

The State of the Chester 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.

| | —Chester County— | | —Pennsylvania— | |
|---|------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Demographics | | | | |
| Total Population | 433,501 | — | 12,281,054 | — |
| • Population under age 18 | 113,582 | 100.0% | 2,922,221 | 100.0% |
| • Children ages 5 to 17 | 84,252 | 74.2% | 2,194,417 | 75.1% |
| • Children under age 5 | 29,330 | 25.8% | 727,804 | 24.9% |
| Total Households | 157,905 | — | 4,777,003 | — |
| Total Households with persons under age 18 | 58,629 | 37.1% | 1,559,281 | 32.6% |
| Race & Origin | | | | |
| For children under age 18 | | | | |
| • White Alone | 98,910 | 87.1% | 2,342,083 | 80.1% |
| • Black Alone | 7,780 | 6.8% | 380,123 | 13.0% |
| • Asian Alone | 2,314 | 2.0% | 55,135 | 1.9% |
| • American Indian or Alaska Native Alone | 191 | 0.2% | 5,093 | 0.2% |
| • Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone | 42 | 0.0% | 899 | 0.0% |
| • Some Other Race Alone | 2,085 | 1.8% | 73,080 | 2.5% |
| • Two or More Races | 2,260 | 2.0% | 65,808 | 2.3% |
| • Hispanic Origin | 5,532 | 4.9% | 148,664 | 5.1% |
| English Proficiency | | | | |
| • Children ages 5 to 17 who speak English less than very well | 2,330 | 2.8% | 63,638 | 2.9% |
| • Children ages 5 to 17 who are linguistically isolated. | 1,583 | 1.9% | 39,204 | 1.8% |

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