



# The State of the Centre County Child

## County-level facts on child well-being

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### Living Arrangements and Housing

#### The impact of family

On this page: Children's living arrangements with parents and grandparents, and family housing circumstances

- Children in single-parent households are likelier to live in poverty, have fewer relationships with male role models, have less time to interact with working parents, and have lower academic standing.
- Grandparents raising their grandchildren often need help – such as child care, support groups, and physical and mental health services – managing their responsibilities and maintaining a stable home environment.
- Low-income families are likelier to rent their homes, missing the financial benefits of home ownership. Children of renters are likelier to experience destabilization caused by high housing costs, overcrowding, and poor conditions.

	—Centre County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Living Arrangements</b>				
• Own children under age 18 living with 2 parents	19,116	—	2,026,701	—
• Own children under age 18 living with mother only	3,058	—	586,266	—
• Own children under age 18 living with father only	1,230	—	161,604	—
• Own children under age 6 living with 2 parents	6,215	—	616,445	—
• Own children under age 6 living with mother only	848	—	175,030	—
• Own children under age 6 living with father only	384	—	54,440	—
<b>Grandparents</b>				
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren and living with them	466	38.5%	80,423	39.2%
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren for five or more years, now living with them	181	14.9%	31,622	15.4%
<b>Housing</b>				
• Owner-occupied households with own children	9,670	19.6%	1,068,530	22.4%
• Owner-occupied, single-mother households with own children	794	1.6%	118,865	2.5%
• Renter-occupied households with own children	2,907	5.9%	369,049	7.7%
• Renter-occupied single-mother households with own children	803	1.6%	172,504	3.6%
<b>Neighborhoods</b>				
• Children under age 18 living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	2,187	8.9%	448,161	15.3%

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