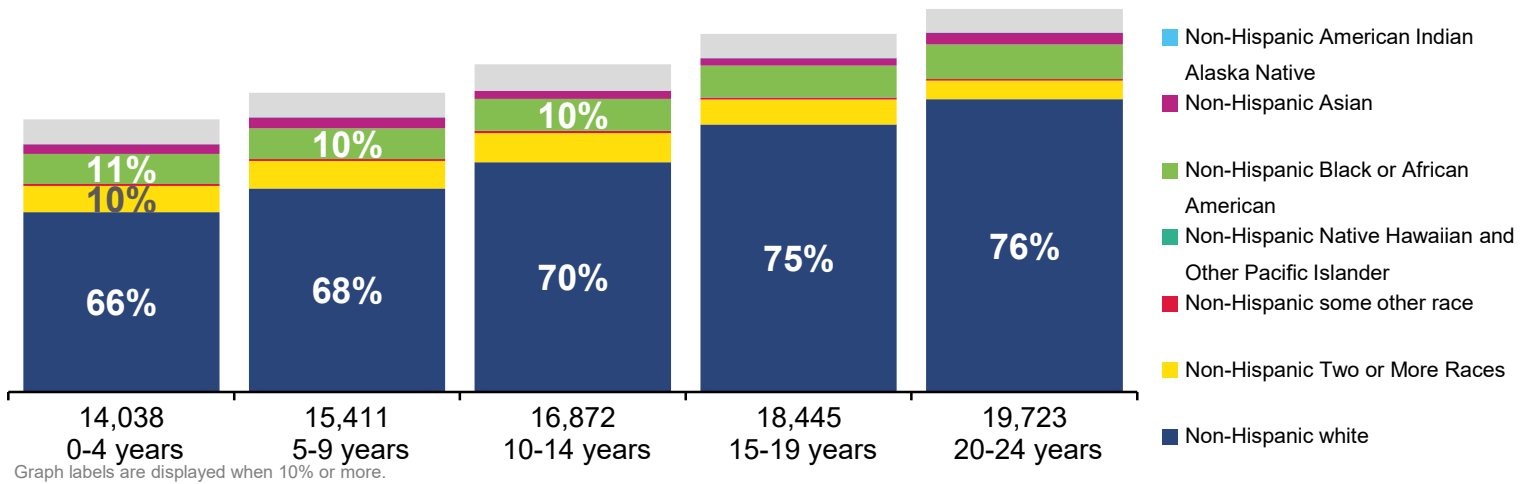


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - ERIE

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



21%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

56,535
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

27,954
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 5 (11,440)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

44%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

22%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

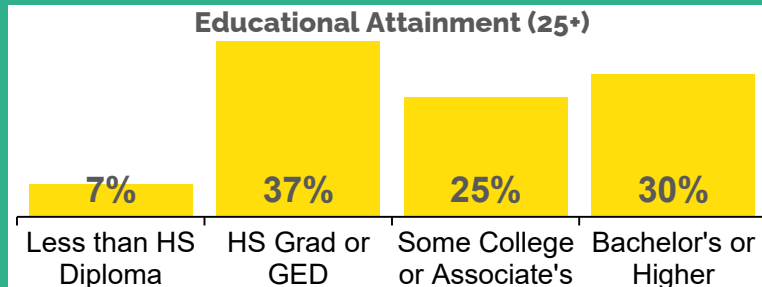
1 IN 2 (9,250)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
27%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$112,500
SINGLE FATHER \$49,800
SINGLE MOTHER \$32,100

Unemployment Rate
4.5%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
1,070
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
67%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
39%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
27%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN, HISPANIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE RACES have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

BLACK 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

2 IN 3
GPS reports screened-out

21%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

1,874
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
1,544
eligible children remain unserved

154
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

79%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

71%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

3,658
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

312
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

88
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
34,280
enrolled students in
13 school district(s) within the county

59%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

44%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

51%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

2,014
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

3%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

64%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

672
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

1,120
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