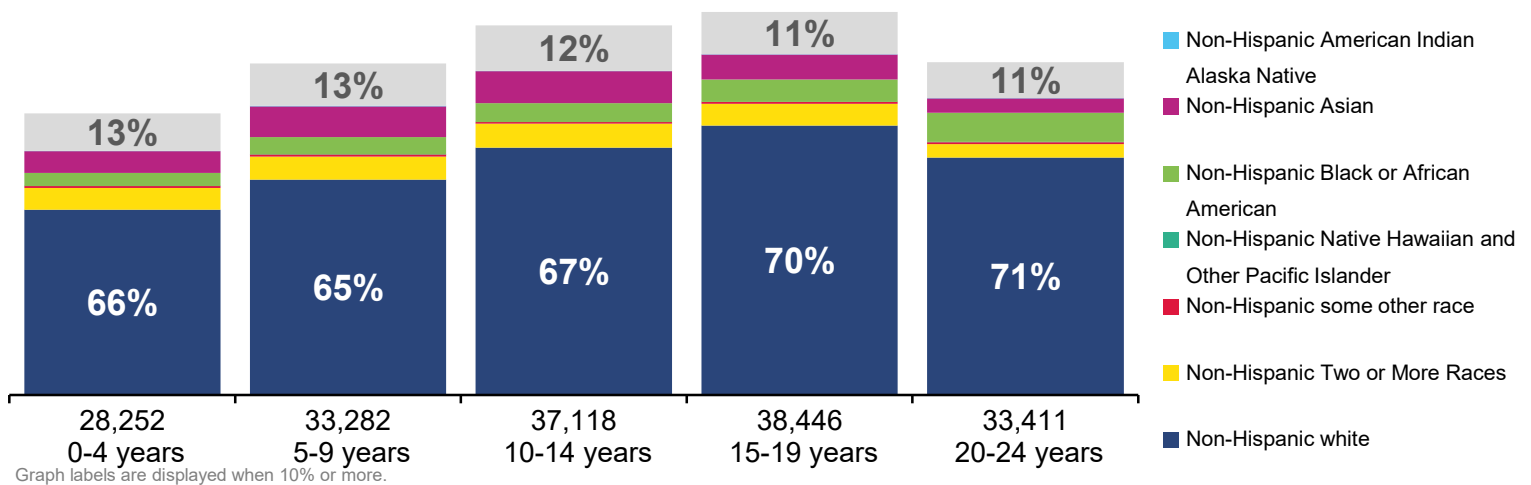


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - CHESTER

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



23%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

121,527
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

48,982
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



** No child population of this race exists in the county.

1 IN 14 (8,440)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

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

14%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

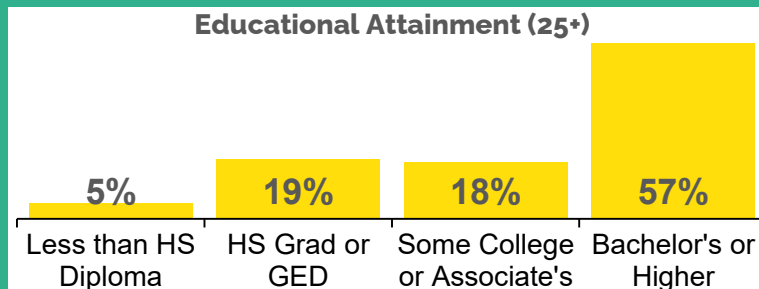
1 IN 4 (9,890)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
32%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$198,000
SINGLE FATHER \$106,700
SINGLE MOTHER \$49,300

Unemployment Rate
3.2%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
2,645
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
72%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
12%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
26%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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

BLACK CHILDREN, HISPANIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE RACES have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

BLACK CHILDREN, HISPANIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE RACES have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

3 IN 5
GPS reports screened-out

13%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

1,266
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
1,923
eligible children remain unserved

192
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

77%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

69%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

44%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

2,966
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

411
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

208
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
79,970
enrolled students in
14 school district(s) within the county

26%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

63%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

64%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

3,001
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

4%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

28%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

2,804
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

1,796
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

63%
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