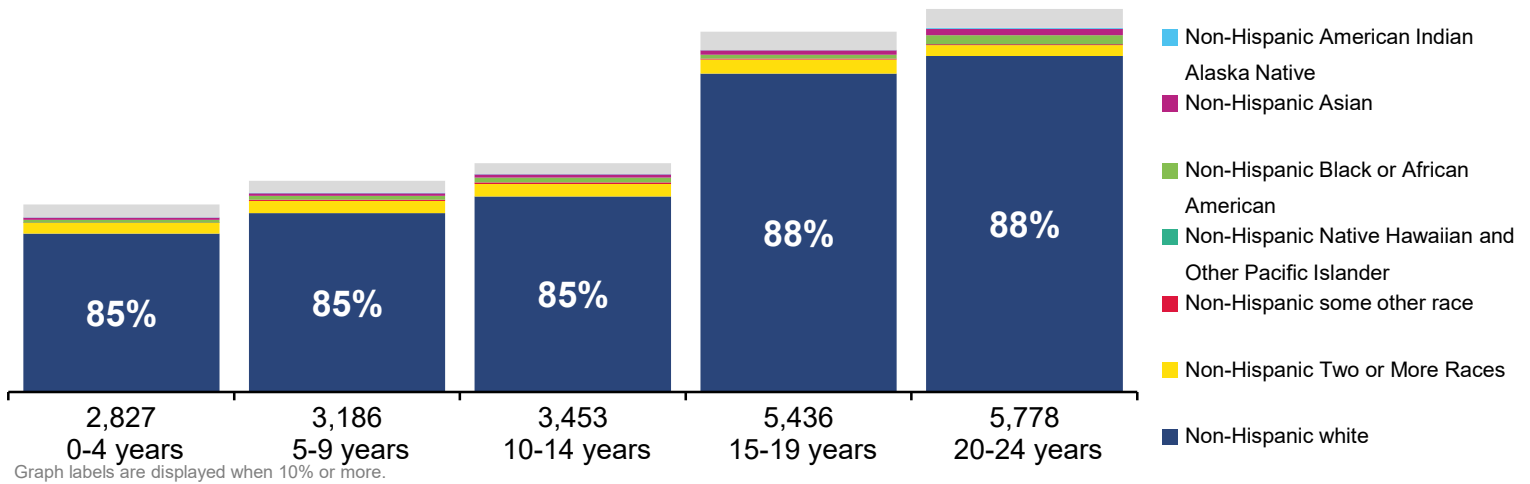


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - COLUMBIA

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



18%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

11,629
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

9,051
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



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

1 IN 7 (1,450)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

36%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

35%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

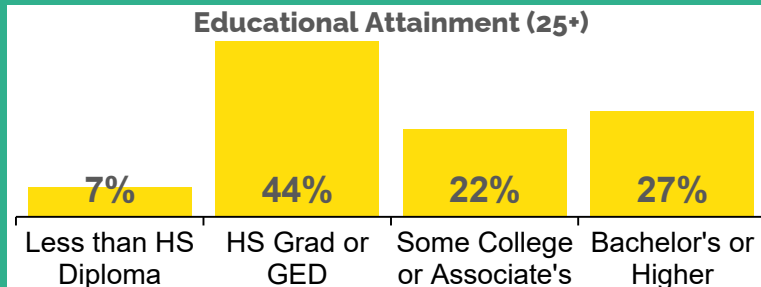
1 IN 2 (3,670)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
24%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$110,800
SINGLE FATHER \$58,200
SINGLE MOTHER \$35,600

Unemployment Rate
5.0%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
137
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
74%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
19%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
25%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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

WHITE CHILDREN AND BLACK CHILDREN have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

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

1 IN 183
GPS reports screened-out

85%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

234
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
434
eligible children remain unserved

43
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

85%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

43%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

54%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

549
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

161
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

34
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **11,920**
enrolled students in **8** school district(s) within the county

51%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

49%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

54%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

1,083
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

5%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

50%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

191
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

146
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

69%
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