 79% INFORM MYSELF ABOUT CHILDREN'S NEEDS
- 68% BACKGROUND RESEACH ON ISSUE
- 49% COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS
- 48% CRAFT LEGISLATION, POLICIES OR PROGRAMS
- 46% IN SPEECHES
- 45% CHECK OTHER DATA SOURCES
- 26% HOLD STATE AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE