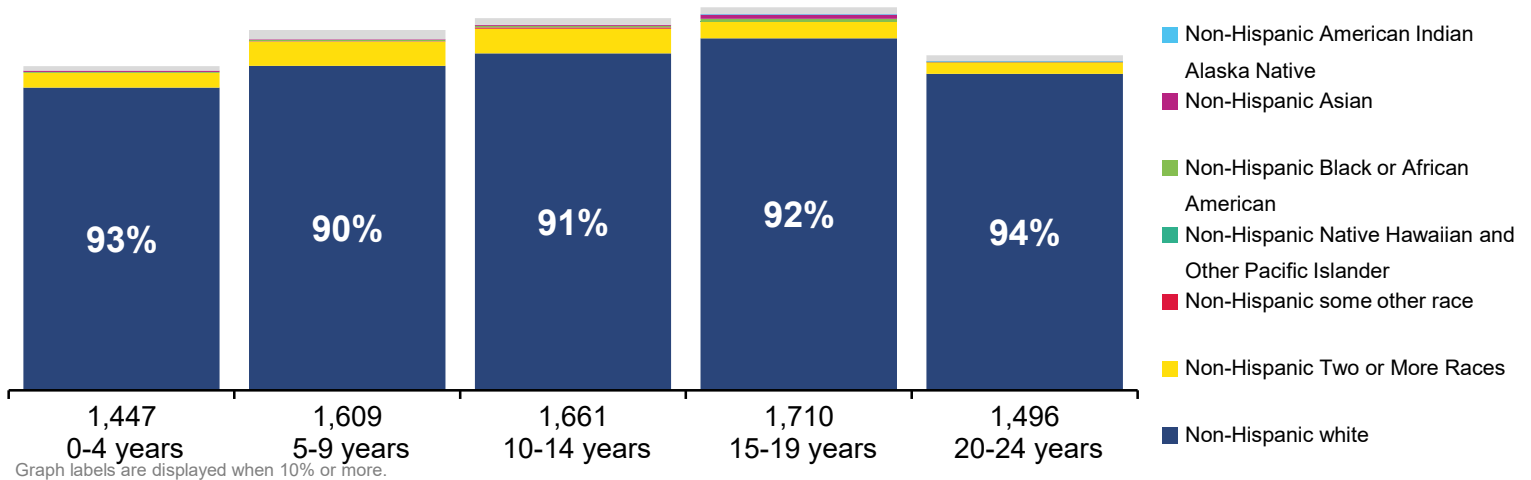


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - ELK

Population Diversity (2020 Census)

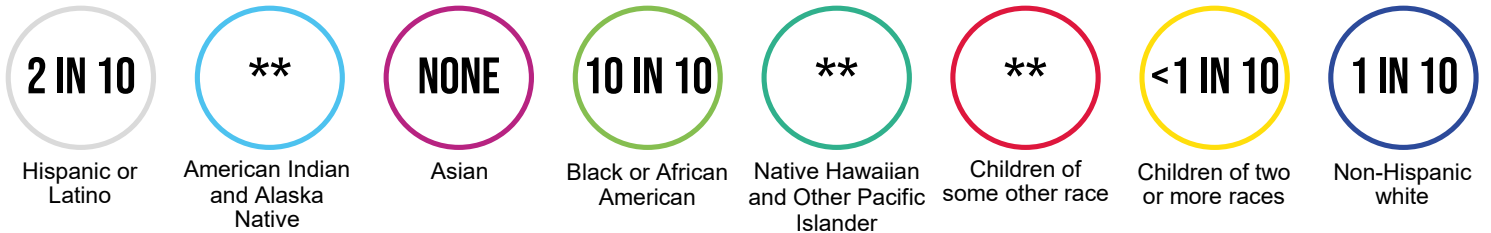


19%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

5,761
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

2,162
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



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

1 IN 8 (710)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

42%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

10%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

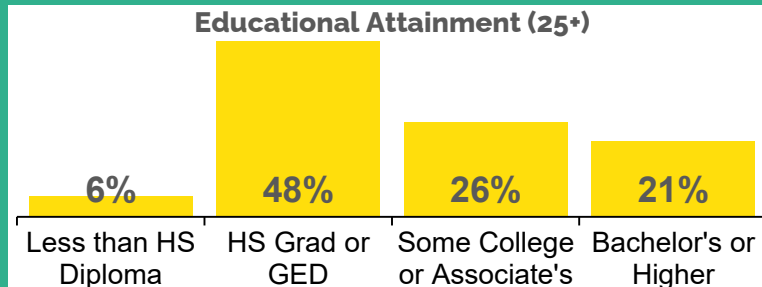
1 IN 5 (410)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
21%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$104,500
SINGLE FATHER \$52,100
SINGLE MOTHER \$41,600

Unemployment Rate
4.5%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
82
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
84%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
32%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
15%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF SOME OTHER RACE have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

WHITE CHILDREN have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

BLACK CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF SOME OTHER RACE have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

2 IN 3 GPS reports screened-out

18% of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

163 children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet **179** eligible children remain unserved

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

90.8%-94.4% of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

84% of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

85% of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

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

55 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

37 members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **5,230** enrolled students in **6** school district(s) within the county

45% of school district students are economically disadvantaged

53% of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

55% of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

298 students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

1% of children under 19 have no health insurance

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

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

110 infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

49% 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