



The State of the Bedford County Child

County-level facts on child well-being

Census 2000

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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.

	—Bedford County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Demographics				
Total Population	49,984	—	12,281,054	—
• Population under age 18	11,774	100.0%	2,922,221	100.0%
• Children ages 5 to 17	8,770	74.5%	2,194,417	75.1%
• Children under age 5	3,004	25.5%	727,804	24.9%
Total Households	19,768	—	4,777,003	—
Total Households with persons under age 18	6,538	33.1%	1,559,281	32.6%
Race & Origin				
For children under age 18				
• White Alone	11,494	97.6%	2,342,083	80.1%
• Black Alone	67	0.6%	380,123	13.0%
• Asian Alone	53	0.5%	55,135	1.9%
• American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	14	0.1%	5,093	0.2%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	0	0.0%	899	0.0%
• Some Other Race Alone	41	0.3%	73,080	2.5%
• Two or More Races	105	0.9%	65,808	2.3%
• Hispanic Origin	97	0.8%	148,664	5.1%
English Proficiency				
• Children ages 5 to 17 who speak English less than very well	130	1.5%	63,638	2.9%
• Children ages 5 to 17 who are linguistically isolated.	70	0.8%	39,204	1.8%

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