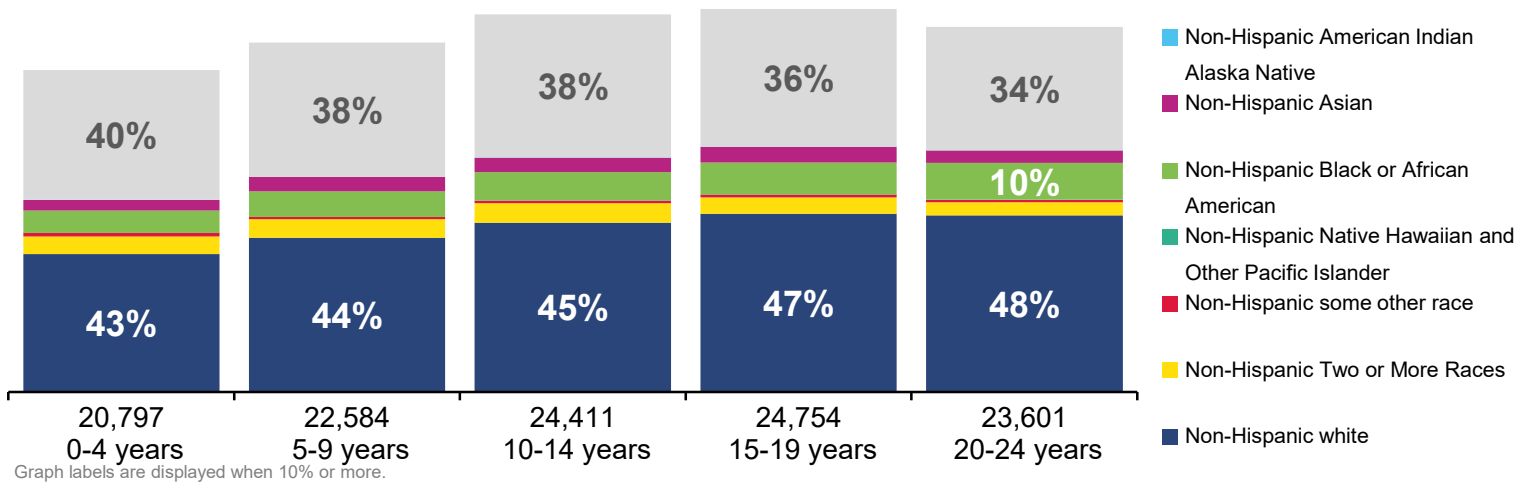


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - LEHIGH

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



22%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

82,622
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

33,525
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 6 (14,460)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

38%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

14%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

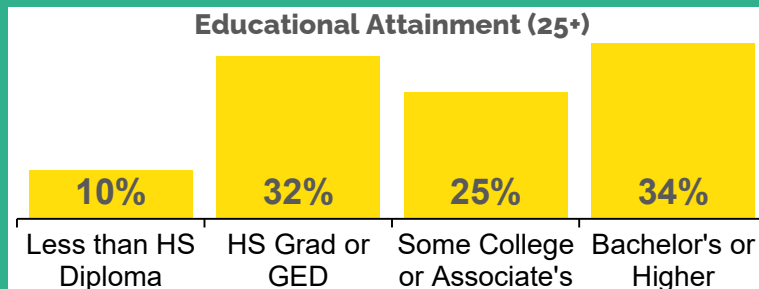
1 IN 3 (9,810)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
31%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE: \$136,500
SINGLE FATHER: \$61,100
SINGLE MOTHER: \$38,700

Unemployment Rate
4.6%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
1,130
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
76%



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

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):
SEXUAL ABUSE

Top valid GPS report concern(s): **CHILD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CONCERNS**

1 IN 2
GPS reports screened-out

23%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

2,322
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
2,654
eligible children remain unserved

265
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

63%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

49%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

52%
of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

4,113
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

418
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

158
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
61,270
enrolled students in
10 school district(s) within the county

48%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

45%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

45%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

3,212
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

4%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

59%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

1,751
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

2,168
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

64%
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