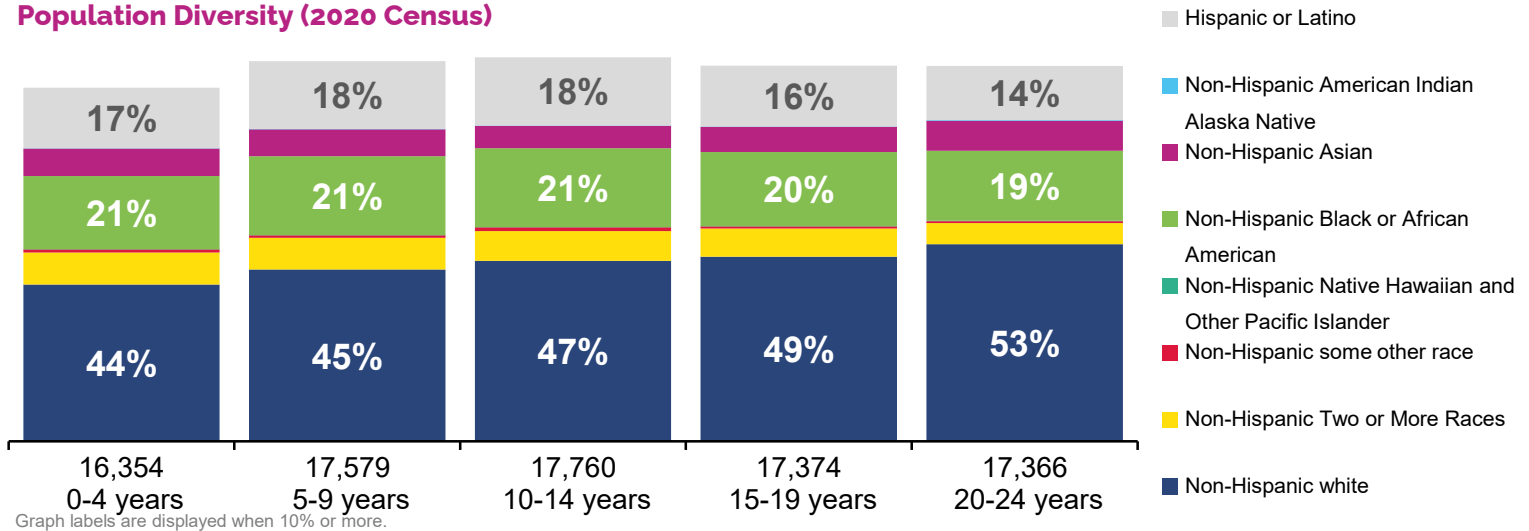


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - DAUPHIN

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



22%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

61,908
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

24,525
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



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

1 IN 6 (10,710)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

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

17%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

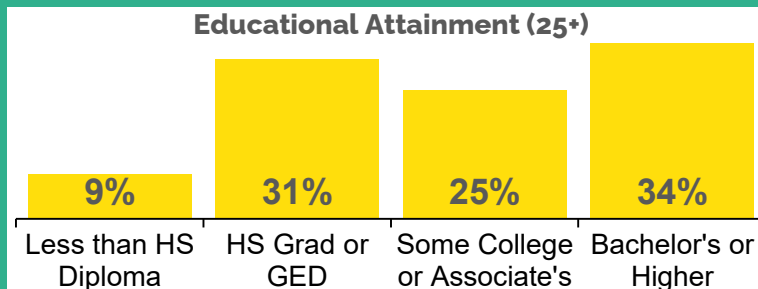
1 IN 3 (7,470)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
27%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$127,100
SINGLE FATHER \$54,100
SINGLE MOTHER \$37,300

Unemployment Rate
4.4%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
3,619
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
72%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
29%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
28%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals, including substantiations and valid GPS allegations

Top CPS substantiated report allegation(s):
PHYSICAL ABUSE/BODILY INJURY

Top valid GPS report concern(s):
CAREGIVER SUBSTANCE ABUSE

3 IN 5
GPS reports screened-out

25%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

1,486
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
2,485
eligible children remain unserved

249
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

65%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

51%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

43%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

2,753
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

496
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

167
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
37,730
enrolled students in
12 school district(s) within the county

55%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

39%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

42%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

1,498
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

7%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

63%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

1,334
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

1,181
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

73%
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