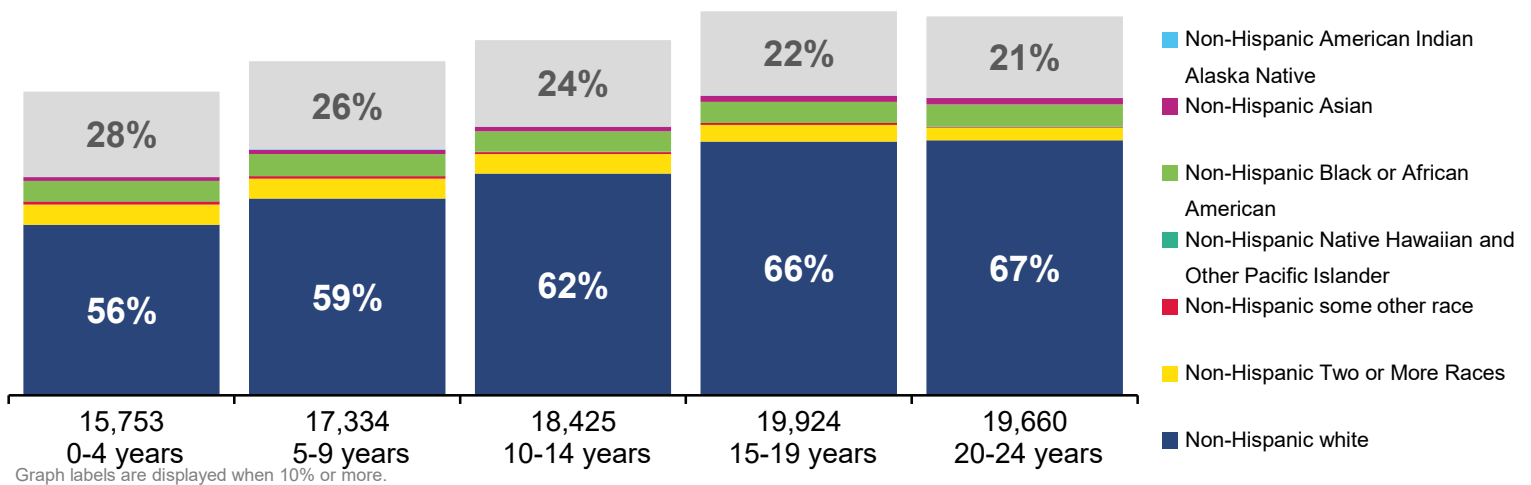


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - LUZERNE

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



19%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

63,139
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

27,957
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 4 (16,060)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

50%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

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

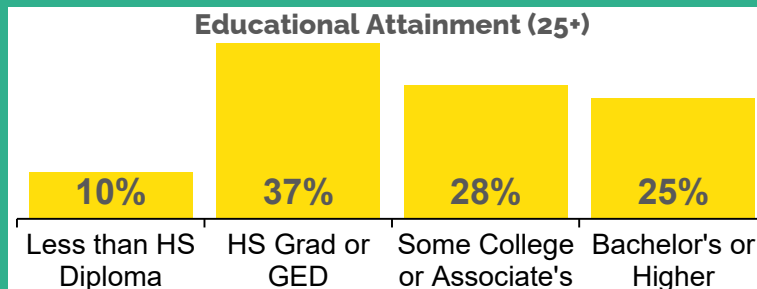
2 IN 5 (9,390)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
26%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$106,700
SINGLE FATHER \$55,800
SINGLE MOTHER \$32,300

Unemployment Rate
5.3%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
1,131
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
71%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
41%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
28%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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

BLACK CHILDREN have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

BLACK CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE RACES have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

2 IN 5 GPS reports screened-out

24% of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

2,019 children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet **2,737** eligible children remain unserved

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

75% of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

67% of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

62% of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

3,311 families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

669 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

143 members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **46,430** enrolled students in **12** school district(s) within the county

62% of school district students are economically disadvantaged

38% of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

36% of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

2,213 students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

4% of children under 19 have no health insurance

78% of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

1,088 children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

926 infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

70% 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