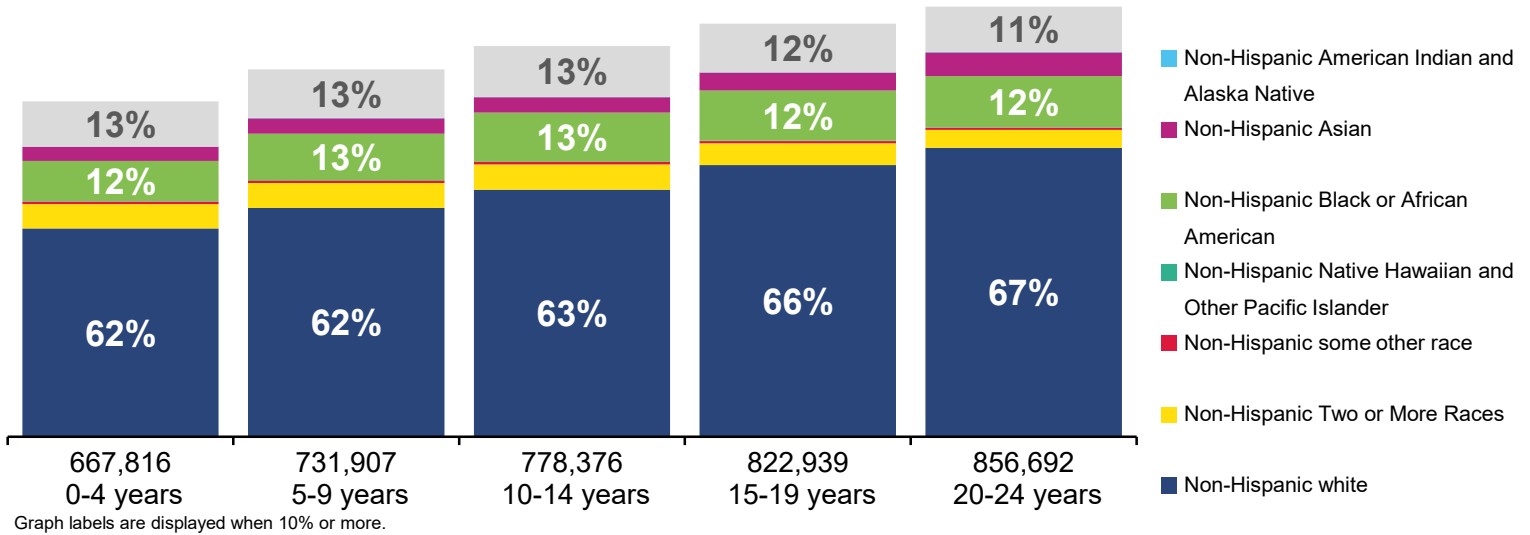


2026 STATE OF THE CHILD - PENNSYLVANIA

Population Diversity (2020 Census)

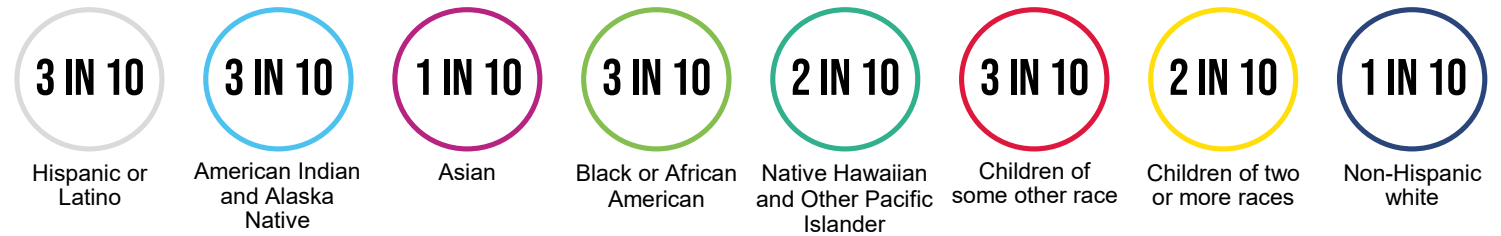


20%
of the state's population is
CHILDREN

2,649,152
citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

1,208,578
citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 6 (395,980)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

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

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

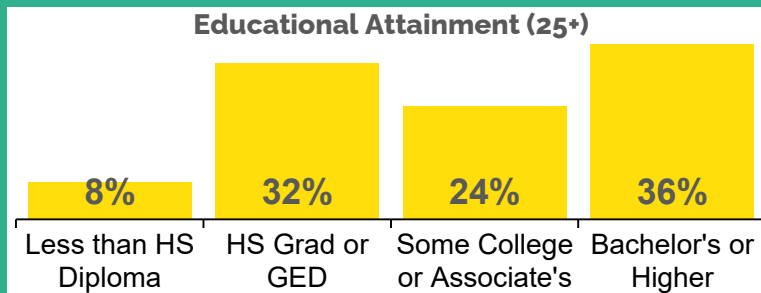
1 IN 3 (328,810)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
26%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$137,400
SINGLE FATHER \$64,500
SINGLE MOTHER \$38,400

Unemployment Rate
4.3%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
52,347
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
72%



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

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

HISPANIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF SOME OTHER RACE have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

HISPANIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN OF SOME OTHER RACE have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

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

1 IN 2
GPS reports screened-out

22%
of assessed GPS reports were valid

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

67,096
children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet
71,517
eligible children remain unserved

7,152
more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

76%
of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

55%
of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

50%
of licensed child care capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

128,065
families are most likely to benefit from evidence-based home visiting services

17,335
families receive evidence-based home visiting services

Evidence-based home visiting models in the state receiving state funds:

- ✓ Child First
- ✓ Family Check-Up®
- ✓ Healthy Families America
- ✓ Nurse-Family Partnership
- ✓ Parents as Teachers
- ✓ Safecare Augmented®
- ✓ Early Head Start
- ✓ Family Connects

4,294
members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than
1,505,710
enrolled students in
499 school districts within the state

48%
of school district students are economically disadvantaged

49%
of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

31%
of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

75,941
students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

5%
of children under 19 have no health insurance

53%
of all children in the state are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

50,274
children in the state enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

48,204
infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

58%
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