DEMOGRAPHICS

Population of Children Under Age 18

The number of children birth through age 17 and their reported race and ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino), as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. The "Other Races" category includes American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race (as reported to the U.S. Census Bureau). Race categories (excluding ethnicity) may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census and The Pennsylvania State Data Center

Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living in Low-Income Families

The percentage of children birth through age 17 who live in families with incomes below 200 percent of the U.S. poverty threshold, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition and is updated every year to account for inflation. In calendar year 2014, a family of two adults and two children fell in the "low-income" category if their annual income fell below $47,700. The data are based on income received in the 12 months prior to the survey. Small area regional rates were used for the 27 smallest counties not included in the ACS.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014 (B17024)

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Percentage of Uninsured Children Under Age 18

The percentage of children birth through age 17 not covered by any health insurance. The data are based on health insurance coverage at the time of the survey; interviews are conducted throughout the calendar year. Small area regional rates were used for the 27 smallest counties not included in the ACS.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014 (B27001)

Percentage of Children Under Age 19 with Medicaid Coverage

The number of children birth through age 18 participating in Medicaid (MA) divided by the population of children birth through age 18, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 6/2016 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Percentage of Children Under Age 19 with CHIP Coverage

The number of children birth through age 18 participating in the free or reduced price Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) divided by the population of children birth through age 18, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau.
Source: Pennsylvania Insurance Department, 6/2016 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

EARLY LEARNING

Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Subsidized Child Care

The monthly number of children (infant, toddler, preschool and school-age) receiving child care subsidies during the state fiscal year divided by twelve.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2014-15

Percentage Enrolled in Keystone STARS 3 and 4

The percentage of children receiving child care subsidies and attending a Keystone STARS 3 or 4 child care provider.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 6/2015

Children Waiting to Receive Subsidized Child Care

The number of children on the child care subsidy waiting list.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 3/2015

Percentage of Children Age 3-4 in Publicly Funded, High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten

This measure originated from "A Smart Choice for a Solid Start: The Case for Pre-k in PA" report. The percentage is derived by dividing the number of children age three and four participating in high-quality, publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs by the population of children age three and four, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. Publicly-funded pre-kindergarten includes federal and state-funded Head Start, public school pre-kindergarten, Child Care Works enrollments in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities and PA Pre-K Counts.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2014-15 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Percentage of Unserved Children Eligible for Publicly Funded, High-Quality Pre-K

This measure originated from "A Smart Choice for a Solid Start: The Case for Pre-k in PA" report. The percentage of children ages three to four who were not enrolled in Head Start (federal- and state-funded), public school pre-kindergarten, Child Care Works in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities or PA Pre-K Counts and who live in families with incomes below 300 percent of the U.S. poverty threshold. The pre-kindergarten eligibility threshold is 300 percent. Due to small sample size, regional rates were used for the 27 smallest counties.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2014-15 and U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014 (B17024) and 2010 Census

CHILD WELFARE

Children Receiving In-Home Services

This measure is pulled from the 2016 State of Child Welfare dataset. The number of children receiving services in their home to address issues of abuse and neglect.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2014-9/30/2015

Children in Foster Care Placement

This measure is pulled from the 2016 State of Child Welfare dataset. The unduplicated total number of children in substitute or out-of-home care at any time during the reporting period.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2014-9/30/2015

Rate per 1,000 Children Age 0-20 in Foster Care Placement

This measure is pulled from the 2016 State of Child Welfare dataset. The rate is derived by dividing the unduplicated total number of children in substitute or out-of-home care by the population birth through age 20, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2014-9/30/2015 and U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Percentage of Teenagers in Foster Care Living in Congregate Settings

The percentage of youth age 13 and older living in restrictive placement settings, such as group homes and institutions, on the last day of the reporting period.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2014-9/30/2015

Percentage of Children Re-Entering Foster Care Placement

This measure is pulled from the 2016 State of Child Welfare dataset. The percentage of all children who were discharged to reunification with their parents or other relatives before their 18th birthday in a 12-month period, and subsequently re-entered foster care in less than 12 months following their reunification. Young adults up to age 21 are counted as a re-entry if the initial discharge was before they turned 18, and reunified with their parents or other relatives.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2014-9/30/2015

EDUCATION

English Language Arts Proficiency

The percentage of public school students who met the proficient level in English language arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Public schools include charter schools and comprehensive career and technical centers. Proficiency levels are provided for third, sixth and eighth grade students.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2014-15

Math Proficiency

The percentage of public school students who met the proficient level in math as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Public schools include charter schools and comprehensive career and technical centers. Proficiency levels are provided for third, sixth and eighth grade students.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2014-15

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

The number of on-time graduates divided by the number of first-time entering ninth grade students who entered four years earlier. Adjustments each year for students who transfer in and out are included in the calculation. A rate is determined for all public high schools, comprehensive career and technical centers and charter schools that graduate students from twelfth grade.
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2014-15

General data information

The profile provides totals for the county, county type and state. County assessments are most appropriate when comparing a county against one of the same type. County type (rural, rural-mix, urban-mix, urban) is based on 2010 Census population density.

Rural (no urbanized population)	Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren
Rural-mix (up to 49% urbanized)	Adams, Armstrong, Bedford, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Fayette, Franklin, Lawrence, Lycoming, Mercer, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Somerset, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming
Urban-mix (50% to 74% urbanized)	Beaver, Berks, Blair, Centre, Columbia, Cumberland, Erie, Lebanon, Washington, Westmoreland, York
Urban (75% or more urbanized)	Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia

Note: Care should be taken in making generalized statements related to small numbers of children in order to avoid assuming a significance that cannot be supported by a small data set.