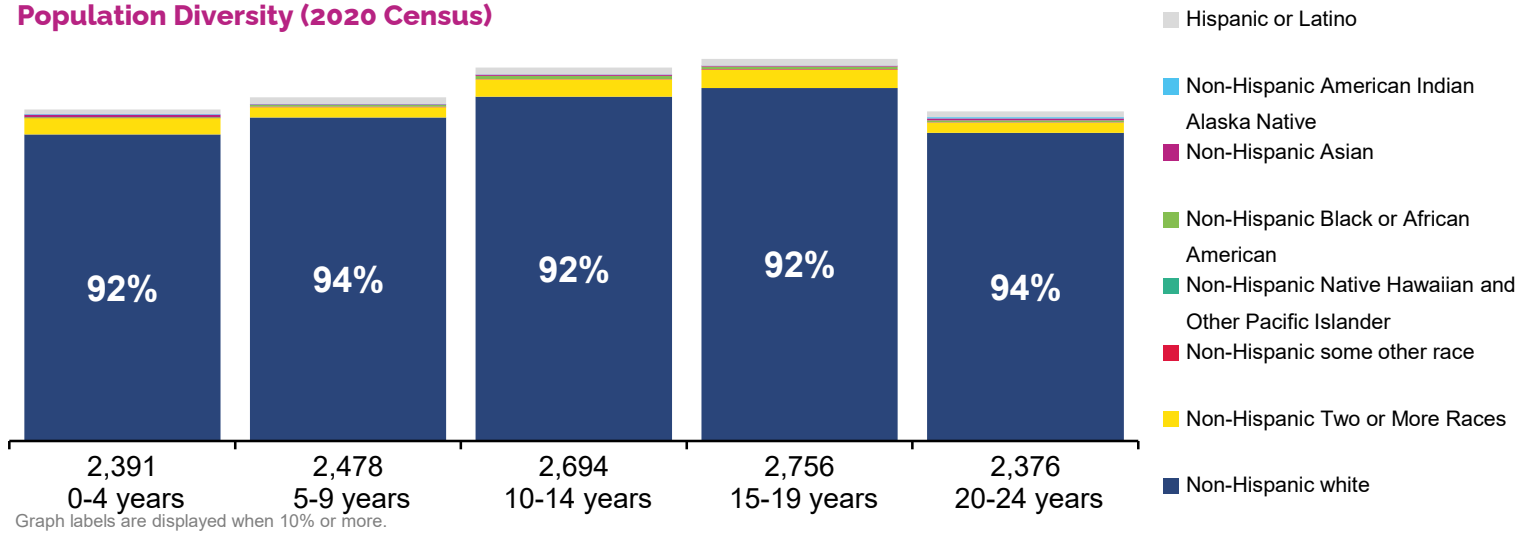


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - BEDFORD

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



20%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

9,293
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

3,402
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 7 (1,250)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

38%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

13%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

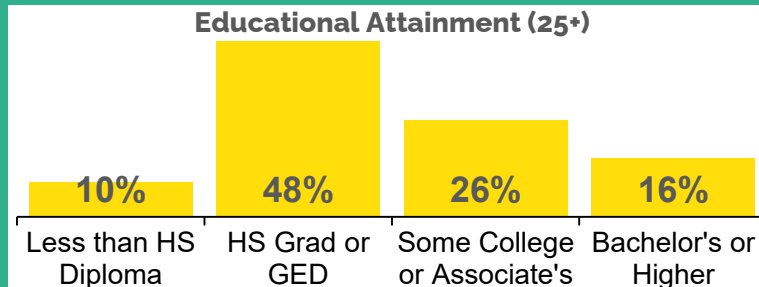
1 IN 3 (1,010)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
23%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$108,800
SINGLE FATHER \$36,000
SINGLE MOTHER \$31,900

Unemployment Rate
4.4%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
120
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
64%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
21%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
23%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

BLACK CHILDREN have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

2 IN 5
GPS reports screened-out

23%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

260
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
295
eligible children remain unserved

30
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

92%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

49%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

68%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

329
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

154
families receive evidence-based home visiting services

Evidence-based home visiting models in this county receiving state funds:

- ✓ Child First
- ✓ Family Check-Up®
- ✓ Healthy Families America
- ✓ Nurse-Family Partnership
- ✓ Parents as Teachers
- ✓ Safecare Augmented®
- ✓ Early Head Start
- ✓ Family Connects

46
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
6,510
enrolled students in
6 school district(s) within the county

58%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

44%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

56%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

681
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

10%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

55%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

113
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

153
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

82%
of eligible infants, young children and women participate in the Pennsylvania WIC program

Definitions and data sources can be found at papartnerships.org/report/state-of-the-child-2026