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DEMOGRAPHICS

Population of Children Under Age 20
The number of children birth through age 19 and their reported race and ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino), as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. Categories may not add to 100 due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2019 Population Estimates

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 2018, a family of two adults and two children fell in the "low-income" category if their annual income fell below $50,200. 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 American Community Survey.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 (B17024) and Pennsylvania State Data Center

CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Percentage of Uninsured Children Under Age 19
The percentage of children birth through age 18 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 American Community Survey.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 (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 estimated by the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

Percentage of Children Under Age 19 with CHIP Coverage
The number of children birth through age 18 participating in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) divided by the population of children birth through age 18, as estimated by the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

EARLY LEARNING

Children Under Age 5 Eligible for Subsidized Child Care
This measure originated from the "Child Care Works in Pennsylvania, 2018" mapping analysis and was most recently updated with the "Child Care Works in Pennsylvania 2020" maps and fact sheets. Estimates of the number of children under 5 years needing care were derived by multiplying the percent of children under 6 years who have all available parents in the labor force by the estimate of children ages 0-4. This number was then multiplied by the percent of children under 6 years living in families with income below 200 percent of the U.S. poverty threshold, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau, to estimate the number of children eligible for Child Care Works (CCW).
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 (B01001, B17024 and B23008); Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 10/2019
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Percentage of Unserved Children Eligible for Subsidized Child Care
This measure originated from the “Child Care Works in Pennsylvania, 2018” mapping analysis and was most recently updated with the “Child Care Works in Pennsylvania 2020” maps and fact sheets. The percentage is derived by dividing the number of eligible infants, toddlers and preschoolers not enrolled in Child Care Works by the estimated number of children under 5 years eligible for subsidized child care.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 (B01001, B17024 and B23008); Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 10/2019

Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Subsidized Child Care
The total monthly number of children (infant, toddler, preschool and school-age) receiving child care subsidies during the state fiscal year divided by twelve. County type averages will not total to statewide monthly average.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2018-19

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, 6/2019

Percentage of Child Care Providers Meeting High-Quality Standards
This measure originated from the “Child Care Works in Pennsylvania, 2018” mapping analysis and was most recently updated with the “Child Care Works in Pennsylvania 2020” maps and fact sheets. The percentage is derived by dividing the number of child care providers designated as Keystone STAR 3-4 and/or accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) or Montessori by the number of child care providers serving children under five years.
Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 10/2019; ASCI; NAEYC; NAFCC; NECPA; Montessori

Percentage of Children Age 3-4 in 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 and was most recently updated with the “High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten in PA 2020” maps and fact sheets. The percentage is derived by dividing the number of children age 3-4 participating in high-quality, publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs by the population of children age 3-4, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. Publicly-funded pre-kindergarten includes federal- and state-funded Head Start, school district pre-kindergarten, Child Care Works enrollments in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities, Philadelphia pre-k in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities, and Pre-K Counts.

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 and was most recently updated with the "High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten in PA 2020" maps and fact sheets. The percentage of children ages 3-4 who were not enrolled in Head Start (federal- and state-funded), school district pre-kindergarten, Child Care Works in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities, PHLprek in Keystone STARS 3 and 4 facilities or Pre-K Counts and who live in families with income below 300 percent of the U.S. poverty threshold. The pre-kindergarten eligibility threshold is 300 percent.

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HOME VISITING

Children Served in Evidence-Based Home Visiting
The number of state- and federal-funded slots for evidence-based home visiting. This includes Early Head Start, Family Check-Up, Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers and Safecare Augmented.

Source: Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2019-20 Quarter 1

Percentage of Unserved Children Under Age 6 Living in Low-Income Families
The percentage of children 0-5 years and their families who cannot access federal- and/or state-funded evidence-based home visiting and live in families with income below 200 percent of the U.S. poverty threshold.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 (B17024); Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services, 2019-20 Quarter 1

CHILD WELFARE

Child Protective Services (CPS) Referrals
This measure is pulled from the 2020 State of Child Welfare dataset. The number of suspected reports of sexual abuse, physical abuse or serious physical neglect and classified as Child Protective Services (CPS) reports.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 2018

General Protective Services (GPS) Referrals
This measure is pulled from the 2020 State of Child Welfare dataset. The number of reported concerns of general neglect not meeting the definition of child abuse and classified as General Protective Services (GPS) reports.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 2018

Children Receiving In-Home Services
This measure is pulled from the 2020 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, 10/1/2018-9/30/2019

Children in Foster Care Placement
This measure is pulled from the 2020 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, 10/1/2018-9/30/2019

Percentage of Children in Foster Care Placed in Relative Family Homes
This measure is pulled from the 2020 State of Child Welfare dataset. The percentage of children remaining in foster care on September 30 who are placed in a relative foster family home.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2018-9/30/2019

Percentage of Children in Foster Care Placed in Non-Relative Family Homes
This measure is pulled from the 2020 State of Child Welfare dataset. The percentage of children remaining in foster care on September 30 who are placed in a pre-adoptive home or non-relative foster family home.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 10/1/2018-9/30/2019

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Percentage of Children Re-Entering Foster Care Placement
This measure is pulled from the 2020 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, 10/1/2018-9/30/2019

EDUCATION

Enrollment
The number of students enrolled in and attending publicly funded schools as of October 1, 2018 as reported by school districts, area vocational-technical schools and charter schools.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2018-19

English Language Learners Rate
The percentage of students designated as English Learners.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2018-19

Poverty Rate (<185%)
The percentage of children ages 6-17 that live with families earning less than 185 percent of poverty, as issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Basic Education Funding Formula enacted in 2016 includes student-based factors on the percent of children in acute poverty (0-99%), poverty (100-184%) and concentrated poverty (≥ 30% living in acute poverty).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014-18 (B17024)

Proficiency
The percentage of public school students who met the proficient or advanced level as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Proficiency levels are provided for third grade students in English Language Arts and eighth grade students in Math.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2018-19

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, 2018-19

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.