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Demographics and Diversity

The impact of child well-being

On this page: Child population, households, children's race and origin, and English proficiency.

- Community resources devoted to child well-being and family stability can create a blanket of support for children's health, education, and security.
- Racial and ethnic diversity has grown in Pennsylvania. Nationally, diversity is projected to keep growing in the coming decades.
- Children who lack English proficiency can be separated from teachers and classroom activities and fall short on academic achievement tests. As adults, they face greater challenges in the labor market.

	—Allegheny County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Demographics				
Total Population	1,281,666	—	12,281,054	—
• Population under age 18	281,176	100.0%	2,922,221	100.0%
• Children ages 5 to 17	210,095	74.7%	2,194,417	75.1%
• Children under age 5	71,081	25.3%	727,804	24.9%
Total Households	537,150	—	4,777,003	—
Total Households with persons under age 18	153,174	28.5%	1,559,281	32.6%
Race & Origin				
For children under age 18				
• White Alone	217,206	77.2%	2,342,083	80.1%
• Black Alone	50,923	18.1%	380,123	13.0%
• Asian Alone	4,378	1.6%	55,135	1.9%
• American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	423	0.2%	5,093	0.2%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	70	0.0%	899	0.0%
• Some Other Race Alone	1,642	0.6%	73,080	2.5%
• Two or More Races	6,534	2.3%	65,808	2.3%
• Hispanic Origin	3,371	1.2%	148,664	5.1%
English Proficiency				
• Children ages 5 to 17 who speak English less than very well	3,464	1.6%	63,638	2.9%
• Children ages 5 to 17 who are linguistically isolated.	1,352	0.6%	39,204	1.8%

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