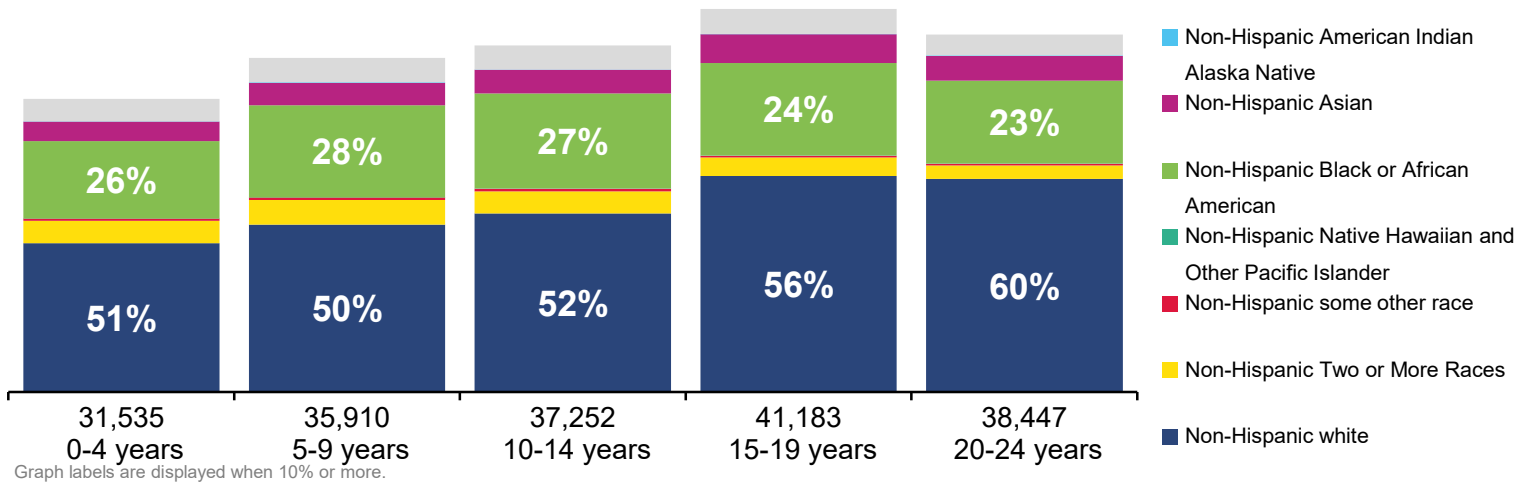


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - DELAWARE

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



22%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

127,040
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

57,287
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 7 (16,580)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

30%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

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

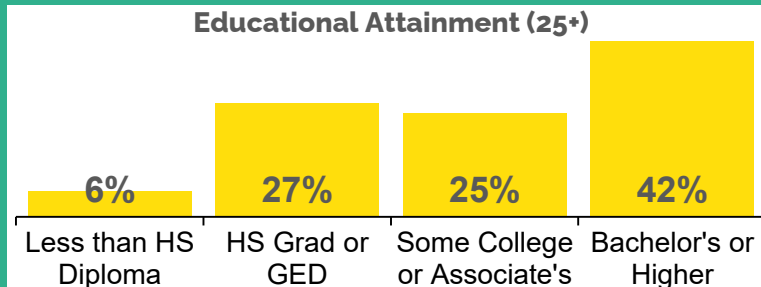
1 IN 4 (11,290)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
30%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$170,200
SINGLE FATHER \$72,400
SINGLE MOTHER \$46,100

Unemployment Rate
4.2%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
2,269
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
76%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
25%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
32%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN
have disproportionately
higher rates of CPS
referrals

**BLACK CHILDREN
AND HISPANIC
CHILDREN** have
disproportionately
higher substantiation
rates

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

2 IN 3
GPS reports
screened-out

22%
of assessed GPS
reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

1,996
children enrolled in
publicly funded, high-
quality pre-k; yet
3,635
eligible children
remain unserved

364
more educators are
needed to serve all
eligible pre-k
children

72%
of infants and
toddlers eligible for
the subsidized Child
Care Works
program remain
unserved

52%
of children under
age 5 in Child
Care Works are in
high-quality care

41%
of child care
licensed capacity
for children under
5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

4,777
families are most
likely to benefit
from evidence-
based home
visiting services

401
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

376
members served
in the Medical
Assistance
Maternal Home
Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
85,700
enrolled students in
17 school district(s)
within the county

41%
of school district
students are
economically
disadvantaged

57%
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

1,833
students
enrolled in
career and
technical
education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

3%
of children
under 19
have no
health
insurance

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

2,399
children in the county
enrolled in health coverage
through Pennie™, the state's
health insurance
marketplace

1,738
infants and
toddlers receive
services through
Early Intervention
Part C

65%
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