

# Data Tables

## Did you know?

Today in the United States

**Every minute** a baby is born to a teen mother.

**Every 37 minutes** a baby is born to a mother who is not a high school graduate.

**Every 2 minutes** a baby is born at a low birth weight.

**Every 10 minutes** a baby is born at very low birth weight.

**Every 4 minutes** a baby is born to a mother who had late or no prenatal care.

**Every 19 minutes** a baby dies.

**Every 41 minutes** a child or youth under 20 dies from an accident.

**Every 2 hours** a child or youth under 20 is killed by a firearm.

**Every 2 hours** a child or youth is a homicide victim.

**Every 4 hours** a child or youth under 20 commits suicide.

**Every 19 hours** a young person under 25 dies from HIV infection.

**Every hour** an adolescent 10–19 years old dies from an injury.

**Every 17 seconds** a child is arrested.

**Every 7 minutes** a child is arrested for a violent crime.

**Every second** a public high school student is suspended.

**Every 9 seconds** a high school student drops out.

**Every 56 seconds** a baby is born into poverty.

Table 1:

# Population Estimates

Population Estimates for Delaware, Counties, Wilmington, Newark, and Dover, 1999

	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-64	65+	Total	% 0-19	% 20-64	% 65+	% Total
<b>Delaware</b>	50,194	50,995	49,739	50,419	454,450	96,361	752,158	26.8	60.4	12.8	100.0
Male	25,791	26,259	25,451	25,377	224,045	40,781	367,704	13.7	29.8	5.4	48.9
White	19,525	20,415	19,836	19,156	183,264	36,522	298,718	10.5	24.4	4.9	39.7
Black	5,604	5,142	5,155	5,888	36,473	3,946	62,208	2.9	4.8	0.5	8.3
Female	24,403	24,736	24,288	25,042	230,405	55,580	384,454	13.1	30.6	7.4	51.1
White	18,289	18,857	18,705	18,740	184,688	49,116	308,395	9.9	24.6	6.5	41.0
Black	5,462	5,162	5,066	5,889	40,992	6,036	68,607	2.9	5.4	0.8	9.1
<b>New Castle</b>	32,163	32,559	31,716	32,633	302,049	55,783	486,903	17.2	40.2	7.4	64.7
Male	16,600	16,856	16,268	16,382	148,903	22,969	237,978	8.8	19.8	3.1	31.6
White	12,622	13,017	12,672	12,322	120,988	20,460	192,081	6.7	16.1	2.7	25.5
Black	3,456	3,230	3,227	3,820	24,640	2,334	40,707	1.8	3.3	0.3	5.4
Female	15,563	15,703	15,448	16,251	153,146	32,814	248,925	8.4	20.4	4.4	33.1
White	11,786	12,010	11,926	12,064	122,447	28,860	199,093	6.4	16.3	3.8	26.5
Black	3,265	3,069	3,112	3,921	27,432	3,742	44,541	1.8	3.6	0.5	5.9
<b>Newark**</b>	1,023	1,064	1,179	5,657	17,330	2,478	28,731	1.2	2.3	0.3	3.8
Male	530	545	601	2,461	8,562	960	13,659	0.6	1.1	0.1	1.8
Female	493	519	578	3,196	8,768	1,518	15,072	0.6	1.2	0.2	2.0
<b>Wilmington*</b>	4,748	5,119	5,073	4,379	42,331	11,046	72,696	2.6	5.6	1.5	9.7
Male	2,397	2,671	2,609	2,291	20,166	3,918	34,052	1.3	2.7	0.5	4.5
White	643	671	611	565	9,479	2,493	14,462	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.9
Black	1,564	1,757	1,755	1,522	9,556	1,359	17,513	0.9	1.3	0.2	2.3
Female	2,351	2,448	2,464	2,088	22,165	7,128	38,644	1.2	2.9	0.9	5.1
White	678	624	547	496	9,237	4,888	16,470	0.3	1.2	0.6	2.2
Black	1,478	1,598	1,718	1,419	11,944	2,168	20,325	0.8	1.6	0.3	2.7
<b>Kent</b>	9,250	9,503	9,059	8,902	74,525	14,216	125,455	4.9	9.9	1.9	16.7
Male	4,719	4,856	4,617	4,456	36,624	6,091	61,363	2.5	4.9	0.8	8.2
White	3,494	3,748	3,527	3,346	29,704	5,273	49,092	1.9	3.9	0.7	6.5
Black	1,143	1,065	1,044	1,052	6,367	734	11,405	0.6	0.8	0.1	1.5
Female	4,531	4,647	4,442	4,446	37,901	8,125	64,092	2.4	5.0	1.1	8.5
White	3,299	3,480	3,346	3,375	29,450	6,993	49,943	1.8	3.9	0.9	6.6
Black	1,145	1,119	1,042	998	7,451	1,001	12,756	0.6	1.0	0.1	1.7
<b>Dover**</b>	1,885	1,986	1,930	2,758	18,360	3,511	30,430	1.1	2.4	0.5	4.0
Male	963	1,002	991	1,363	9,012	1,329	14,660	0.6	1.2	0.2	1.9
Female	922	984	939	1,395	9,348	2,182	15,770	0.6	1.2	0.3	2.1
<b>Sussex</b>	8,781	8,933	8,964	8,884	77,876	26,362	139,800	4.7	10.4	3.5	18.6
Male	4,472	4,547	4,566	4,539	38,518	11,721	68,363	2.4	5.1	1.6	9.1
White	3,406	3,654	3,638	3,483	32,610	10,791	57,582	1.9	4.3	1.4	7.7
Black	1,008	846	883	1,019	5,440	875	10,071	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.3
Female	4,309	4,386	4,398	4,345	39,358	14,641	71,437	2.3	5.2	1.9	9.5
White	3,201	3,368	3,436	3,296	32,794	13,260	59,355	1.8	4.4	1.8	7.9
Black	1,053	974	909	975	6,111	1,299	11,321	0.5	0.8	0.2	1.5

Racial breakdown may not total gender breakdown due to omission of "Other" races.

\* Race estimates for the city of Wilmington are illustrative and should be interpreted with care.

\*\* Race estimates not available for the cities of Newark and Dover.

Source: Delaware Population Consortium

Table 2:

## Hispanic Population Estimates

Hispanic Population Estimates for Delaware and Counties, 1990–1998

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Delaware	15,530	15,348	18,418	20,692	24,234	25,609	26,972	28,332	31,158
New Castle	10,830	10,261	11,737	12,589	14,158	14,949	15,842	17,299	18,896
Kent	2,382	2,419	2,964	2,924	3,037	2,852	3,165	2,660	2,590
Sussex	2,318	2,668	3,717	5,179	7,039	7,808	7,965	8,373	9,672

Source: Delaware Population Consortium

Table 3:

## Hispanic Population by Age

Hispanic\* Population Estimates by Age, Delaware, 1998

	Under 5 years	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	Total Children 0 to 19	Adults 20-64	Adults 64+	Total
Delaware	3,650	3,217	2,677	2,786	12,330	17,363	1,465	31,158

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

\* The estimates of the Hispanic population by the age in this report were produced by the Delaware Health Statistics Center (DHSC). Although the Delaware Population Consortium (DPC) produces the official population estimates and projections for the State of Delaware, they currently do not produce estimates of the Hispanic population by age. However, they do produce estimates of the total Hispanic population for the state and counties. In addition, the US Bureau of the Census (USBC) produces estimates of the total Hispanic population of Delaware by age. However, the DPC estimates are consistently higher than the estimates by USBC. Both the DPC and the DHSC feel that the USBC estimates are too low.

In order to present estimates of Delaware's Hispanic population by age, the DHSC proportionally applied the age distribution from the USBC estimates to the total estimates from the DPC. It was decided that this was a reasonable approach after examining the shape of the USBC age distribution. It is important to note that although a combination of DPC and USBC numbers were used to produce the estimates by age, these estimates were produced solely by the DHSC and have not been officially endorsed by the DPC or the USBC.

The DPC believes that their official estimates of the total Hispanic population have a margin of error as high as 10%. This means that the estimates of age groups within that population shown in the table above would be expected to have an even higher margin of error (perhaps 20% to 30%). As such, the DHSC recommends that they be interpreted with caution and does not recommend that they be used for calculation of population-based rates.

Table 4:

## Delaware Children and Their Families

Number and Percent of Children in Families, Delaware and Counties, 1990 Census

	Delaware		New Castle		Kent		Sussex	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total children under 18</b>	<b>146,816</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,532</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>27,268</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>24,016</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>In married-couple family:</b>								
Under 3 years	21,188	14.4	14,099	14.8	3,929	14.4	3,160	13.2
3 and 4 years	13,924	9.5	9,081	9.5	2,717	10.0	2,126	8.9
5 years	6,931	4.7	4,388	4.6	1,275	4.7	1,268	5.3
6 to 11 years	39,580	27.0	25,831	27.0	7,117	26.1	6,632	27.6
12 and 13 years	11,944	8.1	7,713	8.1	2,307	8.5	1,924	8.0
14 years	5,764	3.9	3,645	3.8	1,136	4.2	983	4.1
15 to 17 years	16,687	11.4	10,826	11.3	3,165	11.6	2,696	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,018</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>75,583</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>21,646</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>18,789</b>	<b>78.2</b>
<b>In other family:</b>								
<b>Male head of household, no spouse: (18.1% of children in single-parent families)</b>								
Under 3 years	931	0.6	621	0.7	134	0.5	176	0.7
3 and 4	632	0.4	418	0.4	106	0.4	108	0.4
5 years	307	0.2	151	0.2	71	0.3	85	0.4
6 to 11 years	1,978	1.3	1,304	1.4	226	0.8	448	1.9
12 and 13 years	507	0.3	349	0.4	59	0.2	99	0.4
14 years	276	0.2	137	0.1	31	0.1	108	0.4
15 to 17 years	937	0.6	612	0.6	116	0.4	209	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,568</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Female head of household, no spouse: (81.9% of children in single-parent families)</b>								
Under 3 years	3,052	2.1	1,893	2.0	652	2.4	507	2.1
3 and 4 years	2,744	1.9	1,612	1.7	625	2.3	507	2.1
5 years	1,444	1.0	899	0.9	320	1.2	225	0.9
6 to 11 years	9,266	6.3	6,025	6.3	1,879	6.9	1,362	5.7
12 and 13 years	3,004	2.0	2,066	2.2	456	1.7	482	2.0
14 years	1,486	1.0	932	1.0	256	0.9	298	1.2
15 to 17 years	4,234	2.9	2,930	3.1	691	2.5	613	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,230</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16,357</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>16.6</b>

Source: Delaware Economic Development Office; U.S. Bureau of the Census



Table 5:

## Number and Percent of Families with Children

Number and Percent of Families With Related Children Under 18 Years of Age  
Delaware and Counties, 1990 Census

Type of Family	Delaware		New Castle		Kent		Sussex	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
One-Parent	21,708	24.3	14,252	24.3	3,807	23.6	3,649	25.0
Male Head of Household	4,083	4.6	2,627	4.5	614	3.8	842	5.8
Female Head of Household	17,625	19.7	11,625	19.8	3,193	19.8	2,807	19.2
Married Couple	67,642	75.7	44,375	75.7	12,317	76.4	10,950	75.0
Total	89,350	100.0	58,627	100.0	16,124	100.0	14,599	100.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center; U.S. Bureau of the Census

Table 6:

## Teen Birth Rates

Five-Year Average Live Birth Rates (births per 1,000) for Females Ages 15-19 by Race  
U.S., Delaware, and Counties, 1984-1994

Area/Race	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	51.0	52.4	54.2	56.5	58.5	59.8	60.1	59.3	57.7	56.0	54.4	52.6
White	42.2	43.3	45.0	47.2	49.2	50.8	51.4	51.2	50.2	49.0	47.9	46.7
Black	100.2	103.2	106.2	109.5	111.7	112.0	110.5	106.9	101.6	96.8	92.2	87.7
Delaware	48.7	50.7	52.1	54.3	55.8	57.0	57.7	58.3	57.9	57.6	57.1	56.3
White	33.8	34.9	35.7	36.9	37.9	39.0	39.8	40.8	40.8	41.0	40.4	39.9
Black	109.0	114.3	116.9	121.8	123.3	122.6	120.7	117.2	113.7	111.6	110.6	108.1
New Castle	41.5	43.1	44.6	46.4	48.1	48.9	49.6	50.4	51.0	50.2	50.5	49.9
White	27.6	28.0	28.6	29.4	30.4	31.4	32.5	34.0	34.9	34.0	33.8	33.4
Black	105.9	112.3	116.6	121.1	123.0	120.2	115.2	109.6	106.1	103.7	104.1	102.2
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	138.2	144.9	150.1	150.9	152.2	152.6	152.3	147.6	142.9
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	124.1	126.2	135.7	137.1	137.4	144.3	139.1	122.6	113.8
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	158.9	168.3	172.7	173.2	174.7	172.8	174.7	173.3	169.4
Kent	58.1	61.3	62.3	64.2	64.3	65.9	66.1	65.5	64.2	63.1	61.1	61.3
White	50.9	52.6	52.3	52.9	53.1	53.9	53.1	51.3	49.9	48.6	46.9	46.9
Black	81.5	88.6	92.4	97.2	95.3	99.6	102.5	105.7	105.4	107.8	105.4	107.3
Sussex	71.4	73.9	74.7	79.2	81.2	82.7	83.6	83.2	79.4	81.5	78.6	75.5
White	45.5	49.1	51.7	55.5	56.5	58.0	58.0	58.6	55.6	60.8	58.8	57.2
Black	155.0	155.8	151.6	158.2	162.2	162.2	165.0	159.5	152.3	146.6	141.3	131.9

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 7:

## Teen Birth Rates (15-17 year olds)

Five-Year Average Live Birth Rates (births per 1,000) for Females Ages 15-17  
U.S., Delaware, and Counties, 1984-1999

Area	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	31.6	32.6	33.8	35.5	36.7	37.6	37.8	37.5	36.5	35.3	33.8	32.1
Delaware	33.5	35.8	37.1	37.9	39.2	39.3	40.3	40.6	41.0	40.0	39.2	37.3
New Castle	31.0	33.1	34.3	35.4	36.7	36.8	37.6	38.5	39.3	37.9	37.3	35.6
Kent	35.7	39.8	40.9	40.3	39.6	40.6	40.8	40.2	41.4	39.9	38.5	37.3
Sussex	40.7	42.1	43.7	44.9	48.1	47.4	49.6	48.3	46.4	46.8	46.2	42.9

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics; Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 8:

## Pre- and Young Teen Birth Rates (10-14 year olds)

Five-Year Average Live Birth Rates (births per 1,000) for Females Ages 10-14 by Race  
U.S., Delaware, and Counties, 1984-1999

Area/Race	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
White	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Black	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
Delaware	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8
White	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8
Black	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.5	5.5
New Castle	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.6
White	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Black	5.7	5.2	5.6	6.0	6.6	6.4	7.0	7.1	7.1	6.4	6.5	5.5
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.0	6.6	6.7	7.4	7.6	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.1
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.1	4.5	4.9	3.7	2.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.0	7.9	8.0	9.2	9.9	10.1	9.2	9.4	7.9
Kent	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
White	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0
Black	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.0	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.2
Sussex	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.5
White	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
Black	6.5	7.7	7.9	7.4	8.1	8.4	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.1	6.7

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 9:

## Teen Mothers Who Are Single

Five Year Average Percentage of Births to Mothers Under 20 Years of Age Who Are Single  
By Race and Hispanic Origin\* of Mother  
U.S., Delaware, Counties, 1984-1999

Area/Race- Hisp. Origin*	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996	1993- 1997	1994- 1998	1995- 1999
U.S.	61.3	63.5	65.3	66.9	68.1	69.3	71.0	72.6	74.0	75.6	77.0	N/A
White	48.2	51.0	53.4	55.5	57.3	59.0	61.4	63.7	65.7	67.8	69.7	N/A
Black	90.5	91.1	91.5	91.9	92.3	92.6	93.2	93.8	94.8	95.5	96.0	N/A
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.6	63.6	65.2	66.5	68.3	70.3	N/A
Delaware	70.5	73.1	76.2	78.2	80.8	83.3	86.1	86.7	88.3	89.1	89.3	89.3
White	53.0	56.2	58.6	61.2	65.2	69.3	73.8	77.3	80.2	81.5	81.7	81.9
Black	90.9	92.3	92.9	94.0	94.9	95.7	96.7	97.4	97.7	97.9	97.9	97.9
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.9	73.0	75.9	76.9	79.6	81.0	80.9
New Castle	74.9	77.8	79.4	81.4	84.1	86.4	88.8	90.6	91.6	92.5	92.6	92.5
White	59.1	62.6	65.3	68.2	72.3	76.5	80.6	83.4	85.2	86.5	86.6	86.6
Black	92.6	93.9	94.1	94.8	95.7	96.4	97.2	98.0	98.4	98.6	98.6	98.5
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.0	75.5	78.3	79.1	81.3	81.3	80.5
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4	92.9	93.6	95.3	96.2	96.7	96.9	97.1	96.8
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	75.0	78.2	80.9	85.8	87.3	87.4	88.5	88.8	87.1
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	98.3	98.5	98.5	98.7	98.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.7	81.5	83.4	84.0	85.0	86.0	84.6
Kent	59.7	62.3	65.3	67.7	71.0	75.1	78.1	80.1	81.7	82.1	81.1	81.6
White	44.1	46.4	49.2	50.9	56.1	61.6	66.3	68.4	71.9	72.3	71.0	71.4
Black	86.6	88.1	90.4	92.6	94.0	95.7	96.8	97.7	97.1	96.9	95.9	96.0
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	80.0	75.4	76.2	77.1	78.1	76.5	79.1
Sussex	69.0	71.1	70.9	72.8	74.5	76.0	79.6	82.6	85.5	86.7	87.8	87.9
White	46.0	50.3	51.2	54.5	56.7	59.3	64.5	70.5	75.4	78.4	80.0	80.7
Black	89.4	90.8	91.3	92.6	93.1	93.7	95.1	95.6	96.1	96.8	97.5	97.6
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.9	59.2	65.2	68.5	74.6	82.5	83.1

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 10:

# Births by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Age of Mother

Number and Percent of Live Births by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Age of Mother  
Delaware, Counties and City of Wilmington, 1999

Area/Race- Hispanic Origin*	Total Births to All Ages	Births to Teen Mothers 19 years old and under		Births to Teen Mothers Less than 15 years old		Births to Teen Mothers 15-17 years old		Births to Teen Mothers 18-19 years old	
	Total Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Delaware	10,666	1,415	13.3	33	0.3	496	4.7	886	8.3
White	7,595	750	9.9	15	0.2	243	3.2	492	6.5
Black	2,664	630	23.6	17	0.6	242	9.1	371	13.9
Other	407	35	8.6	1	0.2	11	2.7	23	5.7
Hispanic*	858	143	16.7	6	0.7	48	5.6	89	10.4
New Castle	6,917	808	11.7	16	0.2	302	4.4	490	7.1
White	4,884	406	8.3	6	0.1	147	3.0	253	5.2
Black	1,758	391	22.2	10	0.6	152	8.6	229	13.0
Other	275	11	4.0	0	0.0	3	1.1	8	2.9
Hispanic*	545	96	17.6	5	0.9	35	6.4	56	10.3
Wilmington	1,228	276	22.5	9	0.7	107	8.7	160	13.0
White	419	47	11.2	1	0.2	22	5.3	24	5.7
Black	791	226	28.6	8	1.0	84	10.6	134	16.9
Other	18	3	16.7	0	0.0	1	5.6	2	11.1
Hispanic*	177	33	18.6	1	0.6	15	8.5	17	9.6
Balance of NC County	5,689	532	9.4	7	0.1	195	3.4	330	5.8
White	4,465	359	8.0	5	0.1	125	2.8	229	5.1
Black	967	165	17.1	2	0.2	68	7.0	95	9.8
Other	257	8	3.1	0	0.0	2	0.8	6	2.3
Hispanic*	368	63	17.1	4	1.1	20	5.4	39	10.6
Kent	1,922	296	15.4	9	0.5	96	5.0	191	9.9
White	1,388	174	12.5	3	0.2	50	3.6	121	8.7
Black	489	116	23.7	5	1.0	44	9.0	67	13.7
Other	45	6	13.3	1	2.2	2	4.4	3	6.7
Hispanic*	83	17	20.5	1	1.2	5	6.0	11	13.3
Sussex	1,827	311	17.0	8	0.4	98	5.4	205	11.2
White	1,323	170	12.8	6	0.5	46	3.5	118	8.9
Black	417	123	29.5	2	0.5	46	11.0	75	18.0
Other	87	18	20.7	0	0.0	6	6.9	12	13.8
Hispanic*	230	30	13.0	0	0.0	8	3.5	22	9.6

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of births in each race group for all ages.

3. Percentages for the race group "Other" may be misleading due to the small number of births in this category.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center



Table 11:

## Percentage of Low Birth Weight Births

Five-Year Average Percentage of All Births that Are Low Birth Weight Births  
U.S. and Delaware, 1984–1999

Area	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5
Delaware	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.5
New Castle	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.8
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	12.2	12.4	12.5	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.6
Kent	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.6	8.1
Sussex	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 12:

## Percentage of Very Low Birth Weight Births

Five-Year Average Percentage of All Births that Are Very Low Birth Weight Births  
U.S. and Delaware, 1984–1999

	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Delaware	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
New Castle	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9
Kent	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8
Sussex	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6

Note: Very Low Birth Weight (<1500 grams) is a subdivision of Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams).

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 13:

## Low Birth Weight Births by Age, Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother

Five-Year Average Percentage of Low Birth Weight Births by Age, Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother  
U.S., Delaware and Counties, 1992-1999

Area/Age	1992-1996				1993-1997				1994-1998				1995-1999			
	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*
U.S.	7.2	6.1	13.2	6.2	7.3	6.2	13.1	6.3	7.4	6.3	13.1	6.3	7.5	6.4	13.1	6.4
Less than 20	9.4	7.8	13.3	7.6	9.4	7.9	13.3	7.7	9.5	8.0	13.3	7.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-24	7.3	6.0	12.0	5.8	7.3	6.2	12.0	5.8	7.4	6.2	12.0	5.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25-29	6.4	5.4	12.8	5.5	6.5	5.5	12.6	5.5	6.5	5.6	12.4	5.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30+	7.2	6.1	15.1	6.6	7.3	6.3	15.0	6.7	7.4	6.4	14.9	6.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	8.0	6.3	13.3	7.0	8.2	6.5	13.5	7.2	8.3	6.6	13.6	7.4	8.5	6.8	14.0	7.4
Less than 20	10.7	8.1	13.7	8.0	10.6	7.9	13.7	8.3	10.6	8.0	13.6	9.2	10.9	8.1	14.1	9.4
20-24	8.3	6.0	13.1	5.7	8.5	6.3	13.0	6.0	8.6	6.4	13.3	5.6	9.0	6.6	13.8	6.0
25-29	7.0	5.8	12.0	7.5	7.2	5.9	13.1	8.1	7.3	5.9	13.3	8.0	7.5	6.0	14.1	7.5
30+	7.6	6.5	14.8	7.7	7.9	6.8	14.5	7.1	8.0	6.9	14.5	8.2	8.2	7.0	14.4	8.2
New Castle	8.3	6.4	14.3	8.0	8.5	6.6	14.3	8.6	8.6	6.7	14.1	8.8	8.8	6.9	14.5	8.6
Less than 20	11.4	8.8	14.1	9.5	11.2	8.4	13.9	9.9	11.2	8.6	13.7	10.5	11.4	8.3	14.3	10.0
20-24	9.2	6.4	14.3	6.5	9.4	6.8	14.1	7.4	9.6	6.8	14.4	7.4	10.0	7.1	14.7	7.2
25-29	7.1	5.6	13.1	8.6	7.4	5.7	14.3	9.8	7.5	5.8	13.9	9.3	7.7	6.0	14.3	8.7
30+	7.7	6.5	15.7	8.0	8.0	6.8	15.2	7.5	8.1	7.0	14.5	8.6	8.3	7.2	14.7	9.3
Wilmington	12.1	6.5	15.3	8.7	12.2	6.7	15.3	8.1	12.3	7.8	14.9	9.4	12.6	7.9	15.2	9.7
Less than 20	13.3	10.0	14.9	11.2	13.2	9.1	15.2	10.5	13.5	10.2	17.3	11.4	14.3	11.2	19.1	11.3
20-24	12.1	5.4	14.5	7.3	12.6	6.7	14.7	7.0	12.7	7.8	14.5	7.5	13.5	8.3	15.4	7.6
25-29	11.1	6.0	15.1	9.4	11.7	6.0	16.0	8.6	12.2	7.0	15.9	9.3	12.2	7.3	15.9	9.7
30+	11.8	6.1	18.2	5.5	11.1	6.3	16.8	5.2	11.0	7.4	15.0	9.9	10.5	7.1	13.2	11.5
Kent	7.2	5.9	11.8	5.4	7.5	5.9	12.4	5.4	7.6	5.9	13.5	5.8	8.1	6.1	14.1	6.9
Less than 20	9.3	6.8	13.4	4.3	9.0	6.3	13.2	6.3	8.8	5.8	13.6	5.9	9.7	6.6	14.4	9.0
20-24	6.9	5.2	11.5	5.0	7.3	5.6	12.0	4.8	7.7	5.8	12.8	4.6	8.0	6.0	12.9	5.4
25-29	6.3	5.8	8.7	7.1	6.8	6.1	10.6	5.6	7.0	5.9	13.0	6.8	7.4	5.9	14.4	5.4
30+	7.5	6.2	14.0	5.7	7.5	5.9	14.1	5.7	7.6	5.9	15.3	7.4	8.0	6.3	15.4	9.8
Sussex	7.7	6.4	11.5	5.0	8.0	6.8	11.6	4.9	8.0	6.8	11.8	5.1	8.0	6.9	12.2	5.1
Less than 20	10.0	7.4	12.8	4.6	10.8	8.4	13.6	4.4	10.6	8.5	13.2	7.1	10.7	9.1	13.1	7.7
20-24	7.4	5.8	10.9	4.3	7.5	6.0	10.7	4.3	7.3	6.0	10.4	3.4	7.6	6.1	11.7	4.2
25-29	7.1	6.4	10.7	4.9	7.0	6.4	10.4	5.2	6.9	6.1	11.0	5.6	7.1	6.3	12.3	5.7
30+	7.1	6.4	11.4	8.0	7.8	7.2	11.3	6.7	8.1	7.4	13.3	7.5	7.6	7.1	11.3	4.3

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.  
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 14:

## Very Low Birth Weight Births by Age and Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother

Five-Year Average Percentage of Very Low Birth Weight Births  
by Age, Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother  
U.S., Delaware and Counties, 1992-1999

Area/Age	1992-1996				1993-1997				1994-1998				1995-1999			
	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*	All	White	Black	Hisp.*
U.S.	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.1	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.1	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.1	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.1
Less than 20	1.8	1.4	2.8	1.3	1.8	1.4	2.8	1.3	1.8	1.4	2.8	1.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-24	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.9	1.3	1.0	2.7	0.9	1.3	1.0	2.7	0.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25-29	1.2	0.9	3.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	3.0	1.0	1.2	0.9	3.0	1.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30+	1.3	1.1	3.6	1.3	1.4	1.1	3.6	1.3	1.4	1.1	3.7	1.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	1.6	1.1	3.2	1.3	1.7	1.2	3.3	1.3	1.7	1.2	3.3	1.3	1.8	1.3	3.5	1.5
Less than 20	2.3	1.6	3.1	1.2	2.2	1.4	3.1	0.9	2.2	1.3	3.1	0.8	2.3	1.5	3.3	1.3
20-24	1.7	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.8	1.2	3.2	1.2	1.9	1.3	3.2	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.5	1.4
25-29	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.3	1.7	1.6	1.2	3.3	1.6	1.6	1.2	3.6	1.7
30+	1.5	1.1	4.0	1.5	1.6	1.2	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.2	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	3.7	1.7
New Castle	1.7	1.1	3.8	1.5	1.8	1.2	3.6	1.7	1.8	1.2	3.5	1.6	1.9	1.3	3.7	1.9
Less than 20	2.5	1.6	3.3	1.3	2.2	1.3	3.0	1.0	2.1	1.2	3.0	1.0	2.4	1.4	3.3	1.7
20-24	2.1	1.2	3.7	1.5	2.0	1.2	3.6	1.6	2.2	1.3	3.8	1.5	2.4	1.5	4.0	1.6
25-29	1.5	1.1	3.5	1.4	1.6	1.1	3.8	2.1	1.7	1.2	3.6	1.8	1.7	1.2	3.8	2.1
30+	1.5	1.1	4.5	2.0	1.6	1.3	4.2	2.1	1.5	1.2	3.7	2.1	1.6	1.3	3.7	2.3
Wilmington	2.9	1.3	3.8	1.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	1.9	2.8	1.8	3.4	1.8	2.9	1.9	3.5	2.3
Less than 20	2.9	2.1	3.4	2.4	2.7	1.2	3.8	1.5	2.8	1.4	1.2	1.6	3.2	1.8	2.9	2.1
20-24	2.9	1.5	3.5	1.7	2.9	1.7	3.5	1.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	2.1	3.3	2.4	3.7	2.3
25-29	2.4	1.0	3.6	2.0	2.6	1.4	3.7	3.3	2.7	1.5	3.7	2.3	2.7	1.5	3.6	3.2
30+	3.1	1.0	4.3	0.0	2.9	1.6	3.9	1.0	2.8	1.9	4.1	0.9	2.4	1.8	3.8	1.5
Kent	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.6	1.2	2.9	1.0	1.7	1.3	3.0	1.2	1.8	1.2	3.5	1.1
Less than 20	2.5	2.5	2.6	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.5
20-24	1.2	0.9	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.1	3.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.5	1.6	0.9	3.5	1.6
25-29	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	1.5	1.3	2.0	0.0	1.5	1.3	2.5	1.4	1.7	1.2	3.4	1.1
30+	1.6	1.1	3.8	0.0	1.7	1.1	4.4	0.0	1.8	1.1	4.8	0.0	2.0	1.2	5.1	0.0
Sussex	1.4	1.0	2.4	1.0	1.5	1.1	2.5	0.7	1.6	1.3	2.7	0.7	1.6	1.4	2.6	0.8
Less than 20	2.3	0.8	3.1	0.9	2.7	1.1	3.8	0.0	2.5	1.2	4.1	0.0	2.6	1.6	4.1	0.0
20-24	1.4	1.1	2.0	0.6	1.5	1.2	2.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.5	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.9
25-29	1.1	1.1	2.5	1.8	1.0	1.0	2.8	1.4	1.3	1.0	2.9	1.2	1.3	1.0	2.8	1.0
30+	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.7

Note: Very Low Birth Weight (<1500 grams) is a subdivision of Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams).

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 15:

## Prenatal Care

Five-Year Average Percentage of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy  
by Race and Hispanic Origin  
U.S., Delaware, Counties, and City of Wilmington, 1987-1999

Area/Race- Hispanic Origin*	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996	1993- 1997	1994- 1998	1995- 1999
U.S.	74.2	74.6	75.2	76.1	77.1	78.1	79.0	79.7	80.6
White	77.8	78.1	78.6	79.3	80.1	81.0	81.7	82.2	83.0
Black	58.9	59.4	60.3	61.8	63.5	65.6	67.2	68.5	70.2
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	60.9	62.7	64.7	66.8	68.5	69.8	71.3
Delaware	78.0	78.6	79.0	80.0	81.2	82.3	82.6	82.9	83.0
White	84.3	84.9	84.9	85.6	86.2	86.7	86.5	86.5	86.4
Black	58.4	59.1	60.6	62.6	65.4	68.2	70.3	71.5	72.9
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	64.5	65.2	65.6	66.8	67.3	67.8	68.7
New Castle	81.5	82.0	83.2	85.1	86.6	88.5	89.1	89.1	88.6
White	87.3	88.0	88.7	90.2	91.0	92.3	92.5	92.4	91.8
Black	62.4	62.8	65.3	68.6	72.2	76.1	78.3	78.7	79.3
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	69.1	72.7	74.2	78.0	79.3	79.8	79.7
Wilmington	66.5	66.0	68.1	71.0	73.6	77.7	79.9	79.9	79.6
White	79.5	79.6	81.1	83.1	84.3	86.9	88.1	87.9	87.0
Black	59.1	58.4	60.8	64.0	67.4	72.3	75.1	75.3	75.6
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	62.8	66.1	68.0	73.9	78.0	78.2	78.2
Kent	74.0	74.3	72.6	71.0	71.3	69.8	68.1	68.3	69.3
White	79.4	79.1	77.1	74.9	74.8	73.0	71.3	71.6	72.5
Black	57.7	59.5	58.3	58.3	59.7	58.4	57.0	58.0	59.7
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	67.3	65.8	66.9	65.1	65.0	62.0	61.3
Sussex	68.1	69.2	69.2	69.5	70.4	71.5	73.2	74.5	75.7
White	76.8	78.1	78.0	78.4	79.0	79.3	79.6	80.2	80.8
Black	45.8	45.9	45.9	46.7	47.8	50.2	55.1	58.1	61.7
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	40.7	37.8	40.2	40.6	42.4	44.3	47.1

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.

Hispanic data was not available prior to the 1989-93 time period.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center, National Center for Health Statistics



Table 16:

## Births by Birth Weight, Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother and Adequacy of Prenatal Care

Number and Percent of Live Births by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Birth Weight in Grams and Adequacy of Prenatal Care (Percentages Calculated by Birth Weight Group) Delaware, 1995–1999

Race/Hisp. Origin Birth Weight (g)	Total		Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Races	51,899	100.0	37,958	73.1	10,642	20.5	2,604	5.0	695	1.3
<2500	4,436	100.0	2,915	65.7	1,037	23.4	370	8.3	114	2.6
<1500	944	100.0	645	68.3	188	19.9	73	7.7	38	4.0
1500-2499	3,492	100.0	2,270	65.0	849	24.3	297	8.5	76	2.2
2500+	47,449	100.0	35,043	73.9	9,601	20.2	2,232	4.7	573	1.2
Unknown	14	100.0	0	0.0	4	28.6	2	14.3	8	57.1
White	37,872	100.0	29,061	76.7	6,949	18.3	1,396	3.7	466	1.2
<2500	2,558	100.0	1,843	72.0	521	20.4	135	5.3	59	2.3
<1500	488	100.0	362	74.2	85	17.4	23	4.7	18	3.7
1500-2499	2,070	100.0	1,481	71.5	436	21.1	112	5.4	41	2.0
2500+	35,301	100.0	27,218	77.1	6,424	18.2	1,259	3.6	400	1.1
Unknown	13	100.0	0	0.0	4	30.8	2	15.4	7	53.8
Black	12,499	100.0	7,849	62.8	3,317	26.5	1,135	9.1	198	1.6
<2500	1,756	100.0	993	56.5	482	27.4	233	13.3	48	2.7
<1500	437	100.0	269	61.6	100	22.9	50	11.4	18	4.1
1500-2499	1,319	100.0	724	54.9	382	29.0	183	13.9	30	2.3
2500+	10,742	100.0	6,856	63.8	2,835	26.4	902	8.4	149	1.4
Unknown	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
Other	1,528	100.0	1,048	68.6	376	24.6	73	4.8	31	2.0
<2500	122	100.0	79	64.8	34	27.9	2	1.6	7	5.7
<1500	19	100.0	14	73.7	3	15.8	0	0.0	2	10.5
1500-2499	103	100.0	65	63.1	31	30.1	2	1.9	5	4.9
2500+	1,406	100.0	969	68.9	342	24.3	71	5.0	24	1.7
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
Hispanic*	3,530	100.0	2,115	59.9	1,048	29.7	287	8.1	80	2.3
<2500	262	100.0	159	60.7	71	27.1	22	8.4	10	3.8
<1500	53	100.0	32	60.4	11	20.8	5	9.4	5	9.4
1500-2499	209	100.0	127	60.8	60	28.7	17	8.1	5	2.4
2500+	3,267	100.0	1,956	59.9	977	29.9	264	8.1	70	2.1
Unknown	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.  
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 17:

## Births by Birth Weight, Age of Mother and Adequacy of Prenatal Care

Number and Percent of Live Births by Age of Mother, Birth Weight in Grams and Adequacy  
of Prenatal Care (Percentages Calculated by Birth Weight Group) Delaware, 1995-1999

Age/ Birth Weight (g)	Total		Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 20 yrs.	6,915	100.0	4,040	58.4	2,102	30.4	655	9.5	118	1.7
<2500	755	100.0	392	51.9	234	31.0	110	14.6	19	2.5
<1500	162	100.0	95	58.6	37	22.8	25	15.4	5	3.1
1500-2499	593	100.0	297	50.1	197	33.2	85	14.3	14	2.4
2500+	6,159	100.0	3,648	59.2	1,867	30.3	545	8.8	99	1.6
Unknown	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24 Years	11,634	100.0	7,794	67.0	2,823	24.3	833	7.2	184	1.6
<2500	1,046	100.0	674	64.4	243	23.2	104	9.9	25	2.4
<1500	237	100.0	156	65.8	52	21.9	23	9.7	6	2.5
1500-2499	809	100.0	518	64.0	191	23.6	81	10.0	19	2.3
2500+	10,586	100.0	7,120	67.3	2,580	24.4	727	6.9	159	1.5
Unknown	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0
25-29 Years	14,401	100.0	11,085	77.0	2,575	17.9	553	3.8	188	1.3
<2500	1,086	100.0	748	68.9	244	22.5	63	5.8	31	2.9
<1500	233	100.0	170	73.0	41	17.6	9	3.9	13	5.6
1500-2499	853	100.0	578	67.8	203	23.8	54	6.3	18	2.1
2500+	13,308	100.0	10,337	77.7	2,330	17.5	490	3.7	151	1.1
Unknown	7	100.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	6	85.7
30-34 Years	12,812	100.0	10,190	79.5	2,123	16.6	362	2.8	137	1.1
<2500	992	100.0	718	72.4	201	20.3	51	5.1	22	2.2
<1500	199	100.0	146	73.4	39	19.6	7	3.5	7	3.5
1500-2499	793	100.0	572	72.1	162	20.4	44	5.5	15	1.9
2500+	11,818	100.0	9,472	80.1	1,921	16.3	311	2.6	114	1.0
Unknown	2	100.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0
35+ Years	6,137	100.0	4,849	79.0	1,019	16.6	201	3.3	68	1.1
<2500	557	100.0	383	68.8	115	20.6	42	7.5	17	3.1
<1500	113	100.0	78	69.0	19	16.8	9	8.0	7	6.2
1500-2499	444	100.0	305	68.7	96	21.6	33	7.4	10	2.3
2500+	5,578	100.0	4,466	80.1	903	16.2	159	2.9	50	0.9
Unknown	2	100.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Low Birth Weight Babies

Table 18:

## Births by Birth Weight, Marital Status, and Adequacy of Prenatal Care

Number and Percent of Live Births by Marital Status, Birth Weight in Grams, and Adequacy  
of Prenatal Care (Percentages Calculated by Birth Weight Group), Delaware, 1995–1999

Marital Status Birth Weight (g)	Total		Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Married	32,957	100.0	26,215	79.5	5,513	16.7	843	2.6	386	1.2
<2500	2,238	100.0	1,709	76.4	409	18.3	63	2.8	57	2.5
<1500	459	100.0	367	80.0	63	13.7	9	2.0	20	4.4
1500-2499	1,779	100.0	1,342	75.4	346	19.4	54	3.0	37	2.1
2500+	30,708	100.0	24,506	79.8	5,100	16.6	778	2.5	324	1.1
Unknown	11	100.0	0	0.0	4	36.4	2	18.2	5	45.5
Single	18,942	100.0	11,743	62.0	5,129	27.1	1,761	9.3	309	1.6
<2500	2,198	100.0	1,206	54.9	628	28.6	307	14.0	57	2.6
<1500	485	100.0	278	57.3	125	25.8	64	13.2	18	3.7
1500-2499	1,713	100.0	928	54.2	503	29.4	243	14.2	39	2.3
2500+	16,741	100.0	10,537	62.9	4,501	26.9	1,454	8.7	249	1.5
Unknown	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 19:

## Infant, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality Rates

Five-Year Average Infant Mortality Rates, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality Rates  
U.S. and Delaware, 1992–1999

Area/Race	1992–1996			1993–1997			1994–1998			1995–1999		
	Infant	Neo-natal	Post-neonatal	Infant	Neo-natal	Post-neonatal	Infant	Neo-natal	Post-neonatal	Infant	Neo-natal	Post-neonatal
U.S.	8.0	5.1	2.9	7.7	5.0	2.7	7.5	4.9	2.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	6.5	4.2	2.4	6.4	4.1	2.3	6.2	4.0	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black	15.8	10.2	5.6	15.3	9.9	5.4	14.8	9.7	5.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	7.9	5.4	2.5	7.8	5.3	2.5	7.9	5.4	2.6	8.1	5.5	2.6
White	5.6	3.8	1.8	5.6	3.7	1.9	5.9	3.7	2.2	5.7	3.5	2.2
Black	15.7	10.7	5.1	14.7	10.4	4.3	14.4	10.6	3.8	15.7	11.8	3.9

\* Based on National Center for Health Statistics estimate

Neonatal – the period from birth to 27 days; Post-neonatal – the period from 28 days to one year; Infant – the period from birth to one year;

Infant Mortality Rate – calculated in deaths per 1,000 deliveries

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 20:

# Infant Mortality Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin

Five-Year Average Infant Mortality Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin  
U.S., Delaware, Counties and City of Wilmington, 1982-1999

Area/Race-Hispanic Origin	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	10.9	10.6	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.6	9.3	9.0	8.6	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.5	N/A
White	9.5	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.2	N/A
Black	18.7	18.3	18.0	18.1	18.0	17.9	17.7	17.5	17.0	16.4	15.8	15.3	14.8	N/A
Delaware	12.2	11.8	12.1	12.3	11.3	11.5	10.9	10.4	9.3	8.9	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.1
White	9.7	9.3	9.6	9.9	8.9	8.9	8.2	7.5	6.6	6.4	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.7
Black	20.7	19.9	20.6	20.7	19.6	20.0	19.8	19.9	18.2	17.0	15.7	14.7	14.4	15.7
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.8	7.9	6.6	5.2	5.5	3.4	4.0
New Castle	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5	11.2	11.3	10.8	10.7	9.5	9.0	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.9
White	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.6	8.4	8.6	7.9	7.5	6.5	6.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9
Black	23.9	23.4	23.2	23.1	21.1	20.8	20.8	21.7	19.8	18.3	17.5	15.3	15.1	17.2
Wilmington**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.9	20.4	19.6	19.5	18.0	16.6	15.2	13.6	12.8	13.7
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.2	14.1	12.3	11.2	9.7	10.1	6.2	6.4	5.6	6.2
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.8	24.2	23.8	24.3	22.8	20.4	20.5	17.8	16.8	18.0
Balance of NC Co.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.5	7.5	7.2	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.6
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.1	6.2	5.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.3	16.4	17.1	18.5	16.3	16.0	14.4	12.9	13.6	16.4
Kent	9.8	9.7	11.3	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.3	9.7	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.4
White	8.7	9.3	10.5	9.9	9.4	9.0	8.8	7.3	7.3	6.5	6.8	5.9	7.1	6.3
Black	13.5	11.3	14.4	15.6	17.7	19.0	19.9	17.9	17.6	15.5	15.1	16.5	15.9	15.7
Sussex	11.6	11.0	11.8	12.8	12.2	12.2	10.7	9.7	8.3	8.7	7.9	9.0	9.4	8.5
White	9.0	8.2	9.1	10.8	10.5	10.1	8.8	7.8	6.2	6.8	6.8	8.0	8.9	8.0
Black	17.9	17.8	18.5	18.0	16.8	18.0	16.1	15.3	13.7	13.9	10.4	11.1	10.4	9.9

Mortality Rates are deaths per 1,000 live births

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.

Hispanic data is not available before the 1989-1993 time period.

Note: All rates for Hispanic are based on fewer than 20 deaths during the period and should be interpreted with caution.

\*\* Wilmington data is not available before the 1986-1990 time period.

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics



Table 21:

# **Infant Mortality Rates by Risk Factor**

Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births by Risk Factor (Live Birth Cohort)  
Delaware, 1993-1997

Risk Factor	All Races	White	Black
Birth Weight			
<1500 grams	255.2	229.8	280.3
<2500 grams	65.4	56.9	78.9
2500+ grams	2.3	2.1	2.9
Age of Mother			
<20	11.0	9.0	13.6
20-24	10.4	7.6	15.8
25-29	6.4	5.3	11.4
30+	5.2	4.2	10.5
Adequacy of Prenatal Care			
Adequate	6.3	4.8	12.0
Intermediate	7.6	5.8	11.4
Inadequate	22.0	21.0	24.1
Marital Status of Mother			
Married	5.1	4.7	7.1
Single	12.0	8.8	15.4
Education of Mother			
<12 years	10.4	9.4	12.5
High School diploma	8.9	6.4	15.6
1+ years of college	4.9	3.9	10.2
Interval Since Last Live Birth			
<18 months	16.2	13.2	23.8
18+ months	5.2	4.0	8.8

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 22:

## Infant Deaths by Causes of Death and Race of Mother

Number and Percent of Infant Deaths by Selected Leading Causes of Death by Race of Mother  
(all birth weights) Delaware, 1994–1998

Cause of Death	All Races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Causes	386	100.0	218	100.0	158	100.0	10	100.0
Birth Defects	71	18.4	56	25.7	13	8.2	2	20.0
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	197	51.0	91	41.7	100	63.3	6	60.0
Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birth weight (Included in figures above)	91	23.6	34	15.6	52	32.9	5	50.0
Symptom, Signs, and Ill-defined Conditions (Includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)	47	12.2	26	11.9	19	12.0	2	20.0
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	15	3.9	8	3.7	7	4.4	0	0.0
Unintentional Injuries	7	1.8	6	2.8	1	0.6	0	0.0
Homicide	3	0.8	2	0.9	1	0.6	0	0.0
Diseases of the Respiratory System	9	2.3	6	2.8	3	1.9	0	0.0
All Other Causes	37	9.6	23	10.6	14	8.9	0	0.0

Infant deaths are deaths that occur between live birth and one year of age

Percentages are based upon the total number of infant deaths in each race group. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Live Birth Cohort – All persons born during a given period of time.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 23:

## Child Death Rates

Five-Year Average Death Rates, Children 1-14 Years of Age  
U.S. and Delaware, 1982-1998

	1982- 1986	1983- 1987	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996	1993- 1997	1994- 1998
U.S.	34.9	34.3	33.9	33.6	33.0	32.3	31.3	30.5	29.7	29.1	28.3	27.5	26.4
Delaware	37.0	37.8	35.3	35.3	34.3	32.0	30.1	29.7	26.3	24.3	23.2	23.4	22.4

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 24:

## Causes of Deaths of Children by Age

Five Leading Causes of Deaths of Children 1-19 Years Old, by Age  
Delaware, 1994-1998

Age	Cause of Death	Deaths	
		Number	Percent
1-4 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	19	28.8
	Homicide	10	15.2
	Birth defects	9	13.6
	Heart Disease	5	7.6
	Cancer	3	4.5
	All Other Causes	20	30.3
	Total	66	100.0
5-14 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	32	35.6
	Cancer	14	15.6
	Heart Disease	6	6.7
	Homicide	6	6.7
	Pneumonia and Influenza	5	5.6
	All Other Causes	27	30.0
	Total	90	100.0
15-19 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	95	56.2
	Suicide	17	10.1
	Homicide	17	10.1
	Cancer	9	5.3
	Heart Disease	3	1.8
	All Other Causes	28	16.6
	Total	169	100.0

\* Motor vehicle accidents are included as part of unintentional injuries  
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 25:

## Teen Death Rates

Five-Year Average Teen Death Rates by Accident, Homicide, and Suicide, Teens 15–19 Years of Age  
U.S. and Delaware, 1982–1998

	1982- 1986	1983- 1987	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996	1993- 1997	1994- 1998
U.S.	63.7	63.8	65.2	66.4	68.1	68.7	68.9	69.0	69.1	68.0	66.1	64.3	61.4
Delaware	49.1	43.5	50.4	50.1	52.3	47.9	48.3	44.0	45.9	46.0	47.8	53.1	55.0

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics

Table 26:

## Traffic Arrests of Teens

Number of Arrests for Teens Involved in Crashes, Five Year Averages, Delaware, 1992–1998

	1992-96	1993-97	1994-98
No insurance	41.0	44.0	51.0
Disobey traffic devise	83.6	98.4	116.4
Unsafe lane change	50.6	56.8	64.4
Following too closely	191.6	205.2	228.6
Unsafe left turn	108.0	112.6	128.6
Entering roadway unsafely	51.6	50.0	54.6
Stop sign violations	156.0	168.6	180.4
Unsafe speed	165.2	176.8	190.6
Careless driving	373.0	398.2	427.6
Inattentive driving	515.4	567.4	647.4
Driving under the influence	34.8	42.4	721.8
Other traffic arrests	334.8	359.6	388.8
Average Total Traffic Arrests	2,105.6	2,280.0	2,527.0

Source: Delaware State Police



Table 27:

## Violent Juvenile Arrests

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests, Delaware and Counties, 1988-1999

Area	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Delaware	191	214	374	594	537	525	514	588	629	549	557	654
New Castle	139	133	251	254	317	328	321	382	414	334	298	361
Kent	24	38	54	70	107	100	90	93	102	96	121	147
Sussex	29	43	69	70	113	97	103	113	113	119	138	146

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 28:

## Juvenile Part I Violent Crime Arrests

Arrest of Children under 18 Years of Age by Type of Crime, Delaware, 1988-1999

Crime Type	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Part I Violent	191	214	374	394	537	525	514	588	629	549	557	654
Murder, Nonneg. Manslaughter	2	4	5	5	3	2	2	4	8	0	4	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	3	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	3	2
Forcible Rape	39	33	47	50	57	70	47	52	49	62	69	76
Robbery	51	28	105	88	133	121	144	171	168	141	137	154
Aggravated Assault	96	148	215	250	342	329	320	360	404	344	334	422

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 29:

## Juvenile Part I Property Crime Arrests

Juvenile Arrests for Part I Property Crimes\*, Delaware and County, 1990-1999

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Delaware	1,961	1,964	2,307	2,159	2,211	2,156	2,225	1,957	1,711	1,851
New Castle	1,231	1,233	1,443	1,372	1,363	1,305	1,248	1,060	824	1,010
Kent	440	452	528	374	470	415	527	482	470	427
Sussex	290	279	336	413	378	436	450	415	417	414

\* Part I Property Crimes: Burglary - Breaking or Entering, Larceny - Theft (Except MV Theft), Arson

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 30:

## Juvenile Part II Crime Arrests

Juvenile Arrests for Part II Crimes\*, Delaware and County, 1990–1999

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Delaware	3,955	4,018	3,795	4,005	3,911	4,492	4,869	4,500	4,348	5,535
New Castle	2,556	2,649	2,260	2,363	2,173	2,456	2,637	2,441	2,135	3,214
Kent	658	631	695	740	756	852	927	914	956	957
Sussex	741	738	840	702	982	1,184	1,305	1,145	1,257	1,384

\* Part II Offenses: Drug Abuse Violations (Sales/Manufacturing and Possession), Other Assaults, Fraud, Stolen Property (Buying, receiving, Possessing, etc.), Sex Offences (except Rape and

Prostitution), Liquor Laws, Disorderly Conduct, All Other Offenses (Except Traffic), Curfew and Loitering Law Violation

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 31:

## Juvenile Drug Arrests

Arrest of Children under 18 Years of Age by Type of Crime, Delaware, 1988–1999

Crime Type	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>Drug Offenses</b>	163	296	277	374	295	316	398	567	590	576	503	651
Drug Sales, Manufacturing	25	55	72	101	65	63	63	84	67	53	51	65
Opium, Cocaine & Derivatives	21	46	66	90	60	53	57	72	52	40	43	45
Marijuana	4	6	6	9	5	10	6	11	12	12	5	16
Synthetic/ Manufactured narcotics	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Other Dangerous Non-Narcotics	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	4
<b>Drug Possession</b>	140	241	205	273	230	253	335	483	523	523	452	586
Opium, Cocaine & Derivatives	53	121	132	205	145	104	118	122	99	128	128	108
Marijuana	83	116	73	63	74	148	212	350	408	362	315	464
Synthetic/ Manufactured Narcotics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Other Dangerous Non-Narcotics	4	4	0	5	11	1	5	9	16	13	9	14

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 32:

## 8th Graders Using Substances

Percent of Participants in Delaware Survey of Public School 8th graders Using Substances (Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana) in the Last 30 Days by Gender, Delaware and Counties, 1999

Area/Gender	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana
Delaware	20	26	16
Male	19	25	18
Female	21	25	14
New Castle	20	26	18
Male	19	25	19
Female	22	26	15
Kent	16	23	11
Male	14	22	11
Female	17	24	10
Sussex	24	28	17
Male	24	30	21
Female	23	25	13

Source: The Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware and the Office of Prevention, Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Table 33:

## 11th Graders Using Substances

Percent of Participants in Delaware Survey of Public School 11th graders Using Substances (Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana) in the Last 30 Days by Gender, Delaware and Counties, 1999

Area/Gender	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana
Delaware	31	46	28
Male	31	49	34
Female	31	42	24
New Castle	29	46	29
Male	29	50	35
Female	30	42	24
Kent	29	44	26
Male	31	51	33
Female	28	38	21
Sussex	36	47	30
Male	36	49	34
Female	36	45	26

Source: The Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware and the Office of Prevention, Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Table 34:

## Student Violence and Possession

Reports of Student Violence and Possession (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*) Delaware and Counties, 1997-1998 School Year

Type of Incident	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware Totals***
Assault against pupil	333	73	64	481
Extortion against pupil	11	1	3	15
<b>Total reports against pupils</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>496</b>
Assault against employee	51	10	16	79
Extortion against employee	1	0	0	1
Offensive touching against employee	232	52	48	335
Terroristic threatening against employee	52	27	30	111
<b>Total reports against employees</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>526</b>
Possess dangerous instrument/weapon	130	37	44	172
Possess controlled substance	130	31	62	228
<b>Total reports of possession</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total of §4112 reports filed</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>1,422</b>
Total SBE filed	78	92	43	217
<b>Total reports filed</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1,639</b>

\* Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112: Signed in July 1993 requires that evidence of certain incidents of student conduct that occur in Delaware schools be reported to the Secretary of Education and to the Youth Division of the Delaware State Police

\*\* SBE (State Board of Education) Reports: Expands the reporting requirements of Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112 to include evidence of other incidents involving school children such as arson and forgery.

\*\*\*Alternative Schools are not included in county breakdowns but are included in Delaware total.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 35:

## Student Violence and Possession Charges Filed

Incidents in which Police Charges Were Filed  
Delaware, 1997-1998 School Year

Incident	Reports	Charges Filed	Percent of Reports Leading to Charges Filed
Title 14, §4112 incidents against pupils	544	163	30%
Title 14, §4112 incidents against employees	543	251	46%
Possession of dangerous instrument/weapon	172	50	29%
Possession of unlawful controlled substance	228	118	52%
SBE incidents	217	83	38%
<b>Total incidents</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>39%</b>

Source: Delaware Department of Education



Table 36:

## Student Violence and Possession by Age

Student Violence Data (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*) by Number and Age of Perpetrators  
Delaware 1998–1999 School Year

	Ages 4–6	Ages 7–9	Ages 10–12	Ages 13–15	Ages 16–21	Total
Number of Students	21	142	461	818	430	1,872
Percent of students involved in violent incidents that are in this age group	1%	8%	25%	44%	23%	100%

\* **Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112:** Signed in July 1993 requires that evidence of certain incidents of student conduct that occur in Delaware schools be reported to the Secretary of Education and to the Youth Division of the Delaware State Police

\*\* **SBE (State Board of Education) Reports:** Expands the reporting requirements of Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112 to include evidence of other incidents involving school children such as arson and forgery.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 37:

## Student Violence and Possession by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Student Violence Data (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*) by Gender and Race/Ethnicity of Perpetrators  
Delaware, 1998–1999 School Year

Ethnicity of Perpetrators	Female	% of Total Perpetrators	Male	% of Total Perpetrators	Total	% of Total Perpetrators
American Indian	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.2
Asian	3	0.2	9	0.5	12	0.7
African American	245	13.1	739	39.4	984	52.5
Hispanic	20	1.1	64	3.4	84	4.5
White	157	8.4	631	33.7	788	42.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* **Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112:** Signed in July 1993 requires that evidence of certain incidents of student conduct that occur in Delaware schools be reported to the Secretary of Education and to the Youth Division of the Delaware State Police

\*\* **SBE (State Board of Education) Reports:** Expands the reporting requirements of Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112 to include evidence of other incidents involving school children such as arson and forgery.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 38:

## Violent Adult Arrests

Violent Arrest Rate Per 1,000 Population Adults 18 and Over, Delaware, 1987-1999

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Adult Violent Arrests	967	1,177	1,488	1,878	1,923	2,065	1,978	1,997	2,155	2,200	2,286	2,406	2,428
Rate	2.03	2.43	3.01	3.75	3.78	4.00	3.77	3.74	4.19	4.22	4.11	3.78	4.26

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 39:

## Violent Adult Arrests, Adults 18-39

Violent Arrest Rates Per 1,000 Population Adults 18-39 Only, Delaware, 1987-1999

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rate	4.08	4.90	6.13	7.65	7.79	8.32	7.92	7.94	8.54	8.72	9.09	7.89	7.80

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 40:

## Dropouts

Delaware Dropouts by Gender and Race/Ethnicity, Summary Statistics Grades 9-12, 1998-1999

	Annual Dropout Rate (%)	Percentage of All Dropouts (%)
Total	4.1	100.0
Gender		
Male	4.9	61.1
Female	3.2	38.9
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian	4.3	0.2
African American	5.2	37.3
Hispanic	6.9	6.5
White	3.4	56.3

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 41:

## Dropouts and Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollment by Race, Public School Students Grades 9-12  
Delaware and Counties, 1998-1999 School Year

Area	Number of Enrolled Students, Grades 9-12				Number of Dropouts, Grades 9-12			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	9,661	1,269	22,387	33,317	507	88	766	1,361
New Castle	6,175	905	12,586	19,666	309	64	435	808
Kent	1,841	190	5,057	7,088	98	6	153	257
Sussex	1,645	174	4,744	6,563	100	18	178	296

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 42:

## Dropout Rate and Percentage by Race/Ethnicity

Dropout Rate and Percentage of all Dropouts by Race, Public School Students  
Delaware and Counties, 1998-1999 School Year

County	Annual Dropout Rate				Percentage of All Dropouts			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	5.2	6.9	3.4	4.1	37.3	6.5	56.3	100.0
New Castle	5.0	7.1	3.5	4.1	22.7	4.7	32.0	59.4
Kent	5.3	3.2	3.0	3.6	7.2	0.4	11.2	18.9
Sussex	6.1	10.3	3.8	4.5	7.3	1.3	13.1	21.7

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 43:

## Dropouts and Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Student Enrollment and Delaware Dropouts by Race and Gender, Grades 9–12  
Public School Students in Delaware, 1998–1999 School Year

Gender	Number of Enrolled Students, Grades 9–12				Number of Dropouts, Grades 9–12			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	9,661	1,269	22,387	33,317	507	88	766	1,361
Male	4,785	646	11,473	16,904	306	51	475	832
Female	4,876	623	10,914	16,413	201	37	291	529

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 44:

## Dropout Rate and Percentage by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Dropout Rate and Percentage of all Dropouts by Race and Gender, Grades 9–12  
Public School Students in Delaware, 1998–1999 School Year

Gender	Annual Dropout Rate				Percentage of All Dropouts			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	5.2	6.9	3.4	4.1	37.3	6.5	56.3	100.0
Male	6.4	7.9	4.1	4.9	22.5	3.7	34.9	61.1
Female	4.1	5.9	2.7	3.2	14.8	2.7	21.4	38.9

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 45:

## Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity

Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity, Grades 9–12, Delaware, 1986–1998

Race/Ethnicity	1987- 1988	1988- 1989	1989- 1990	1990- 1991	1991- 1992	1992- 1993	1993- 1994	1994- 1995	1995- 1996	1996- 1997	1997- 1998	1998- 1999
Black	10.0	10.2	10.0	7.9	6.2	5.8	6.8	5.8	5.3	6.1	6.4	5.2
Hispanic	13.6	14.2	11.9	8.8	7.9	5.1	6.7	7.5	8.3	7.3	8.2	6.9
White	6.1	6.2	5.4	4.9	3.0	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.4
All	7.2	7.3	6.6	5.7	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.1

Source: Delaware Source: Delaware Department of Education



Table 46:

## Teens Not in School and Not in the Labor Force

Number and Percentage of Teens (16-19 Yrs.) Not in School and Not in the Labor Force  
Delaware, Counties and City of Wilmington, 1990 Census

Area	Total	%*	White	%*	Black	%*	Other	%*	Hispanic Origin	%*
Delaware										
High School Graduate	472	1.3	310	1.1	152	2.0	10	0.9	5	0.5
Not High School Graduate	1,433	3.8	811	2.8	564	7.6	58	5.0	57	5.5
New Castle										
High School Graduate	313	1.2	212	1.0	91	2.0	10	1.2	5	0.7
Not High School Graduate	864	3.4	467	2.4	357	7.8	40	4.9	36	5.0
Wilmington										
High School Graduate	63	1.8	15	2.0	48	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not High School Graduate	349	10.1	60	7.9	270	11.1	19	7.2	25	7.1
Kent										
High School Graduate	73	1.1	58	1.2	15	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not High School Graduate	268	4.0	172	3.6	89	5.1	7	2.7	2	0.8
Sussex										
High School Graduate	86	1.6	40	1.0	46	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not high school graduate	301	5.6	172	4.2	118	10.2	11	11.6	19	23.5

\* Percentage of all teens 16-19 years old  
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Table 47:

## Teens Not in School and Not Working

Three Year Average Percentage of Persons (16-19 Yrs.) Not in School and Not Working  
U.S. and Delaware, 1986-2000

	1986- 1988	1987- 1989	1988- 1990	1989- 1991	1990- 1992	1991- 1993	1992- 1994	1993- 1995	1994- 1996	1995- 1997	1996- 1998	1997- 1999	1998- 2000
U.S.	9.8	9.6	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.6	8.3	7.9
Delaware	7.0	7.5	10.3	9.0	7.4	10.8	9.6	9.8	4.9	6.9	7.1	7.8	9.8

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 48:

## Children in Poverty

Three-Year Average Percentage of Children (0-17) in Poverty  
U.S. and Delaware, 1983-2000

	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	95-97	96-98	97-99	98-00
U.S.	23.7	23.3	22.7	22.4	21.5	20.7	20.2	21.0	21.7	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.0	20.4	19.2
Delaware	18.5	18.1	20.1	18.4	15.9	13.5	12.0	12.0	11.0	13.3	13.3	14.5	14.5	16.0	16.3	17.6

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 49:

## Children in Poverty by Household Structure

Three-Year Average Percentage of Children (0-17) in Poverty by Household Structure  
Delaware, 1983-2000

	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	95-97	96-98	97-99	98-00
One Parent	51.8	48.0	51.5	51.9	46.3	38.0	30.0	28.9	30.0	34.4	36.3	35.7	33.7	34.7	33.1	33.7
Two Parents	7.3	6.5	6.1	4.5	4.3	5.1	5.4	4.3	2.2	3.2	3.4	4.2	4.3	4.3	6.3	7.1

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 50:

## Income of Families with Children by Family Type

Three-Year Average Median Income in U.S. Dollars of Households with Children under 18 by Family Type  
U.S. and Delaware, 1988-2000

	1988-1990	1989-1991	1990-1992	1991-1993	1992-1994	1993-1995	1994-1996	1995-1997	1996-1998	1997-1999	1998-2000
U.S.											
1-Parent	11,417	12,067	12,610	12,617	12,730	13,187	14,187	15,233	16,177	17,142	18,369
2-Parent	37,700	39,233	40,747	42,213	43,680	45,300	47,100	49,133	51,467	53,775	56,575
Delaware											
1-Parent	14,443	14,567	14,667	15,000	15,667	16,133	17,167	18,467	19,100	19,733	20,233
2-Parent	38,633	41,200	44,237	47,570	49,033	50,867	51,167	53,403	56,900	58,969	60,436

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 51:

## Subsidized Child Care

Number of Children in State Subsidized Child Care  
Projected Monthly Averages, Delaware, Fiscal Years 1995–2000

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Delaware Totals	5,743	6,919	8,482	9,592	10,200	11,640
Welfare Reform*	2,427	3,366	3,742	4,262	3,743	3,200
Income Eligible**	3,316	3,553	4,740	5,330	6,457	8,440

\* The welfare reform numbers refer to the number of children in families who received TANF that year or received TANF child care for one year after leaving the TANF program.

\*\* The income eligible numbers reflect the working poor families below 155% of poverty.  
90% of children with authorization to receive subsidized child care attend in a given month.

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Table 52:

## Free and Reduced-Price Breakfasts

Average Number of Free and Reduced-Price Breakfasts Served Daily and Percent of Total Served  
Delaware and Counties, 1993/94–1998/99 School Years

	1992-1993		1993-1994		1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1998-1999	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Delaware	12,375	83.4	12,612	82.8	12,484	82.2	12,215	82.2	14,209	81.4	13,503	79.7
New Castle	5,748	86.9	6,272	85.3	5,806	84.6	5,579	83.8	6,353	81.8	6,482	79.9
Kent	3,112	78.2	2,604	77.7	3,133	77.3	3,073	79.3	4,157	79.7	3,280	78.3
Sussex	3,515	82.1	3,736	83.2	3,545	82.3	3,563	82.3	3,699	82.2	3,741	80.9

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 53:

## Free and Reduced-Price Lunches

Average Number of Free and Reduced-Price Lunches Served Daily and Percent to Total Enrollment  
Delaware and Counties, 1995/96–1998/99 School Years

		1995-1996 Number	%	1996-1997 Number	%	1997-1998 Number	%	1998-1999 Number	%
Delaware	Enrollment	108,461		110,245		112,026		113,082	
	Free	31,247		32,208		33,834		38,096	
	Reduced	5,892		6,088		6,955		6,936	
	Percent Free and Reduced	145,600	34.2	148,541	34.7	152,815	36.4		33.8
New Castle	Enrollment	63,440		64,609		66,154		66,831	
	Free	17,912		17,720		19,416		21,190	
	Reduced	3,120		3,223		3,657		3,593	
	Percent Free and Reduced		33.2		32.4		34.9		31.9
Kent	Enrollment	24,472		27,749		24,835		25,005	
	Free	6,533		7,056		7,024		8,328	
	Reduced	1,612		1,640		1,853		1,712	
	Percent Free and Reduced		33.3		35.1		35.7		33.7
Sussex	Enrollment	20,549		20,887		21,037		21,246	
	Free	6,802		7,432		7,394		8,578	
	Reduced	1,160		1,225		1,445		1,568	
	Percent Free and Reduced		38.7		41.4		42.0		40.2

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 54:

## Children Without Health Insurance

Three-Year Average Percentage of Children Not Covered by Health Insurance  
U.S. and Delaware, Three-Year Moving Average, 1983–2000

	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	95-97	96-98	97-99	98-00
U.S.	15.0	15.6	15.7	15.3	14.4	13.6	13.1	13.0	12.7	12.9	13.4	13.9	14.3	14.5	15.1	14.8
Delaware	14.2	15.1	15.1	14.9	11.6	11.8	11.4	13.4	10.7	10.8	10.2	12.1	12.4	13.7	14.9	12.8

Note: Preliminary data from 2000 indicates that the one-year percentage is 6.7.

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware



Table 55:

## Health Insurance

Three-Year Average Percentage Persons (0-64) without Health Insurance  
U.S. and Delaware, 1983-2000

	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	95-97	96-98	97-99	98-00
U.S.	18.0	17.4	17.6	17.2	16.3	15.6	15.3	15.6	16.1	16.6	17.0	17.2	17.3	17.7	18.1	18.0
Delaware	16.0	16.9	16.9	16.7	14.1	14.0	14.2	15.7	14.2	14.0	14.2	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.0

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 56:

## Poverty Thresholds

Poverty Thresholds by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years  
Annual Income in Dollars, U.S., 1999

Size of Family Unit	Related Children under 18 years old								
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight +
One person under 65 years old	\$ 8,667								
One Person 65 years old or older	7,990								
Two people, householder under 65 years	11,156	11,483							
Two people, householder 65 or older	10,070	11,440							
Three people	13,032	13,410	13,423						
Four people	17,184	17,465	16,895	16,954					
Five people	20,723	21,024	20,380	19,882	19,578				
Six people	23,835	23,930	23,436	22,964	22,261	21,845			
Seven people	27,425	27,596	27,006	26,595	25,828	24,934	23,953		
Eight people	30,673	30,944	30,387	29,899	29,206	28,327	27,412	27,180	
Nine people or more	36,897	37,076	36,583	36,169	35,489	34,554	33,708	33,499	32,208

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 57:

## Home Ownership

Percent of Home Ownership, U.S. and Delaware, 1989-1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
U.S.	63.9	63.9	64.1	64.1	64.5	64.0	64.7	65.4	65.7	66.3	66.8
Delaware	68.7	67.7	70.2	73.8	74.4	70.5	71.7	71.5	69.2	71.0	71.6

Source: Delaware State Housing Authority

Table 58:

## Children in One-Parent Households

Three-Year Average Percentage of Children (0-17) in One-Parent Households  
U.S. and Delaware, 1983-2000

	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	95-97	96-98	97-99	98-00
U.S.	30.2	29.2	29.7	30.4	29.2	28.1	26.7	27.5	28.1	28.8	29.3	30.1	30.5	30.8	30.7	30.4
Delaware	31.8	30.1	32.2	31.9	32.2	33.2	32.1	33.5	31.8	32.8	29.8	32.7	34.4	38.3	37.0	38.9

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 59:

## Poverty Rates for One-Parent Families

Poverty Rates for One-Parent Female (FHH) and Male (MHH)  
Householder Families With Related Children Under 18 Years of Age  
Delaware and Counties, 1990 Census

Area	One-Parent FHH Families	FHH Families below poverty		One-Parent MHH Families	MHH Families below Poverty		Risk of Poverty Ratio (FHH vs. MHH)*
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Delaware	17,625	5,609	31.8	4,083	555	13.6	2.3
New Castle	11,625	3,202	27.5	2,627	264	10.0	2.8
Kent	3,193	1,257	39.4	614	127	20.7	1.9
Sussex	2,807	1,150	41.0	842	164	19.5	2.1

\* Female-headed one-parent families are 2.3 times more likely to be in poverty than male-headed one-parent families.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center; U.S. Bureau of the Census

Table 60:

## Poverty Rates for Female Householder Families

Poverty Rates for One-Parent Female Householder (FHH) Families  
With Related Children Under 18 Years of Age  
Delaware and Counties, 1980 and 1990 Census

Area	One-Parent FHH Families	1980 FHH Families below poverty		One-Parent FHH Families	1990 FHH Families below Poverty		Percent Change 1979-1989
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Delaware	15,210	6,122	40.2	17,625	5,609	31.8	-20.9
New Castle	10,318	4,006	38.8	11,625	3,202	27.5	-29.1
Kent	2,737	1,180	43.1	3,193	1,257	39.4	-8.6
Sussex	2,155	936	43.4	2,807	1,150	41.0	-5.5

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center; U.S. Bureau of the Census

Table 61:

## Female Headed Families in Poverty

Three-Year Average Percentage Families in Poverty with Single Female Head and Children Under 18  
U.S. and Delaware, 1986-2000

	1986- 1988	1987- 1989	1988- 1990	1989- 1991	1990- 1992	1991- 1993	1992- 1994	1993- 1995	1994- 1996	1995- 1997	1996- 1998	1997- 1999	1998- 2000
U.S.	50.9	48.5	45.2	42.4	42.9	43.7	44.0	43.1	41.7	40.2	39.3	38.3	36.9
Delaware	42.2	37.7	32.4	26.0	25.5	26.6	31.2	33.0	31.2	28.2	28.0	28.1	30.9

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Table 62:

## Children in Poverty by Family Type

Related Children Under 18 in Poverty, Number and Percent by Family Type  
U.S. and Delaware, 1990 Census

	Children under 18 in Married Couple Families		Children under 18 in Female Headed Families		Children under 18 in Male Headed Families	
	Number in Poverty	Percentage in Poverty	Number in Poverty	Percentage in Poverty	Number in Poverty	Percentage in Poverty
U.S.	4,419,632	9.3	6,179,808	49.9	562,396	23.5
Delaware	5,282	4.3	12,471	39.9	944	14.0

Source: Population Reference Bureau; U.S. Bureau of the Census

Table 63:

## Child Support Paid

Percent of Child Support That Is Paid  
U.S. and Delaware, Fiscal Years 1989-2000

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
U.S.	47.6	53.0	48.0	55.4	52.7	54.0	53.0	52.0	54.0	50.8	52.0	N/A
Delaware	61.0	58.7	58.4	59.3	56.1	59.9	62.0	61.4	60.2	61.0	55.3	58.7

Source: Office of Child Support Enforcement - 158 Report and Child Support Enforcement Annual Report to Congress

Table 64:

## Births to Single Mothers

Five Year Average Percentage of Live Births to Single Mothers by Race and Hispanic Origin  
U.S., Delaware, Counties, 1984-1999

Area/Race-Hispanic Origin	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996	1993-1997	1994-1998	1995-1999
U.S.	23.4	24.6	25.8	27.0	28.1	29.1	30.2	31.1	31.6	32.1	32.5	32.5
White	15.6	16.8	18.0	19.2	20.4	21.5	22.7	23.7	24.5	25.2	25.7	26.0
Black	61.3	62.6	63.9	65.2	66.4	67.4	68.3	69.0	69.7	70.0	70.1	69.7
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38.1	39.6	40.3	40.8	41.1	41.4	41.2
Delaware	26.4	27.3	28.4	29.5	30.5	31.8	32.9	33.5	34.3	35.0	35.7	36.5
White	14.2	14.9	15.4	16.3	17.3	18.6	20.0	21.5	22.7	23.7	24.4	25.4
Black	66.9	68.2	68.7	69.7	70.6	72.1	72.6	73.0	73.2	72.9	72.7	72.4
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.2	46.8	49.1	50.9	51.4	50.9	51.1
New Castle	25.5	26.3	26.7	27.6	28.7	29.8	30.7	31.8	32.3	32.7	33.4	34.2
White	13.7	14.2	14.5	15.1	16.1	17.2	18.3	19.8	20.7	21.3	21.9	22.7
Black	68.7	69.5	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.5	72.8	72.9	73.0	72.3	71.9	71.8
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5	46.9	49.4	49.4	49.3	47.8	47.5
Wilmington**	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.0	62.6	63.7	64.7	65.5	66.0	66.6	66.9	67.5
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.1	32.0	33.1	35.0	35.8	36.8	37.5	37.6	37.6
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.9	79.7	81.1	82.1	83.0	83.7	84.2	84.0	84.5
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	60.7	61.8	63.4	63.3	63.2	62.4	61.2
Kent	24.4	25.9	27.1	28.4	29.6	31.3	32.4	33.6	34.6	35.3	36.0	37.3
White	14.6	15.6	16.5	17.7	19.5	21.0	22.4	23.5	24.7	25.3	25.7	26.8
Black	56.9	59.2	60.6	62.0	62.4	64.8	65.9	67.0	68.4	69.0	69.6	70.1
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.7	38.1	39.6	45.8	46.2	46.9	46.7
Sussex	32.2	33.0	33.5	34.9	35.5	37.2	39.1	40.4	41.6	43.2	43.7	44.1
White	16.3	17.3	18.2	19.7	20.4	22.2	24.3	26.3	28.7	31.2	32.4	33.7
Black	71.1	72.9	73.2	74.9	75.5	77.8	78.2	78.5	78.0	78.6	78.2	77.3
Hispanic*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.5	52.0	53.2	56.8	58.0	59.0	60.5

\* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See information about Hispanic data on page 58.

Hispanic data is not available before the 1989-1993 time period.

\*\* Wilmington data is not available before the 1987-1991 time period.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics



Table 65:

## Unemployment

### Unemployment Rates by Race and Gender U.S. and Delaware, 1985-1999

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
U.S., Total	7.2	7.0	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.6	6.8	7.5	6.9	6.1	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.5	4.2
Male	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.5	5.2	5.6	7.0	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.1
Female	7.4	7.1	6.2	5.5	5.2	5.6	7.0	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.3
White	6.2	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.7	6.0	6.5	6.0	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.7
Black	15.1	14.5	13.0	11.7	11.4	11.3	12.4	14.1	12.9	11.5	10.4	10.5	10.0	8.9	8.0
Delaware, Total	5.3	4.3	3.2	3.2	3.5	5.2	6.3	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.3	5.2	4.0	3.8	3.5
Male	5.0	4.4	3.0	3.4	3.2	5.6	7.2	5.9	5.5	4.5	4.6	5.8	4.4	3.7	4.1
Female	5.6	4.3	3.4	2.9	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.2	5.3	4.1	4.5	3.6	3.9	2.9
White	4.1	3.6	2.3	2.5	2.9	4.2	5.5	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.3	2.9	2.6
Black	12.2	8.6	6.6	7.5	6.6	9.3	9.2	10.6	9.5	9.5	4.9	10.1	6.7	6.7	6.7

\*Preliminary data, subject to revision

Source: Delaware Department of Labor and U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 65:

## Available Child Care

### Number of Licensed Child Care Slots, Delaware, 1990-1999

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Child Care Centers*	13,530	14,481	15,642	16,727	17,117	18,269	19,328	20,371	23,404	24,937
Family Child Care Homes**	8,889	10,400	11,070	11,891	11,459	16,412	14,935	15,197	14,297	14,067
Large Family Child Care Homes***	286	308	336	424	488	514	519	535	601	549
Totals	22,750	25,189	27,048	29,042	29,064	35,195	34,782	36,103	38,302	39,553

\* Child Care Center- 13 or more children

\*\* Family Child Care Homes- 1 person caring for no more than 6 children

\*\*\*Large Family Child care Homes- 2 people caring for a group of 7-12 children

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Table 67:

## School Age Programs

Number of School Age Programs, Delaware and Counties, 2000

Type of care	Delaware		New Castle County		Kent/Sussex County	
	Total	School Age	Total	School Age	Total	School Age
Child Care Centers	255	239	164	156	91	83
Family Child Care	1,589	1,515	972	922	617	593
School Age Only	77	N/A	28	N/A	49	N/A

Source: The Family and Workplace Connection

Table 68:

## Site-Based Public School Age Programs

Number and Percent of School Age Child Care Located At Schools, Delaware and Counties, 2000

	Delaware			New Castle County			Kent/Sussex County		
	Total	School Age	%	Total	School Age	%	Total	School Age	%
Elementary Schools	106	70	66%	60	45	75%	45	25	55%
Middle Schools	28	1	4%	15	0	0%	13	1	8%

Source: The Family and Workplace Connection

Table 69:

## Child Care Costs

Weekly Cost in Dollars to Families for Child Care by Child's Age  
Delaware, Wilmington, and Counties, 2000

Age	Delaware			Wilmington			New Castle County			Kent/Sussex Counties		
	Min.	Average	High	Min.	Average	High	Min.	Average	High	Min.	Average	High
0-12 months	48	96	169	60	103	200	45	112	207	50	80	130
12-24 months	49	91	158	60	97	175	49	106	186	50	77	130
24-36 months	44	88	154	55	92	175	49	103	183	40	74	125
3 years old	44	87	150	55	90	173	49	101	175	40	74	125
4 years old	44	87	150	50	88	156	49	100	175	40	74	125
Kindergarten	18	79	149	30	79	156	10	88	174	25	71	125
School Age	13	61	132	25	59	115	10	59	138	15	64	125

Source: The Family and Workplace Connection

Table 70:

## Hospitalizations for Childhood Asthma

### Inpatient Asthma Discharges for Children 0-17 Years of Age by Health Insurance Status Delaware, 1994-1999

		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>Children Discharged</b>	Delaware	435	569	485	513	420	575
	Medicaid	224	276	268	311	204	281
	Non-Medicaid	211	293	217	202	216	294
<b>Readmissions</b>	Delaware	87	107	77	79	69	81
	Medicaid	60	73	59	57	38	38
	Non-Medicaid	27	34	18	22	31	43
<b>Total Discharges</b>	Delaware	522	676	562	592	489	656
	Medicaid	284	349	327	368	242	319
	Non-Medicaid	238	327	235	224	247	337
<b>Discharge Rate</b>	Delaware	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.3	2.7	3.6
	Medicaid	6.9+	6.5+	7.4+	8.4+	5.6+	7.0+
	Non-Medicaid	1.8	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.5
<b>Readmission Rate</b>	Delaware	20.0	18.8	15.9	15.4	16.4	14.1
	Medicaid	26.8+	26.4+	22.0+	18.3+	18.6	13.5
	Non-Medicaid	12.8	11.6	8.3	10.9	14.4	14.6

Note: + Indicates that the Medicaid rate is statistically higher than the Non-Medicaid rate

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 71:

## Child Immunizations

### Percent of Children Fully Immunized by Age 2+ U.S. and Delaware, 1994-1999

	Apr. 1994 - Mar. 1995	Jan. 1995 - Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996 - Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997 - Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998 - Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999 - Dec. 1999
Delaware	81.0	75.0	81.0	81.0	80.0	80.0
U.S.	75.0	76.0	78.0	78.0	80.6	79.9

Source: Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

Table 72:

## Lead Poisoning

Percent of Children under Age 6 with Blood Lead Levels at or Exceeding 15 mcg/dL  
Delaware and U.S., Fiscal Years 1994–1999

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
# Tested	7,998	8,959	9,848	9,243	9,117	9,958	10,845
# Identified	247	208	166	121	140	64	51
Delaware (%)	3.1	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.5
U.S. (%)	N/A	1.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

U.S. data only available for 1995

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Table 73:

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Number and Percent of Teens Ages 15–19 with Gonorrhea and Primary or Secondary Syphilis  
and Chlamydia\*, Delaware, 1990–1999

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Gonorrhea Cases	1,000	850	549	460	769	771	523	452	528	478
Primary or Secondary Syphilis Cases	16	20	7	6	2	1	2	0	2	1
Chlamydia*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,237	1,211
Total	1,016	870	556	466	771	772	525	452	1,689 **	1,690 **
Est. Population 15-19 yrs.	46,454	46,100	45,768	45,453	45,159	44,886	45,943	47,029	48,145 †	49,291
Delaware (%)	2.2	1.9	1.22	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.0	3.5	3.4

Note: No reliable U.S. data are available.

\* The figures for chlamydia are only available for 1998 and 1999.

\*\* The increased totals reflect the inclusion of the chlamydia figures.

† This figure is different the number in the KIDS COUNT 1999 Data Book.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health



Table 74:

## Child Abuse and Neglect

Reported and Confirmed Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect, Delaware 1990–2000

Fiscal Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Accepted reports	4,541	4,886	5,584	5,117	6,382	6,384	6,430	5,893
Substantiated reports	1,771	1,856	1,787	1,740	2,031	2,355	1,463	1,958

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Table 75:

## Foster Care

Children in Foster Care, Delaware, Fiscal Years 1990–2000

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Average number of children per month	678	743	725	729	793	892	925	828	899	936	980

Sources: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Child Abuse and Neglect: A look at the States (The CWLA Stat Book), Child Welfare League of America, Inc., Washington, D.C., 1995 and 1997.