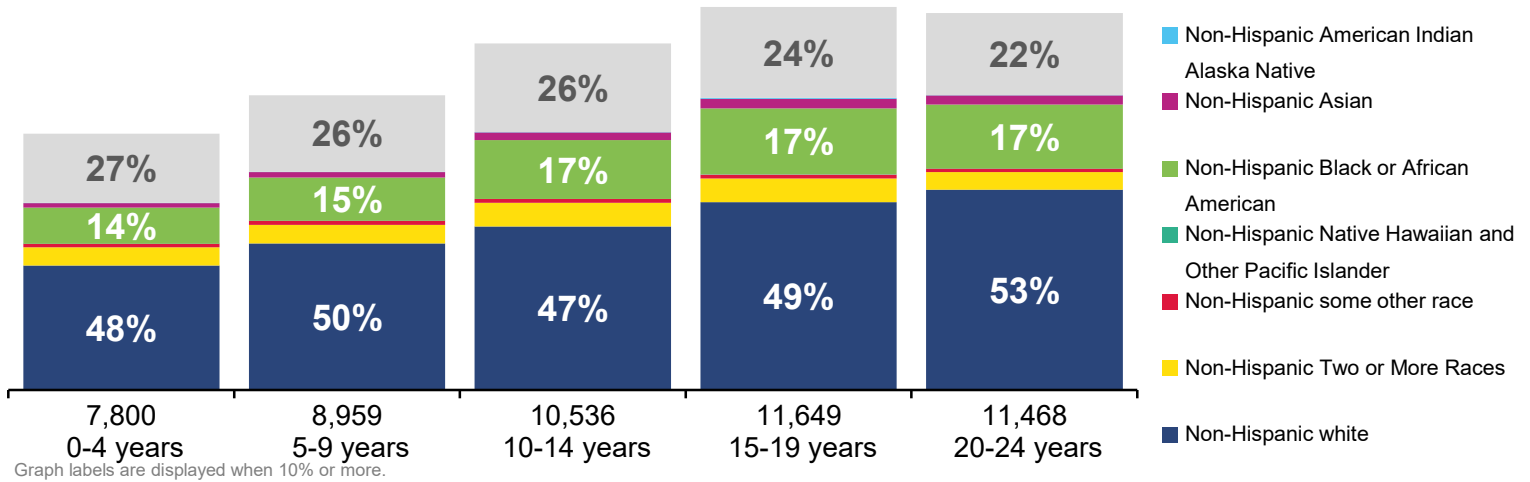


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - MONROE

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



20%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

34,056
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

16,356
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 7 (4,720)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

34%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

15%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

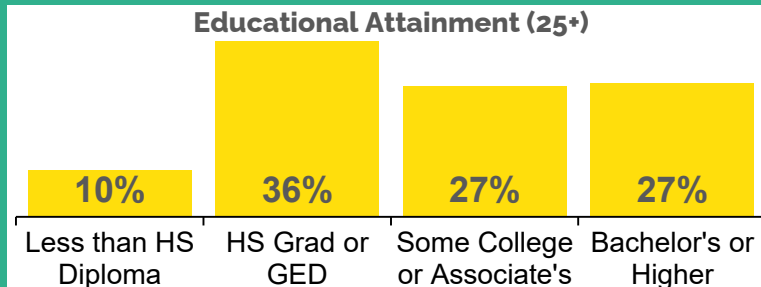
1 IN 3 (4,300)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
28%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$126,500
SINGLE FATHER \$72,100
SINGLE MOTHER \$40,900

Unemployment Rate
4.9%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
385
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
70%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
27%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
32%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

WHITE CHILDREN have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

BLACK CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

3 IN 5 GPS reports screened-out

15% of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

531 children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet **977** eligible children remain unserved

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

71% of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

35% of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

48% of child care licensed capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

1,119 families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

145 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

<11 members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **22,730** enrolled students in **4** school district(s) within the county

43% of school district students are economically disadvantaged

41% of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

42% of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

1,225 students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

6% of children under 19 have no health insurance

54% of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

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

474 infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

59% 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