



The State of the Columbia 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.

	—Columbia County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Demographics				
Total Population	64,151	—	12,281,054	—
• Population under age 18	13,352	100.0%	2,922,221	100.0%
• Children ages 5 to 17	10,198	76.4%	2,194,417	75.1%
• Children under age 5	3,154	23.6%	727,804	24.9%
Total Households	24,915	—	4,777,003	—
Total Households with persons under age 18	7,427	29.8%	1,559,281	32.6%
Race & Origin				
For children under age 18				
• White Alone	12,896	96.6%	2,342,083	80.1%
• Black Alone	113	0.8%	380,123	13.0%
• Asian Alone	79	0.6%	55,135	1.9%
• American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	30	0.2%	5,093	0.2%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	8	0.1%	899	0.0%
• Some Other Race Alone	58	0.4%	73,080	2.5%
• Two or More Races	168	1.3%	65,808	2.3%
• Hispanic Origin	193	1.4%	148,664	5.1%
English Proficiency				
• Children ages 5 to 17 who speak English less than very well	58	0.6%	63,638	2.9%
• Children ages 5 to 17 who are linguistically isolated.	32	0.3%	39,204	1.8%

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