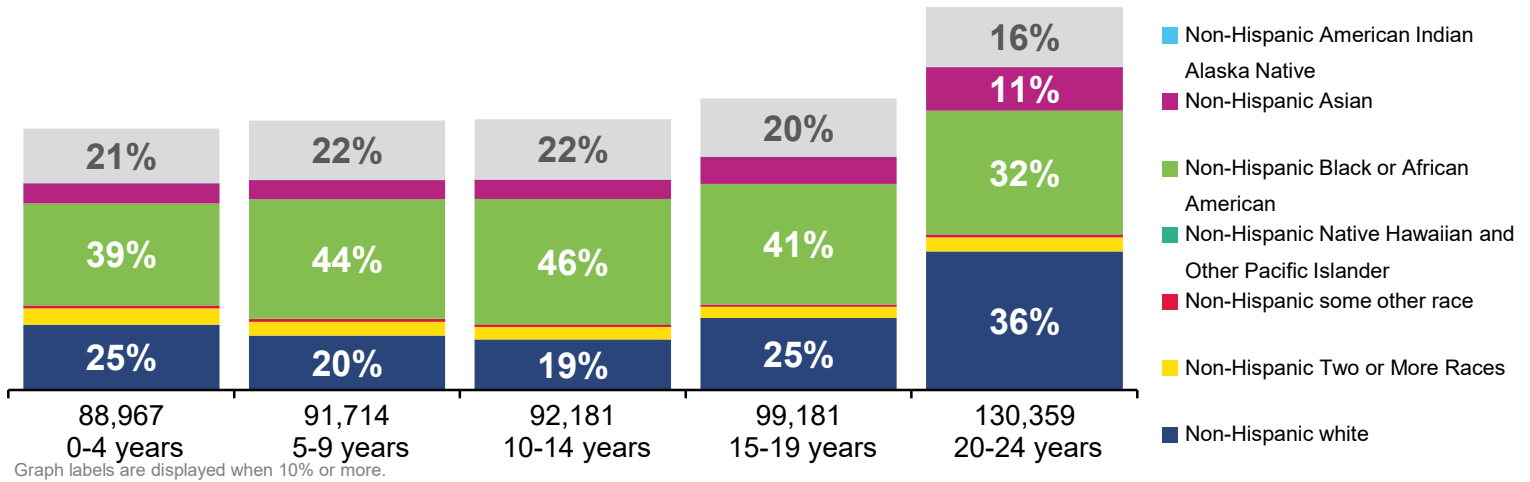


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - PHILADELPHIA

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



20%
of the county's population is
CHILDREN

325,435
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

176,967
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 4 (95,300)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

55%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

29%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

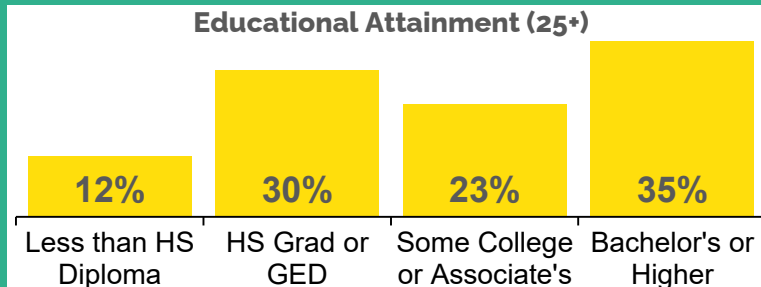
1 IN 2 (66,420)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
25%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$107,200
SINGLE FATHER \$52,100
SINGLE MOTHER \$36,500

Unemployment Rate
5.3%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
10,671
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
72%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
50%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
37%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

BLACK 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):
**TRUANCY/
EDUCATIONAL
NEGLECT**

3 IN 5
GPS reports screened-out

11%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

19,324
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
4,255
eligible children remain unserved

426
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

65%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

51%
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

24,572
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

2,690
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

922
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
120,140
enrolled students in
1 school district(s) within the county

75%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

32%
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

5,908
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

5%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

87%
of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

4,860
children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

6,917
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