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Tuesday 1st Day

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Welcome to Delaware's 2019 Legislative Session! KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present this daily calendar as a resource on the well-being of our state's children.

We'd like to give a special thanks to Nemours Health and Prevention Services for supporting the costs related to the design and printing of this calendar.

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Policy change is rarely quick, simple or easy. Yet, policy matters. Making kids a priority in our budgets matters. Tracking outcomes for kids across time matters. KIDS COUNT in Delaware is proud to be part of a network of KIDS COUNT organizations across the United States who work to strengthen families and communities that create access to opportunities for each and every child in our state.

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The Delaware Legislative Kids Caucus enjoys bipartisan support with members from both the Senate and House of Representatives. The Co-Chairs of the Kids Caucus are Rep. Debra Heffernan and Sen. Harris McDowell.

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Using data generated by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and data generated by the Delaware Population Consortium, we are able to provide an overview of the demographic makeup of Delaware's children and their families.

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Delaware Afterschool Network

A place where all Delaware K-12 youth can access a high-quality learning experience before and after the school day, preparing them for academic success, tomorrow's workforce, and to become engaged citizens.



2019 Special Events

- We Love Afterschool Valentine Campaign (February 14)
- Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week (April 22-26)
- 2019 Building Bridges Conference (May 15 and 16)
- Afterschool for All Challenge (June 2019)
- Summer Learning Kick-Off (July 2019)
- Attendance Awareness Month (September 2019)
- Lights On Afterschool (October 24)

Our Mission

To expand and support high-quality out-of-school programs, so that Delaware's children and youth are safe, supervised, and prepared for leading productive lives.

Our Purpose

The Delaware Afterschool Network is a driving force that develops partnerships, brings stakeholders together, and shares best practices to ensure that affordable, sustainable afterschool, out-of-school, and summer learning programs are available.



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302.573.3743 | rsbrown@uwde.org
Facebook: Delaware Afterschool Network

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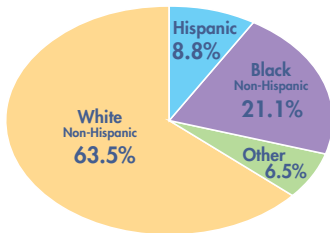
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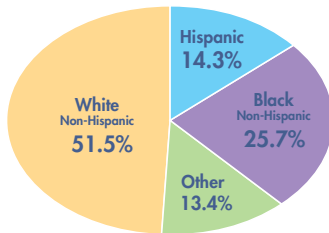
Delaware Total Population Compared to Child Population

by Race/Hispanic Origin, 2012-16

Total Population



Children under 18



Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

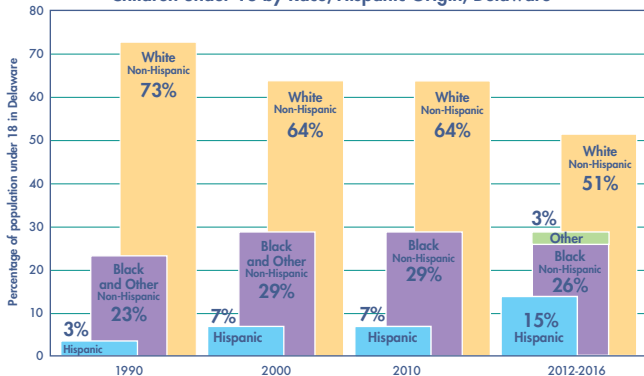
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The Changing Face of Delaware's Children

Children under 18 by Race/Hispanic Origin, Delaware



Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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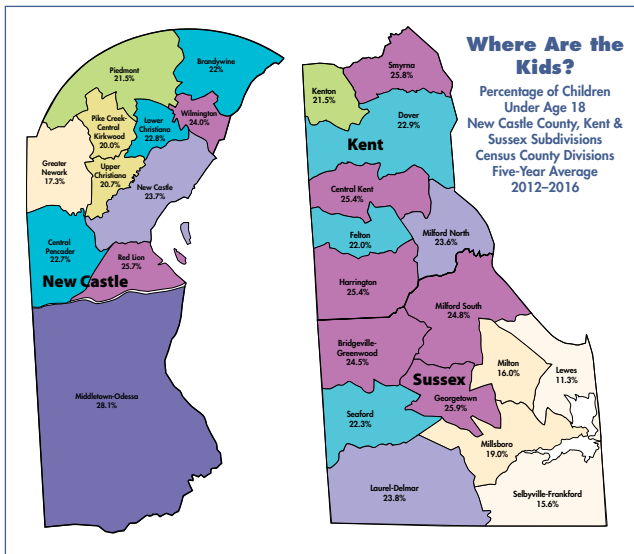


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11 - 16.9%	
17 - 19.9%	
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21 - 21.9%	
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23 - 23.9%	
24 - 25.9%	
26 - 29.9%	

For detailed information on census tracts visit: www.factfinder.census.gov

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Delaware's future depends on the well-being of our state's child population, which is becoming increasingly diverse each year. This growing diversity, combined with disparities along racial and ethnic lines in nearly every

indicator of child well-being, will challenge our collective prosperity if not addressed. We must find ways to tear down barriers to opportunity and create pathways to success for each child in our state.



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DATA for KIDS COUNT in Delaware is grouped into four categories.

HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS**EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT****ECONOMIC SECURITY****FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

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POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF DELAWARE



The Police Athletic League of Delaware's mission is to provide youth between the ages of 8-18 with supervised activities in athletics, education, and social development. The PAL of DE currently reaches out to Delaware's youth from four sites in New Castle County; New Castle, Hockessin, Delaware City, and Eisenberg Elementary.

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KIDS COUNT is driven by research showing that the consequences of the events kids experience in childhood and the disparities that exist in those experiences are carried with them the rest of their lives. This year, we explore that theme further with a focus on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and ask the question: what can be done to minimize the risks associated with ACEs? Despite a significant prevalence of ACEs in our state, we can create environments that counteract those experiences. For example, the Delaware First Chance Initiative includes work to recognize and respond to adverse childhood experiences.



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Resilience noun re·sil·ience \ ri-'zil-y n(t)s \ adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress.

Protective factors noun pro·tec·tive fac·tor \ pr 'tektiv 'faktars \ conditions or attributes (skills, strengths, resources, supports, or coping strategies) in individuals, families, communities, or the larger society that help people deal more effectively with stressful events and mitigate or eliminate risk in families and communities.

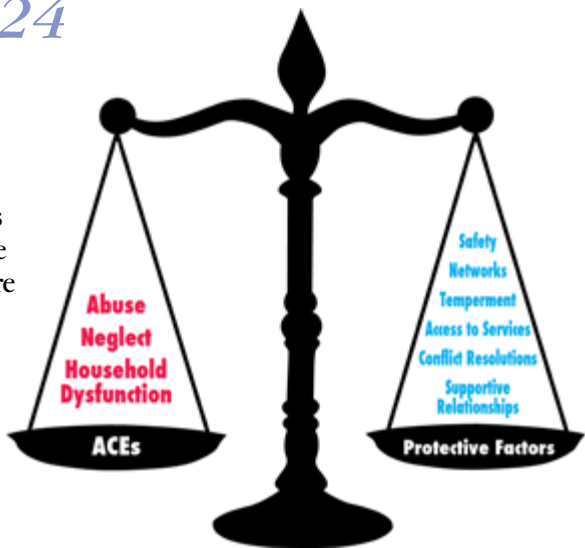
When trying to measure how individuals respond to adversity, researchers examine resilience. Protective factors- a combination of supportive relationships, adaptive skill-building and positive experiences- can build resilience.

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Understanding why some children do well despite adverse early experiences is crucial, because it can inform more effective policies and programs that help more children reach their full potential.



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Helping Delaware schools and districts implement trauma-informed approaches to build resilience in children and families through creative workshops, innovative tools, and hands-on support.

A partnership between the Office of the Child Advocate, Children & Families First, and Casey Family Programs.

For information, contact:
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Despite the significant prevalence of ACEs in Delaware, policymakers, families, community leaders and health care service providers can create environments where children can flourish and thrive.



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Ensuring that every child has experiences that lead to good outcomes is more than a moral issue—it's also an economic issue. Children are our future. When we retire, they will be the business leaders that keep our economy vibrant; they will be the policymakers sitting in Legislative Hall and the Governor's Office. They will be our entrepreneurs, our educators and our nonprofit directors. They will be the leaders who guide Delaware in the next century. In one short generation, today's children will be the parents, workers, volunteers, leaders, and changemakers determining the social and economic vitality of our state.



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Who may request funds?

Staff from public or private community agencies, including faith-based organizations, who work directly with youth. Applications are only accepted through these organizations.

Grants are for an **individual** child. Funding is not meant for teams and programs.

Does your child/client have an unmet need?

We can help you!

Target Population:

Children who have a financial need under the age of 21 who reside in Delaware.

Looking for that special or unique need, but can't afford the extra cost in the budget right now? A grant from the 21st Century Fund for Delaware's Children can help you!

There are two categories for which you can apply:

Regular Grants for children are awarded for up to \$150.

Special Needs grants are awarded for up to \$500, when a special situation/circumstance arises in a child's life.

Examples

- Summer camp related expenses
- Music lessons
- Educational enrichment activities
- Recreational or cultural activities that promote self-awareness and development
- School extra-curricular expenses such as class trips
- Job Interview attire for children aging out of foster care

For further information regarding a grant from the 21st Century Children's Fund, please contact: Calisa Emerson: 21childrensfund.appl@gmail.com

Please apply here: <http://www.21childrensfund.org/grant-application/>

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Children can't vote and they can't lobby for public resources, yet their well-being and development directly impact the future economic and social health of our state.

		BASILINE DATA DE	CURRENT DATA DE	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
ECONOMIC SECURITY	CHILDREN IN POVERTY <i>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17) IN POVERTY</i>	19.9% 2010-2012	16.6% 2015-2017	✓
	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME <i>MEDIAN INCOME IN THOUSANDS OF US DOLLARS OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 BY FAMILY TYPE</i>	1-PARENT \$26,334 2-PARENT \$83,950 2010-2012	1-PARENT \$34,708 2-PARENT \$95,890 2015-2017	✓
	ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE <i>PERCENTAGE OF TEENS (16-19) NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</i>	7.6% 2010-2012	9.0% 2015-2017	✗



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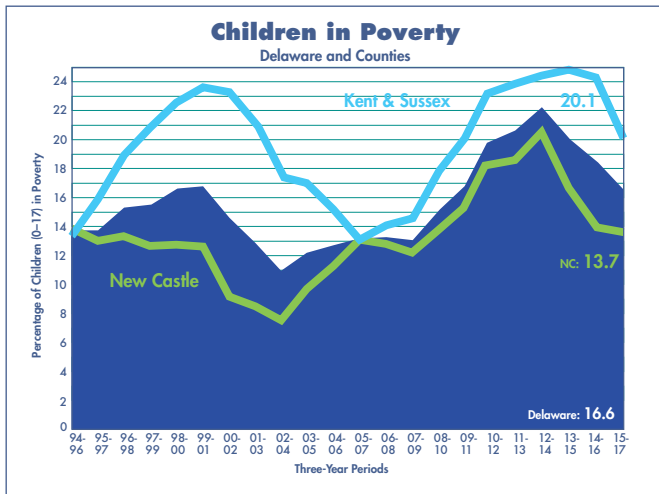


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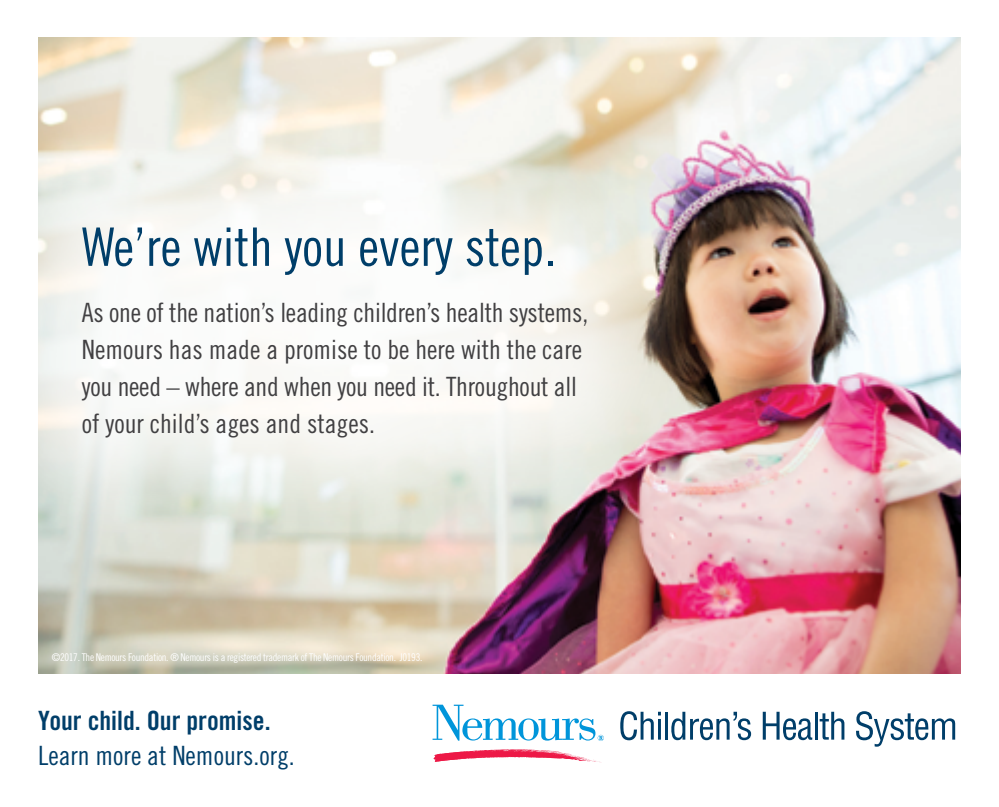
Kent and Sussex County data are not available separately.

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

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A young girl with dark hair, wearing a pink tiara and a pink dress with a purple cape, is looking up with an open mouth in a brightly lit, modern hospital lobby. The background is blurred, showing architectural details and warm lighting.

We're with you every step.

As one of the nation's leading children's health systems, Nemours has made a promise to be here with the care you need — where and when you need it. Throughout all of your child's ages and stages.

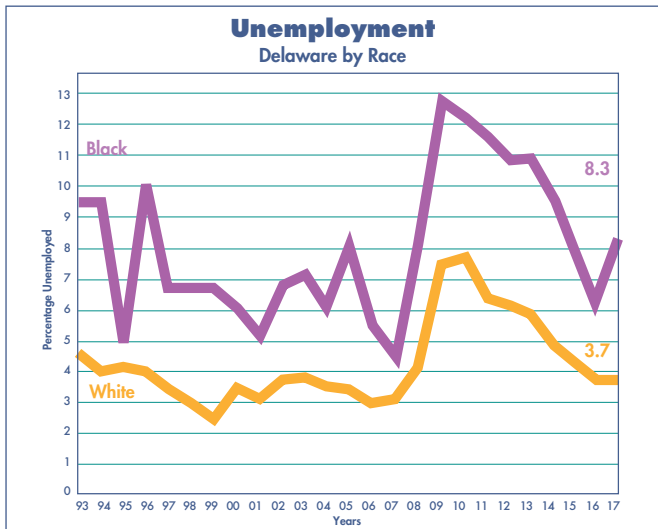
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Sources: Delaware Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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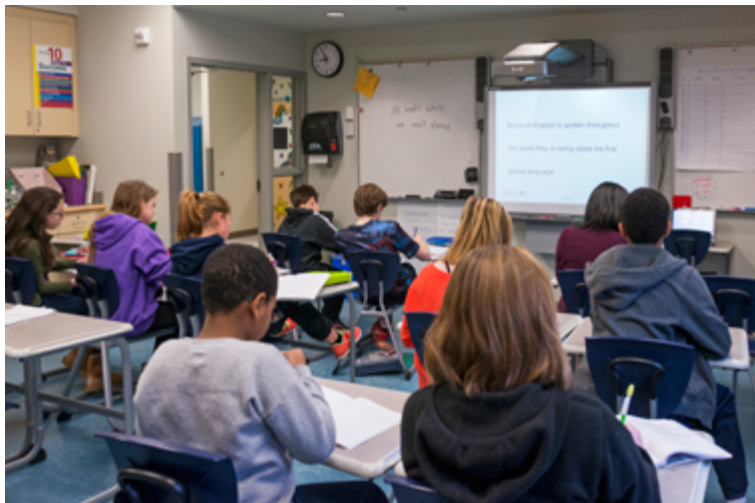
Reducing poverty, and the racial and ethnic disparities in poverty rates, must begin with a shared understanding of how opportunities and well-being are shaped by policy.



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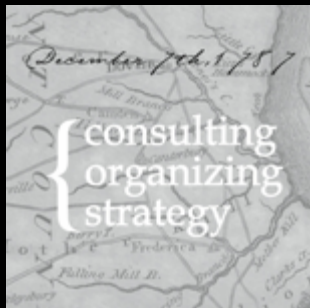
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Secure employment of a parent or other caregiver, can have positive impacts such as access to healthcare and financial stability, both of which improve a child's overall wellbeing. The stability that full-time employment provides is crucial to providing adequate financial, physical and emotional support to children.



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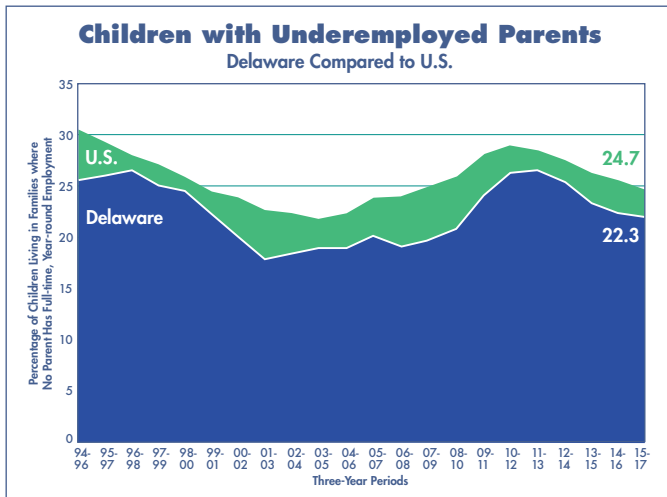


The Twelve Seven Group is a consulting group specializing in issue advocacy, politics, and grassroots organizing.

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

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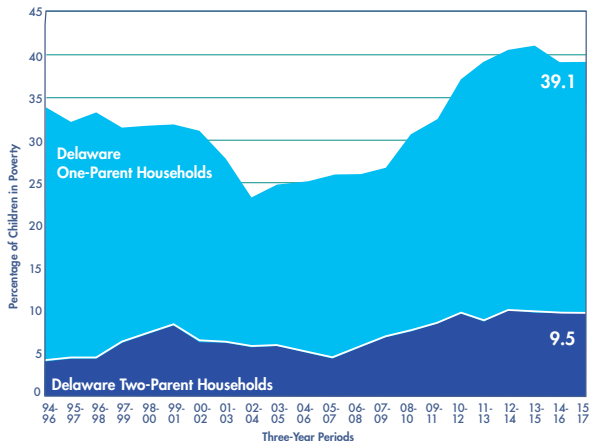


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Children in Poverty by Household Structure Delaware



Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research,
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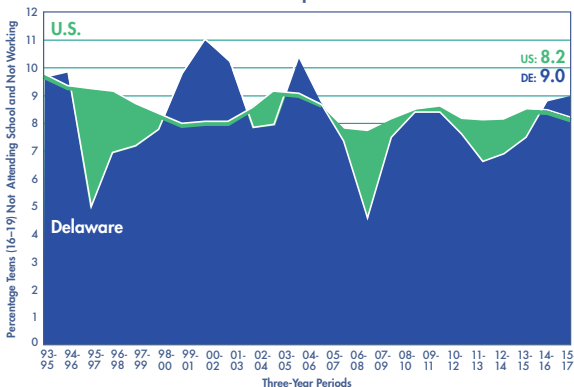


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Teens Not in School and Not Working Delaware Compared to U.S.



Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research,
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The University of Delaware Community Engagement Initiative supports Delaware communities through five partnerships:



- Partnership for Public Education
- Partnership for Healthy Communities
- Partnership for Arts and Culture
- Wilmington Partnership
- Newark Partnership

Our partnerships serve as an entry point to the university, produce policy recommendations to strengthen

Delaware communities, and incubate new ideas to make an impact, local to global. We strive to improve the lives of children in Delaware through many efforts, such as the Beat Goes On through the Service Learning Scholars program, featured here.

For more information, visit:

udel.edu/engage



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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
INITIATIVE**

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By coordinating the initiatives of policymakers with the resources of local communities and creating career pathways for youth by supporting public and private investment that produces new jobs, we can reconnect youth to the labor market and meet their needs for economic stability. Economic inclusion of young people is beneficial to youths themselves and to society as a whole.



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Did You Know...

The most important growing period in a child's life happens during the first 1,000 days (3 years)?

A child's early years are vital. They shape their entire future. **Help Me Grow** is a system that helps children and their families find community-based programs and services to help you promote your child's healthy development in these early years.

Simply dial 2-1-1 to speak with one of our Child Development Specialist today!



Building Stronger Kids One Step at a Time!



Web: www.dethrives.com/help-me-grow

Phone: Simply dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-560-3372 **Text:** 302-231-1464

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According to an analysis released by the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, nearly 50% of all US children and 90% of black children will be on food benefits at some point during childhood. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provides food benefits and nutrition assistance to eligible low-income families, enabling children to receive the nutrition they need to flourish.



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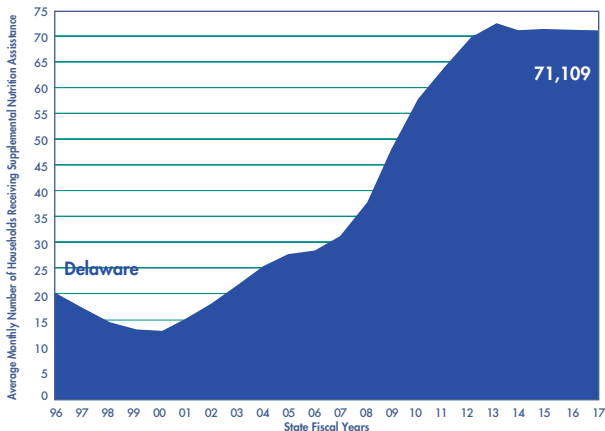
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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Delaware



Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

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The tax system has a significant impact on financial security for all families in Delaware, both directly through its role in the distribution of society's resources and indirectly through its effects on the incentives for economic decisions such as working, spending, and saving. Many families benefit directly or indirectly from different tax credits in Delaware. Poverty has profound impacts on a child's development and tax credits are an effective anti-poverty measure with bipartisan support.



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The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the nation's most effective anti-poverty program for working families. In Delaware, the state EITC is non-refundable meaning it can only be used to offset income tax liability, even though sales and property taxes are usually more burdensome for low-income working taxpayers. This means that refundable credits are more valuable to the lowest earning workers because they have little to no income tax liability and as a result, do not get the benefits of the full amount of a non-refundable credit.



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Earned Income Tax Credits

Income Limits and Maximum Credit Amounts, 2016

# Qualifying Children	Single, Income must be less than	Married Filing Jointly, Income must be less than	Maximum Credit
0	\$14,880	\$20,430	\$ 506
1	\$39,296	\$44,846	\$3,373
2	\$44,648	\$50,198	\$5,572
3	\$47,955	\$53,505	\$6,269

Federal EITC Claims

Benefits in Delaware, 2017

Number of federal EITC claims in Delaware:	72,000
Total federal EITC claimed by DE residents:	\$172 Million
Average federal EITC amount:	\$2,470
Average Delaware EITC amount:	\$2,383

Source: Internal Revenue Service

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Children's health is the foundation of their overall development.

HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS		BASELINE DATA DE	CURRENT DATA DE	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
	LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS <i>AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL BIRTHS</i>	8.8% 2007-2011	8.6% 2012-2016	✓
	INFANT MORTALITY <i>DEATHS OF INFANTS LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS</i>	8.1% 2007-2011	7.5% 2012-2016	✓
	CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE <i>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17) WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</i>	7.1% 2010-2012	5.2% 2015-2017	✓



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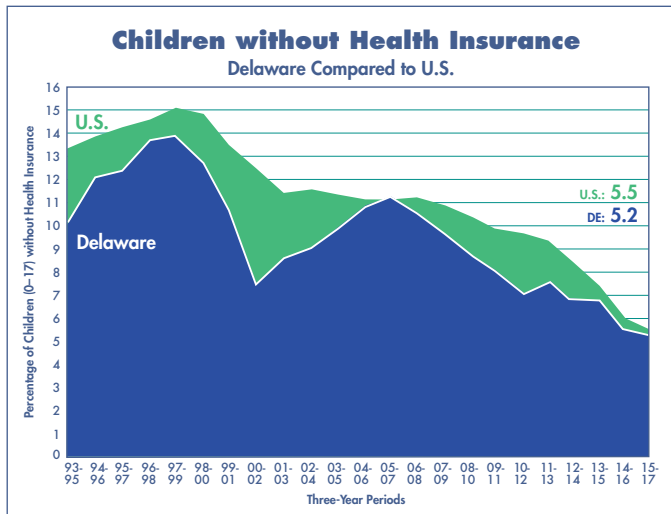
It's a lot smarter to prevent a problem than to wait until it is a crisis. Health insurance plays a crucial role in children's health by making it possible for children to receive access to both preventative care and acute and chronic illness care.



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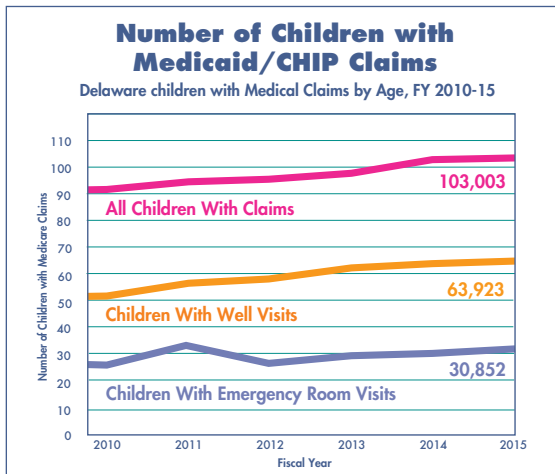
Pediatric Neurology

Pediatric Neurologist, Nicole Ryan, MD, is seeing pediatric patients with epilepsy, headaches, tics, autism, concussion, developmental delay, and other neurological conditions. Dr. Ryan is Board Certified in Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology and Board Certified in Epilepsy. For appointments call Beebe Primary Care—Lewes at **(302) 313-1040**.



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Source: Center for Community Research and Service, University of Delaware. Compiled with data provided by the Delaware Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance.

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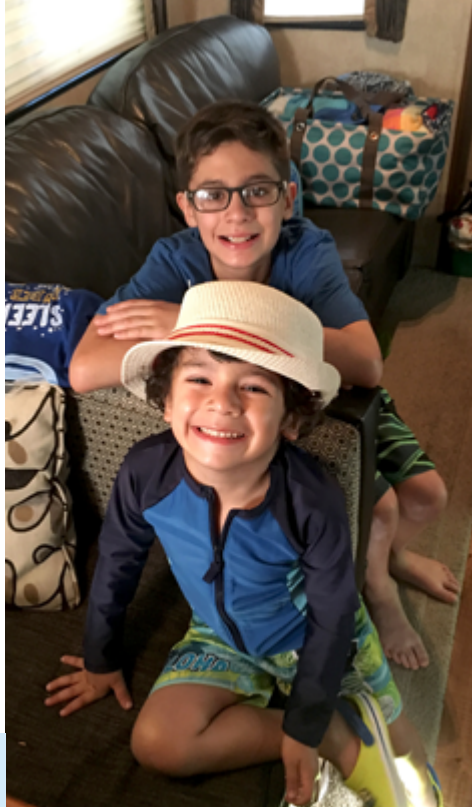
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On a national level, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) faced threats during 2017, including a Congressional standoff when it looked like CHIP might no longer exist. Finally, in the 2018 tax bill that was passed, there was a final verdict on CHIP: it now has federal funding for 10 years.

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The Delaware Child Death Review commission has been reviewing infant unsafe sleep deaths and tracking factors associated with these types of deaths. Did you know the following?

The main contributors to sleep-related deaths in Delaware are:

- infants not sleeping in a crib or bassinet,
 - infants sleeping with other people,
 - and infants sleeping with unsafe bedding or toys.

These findings illustrate why the ABC's of safe sleep are important: Babies should sleep Alone, on their Back, and in a Crib

Delaware CDRC
REVIEW & PREVENTION
OF CHILD DEATHS

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Given the structural barriers that have historically excluded them from the labor market, women of color are both more likely to lack health insurance coverage

and more likely to live in poverty. High costs and limited resources mean many women cannot seek prenatal care as early or as often as they should.



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children's
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all babies cry

tried and
true tips for
comforting your
newborn (and yourself)

Babies cry an average of two to three hours a day over the first six weeks - but there's help for all new parents in Delaware!

Go to allbabiescry.com or download the mobile app
access code: **DELAWARE**



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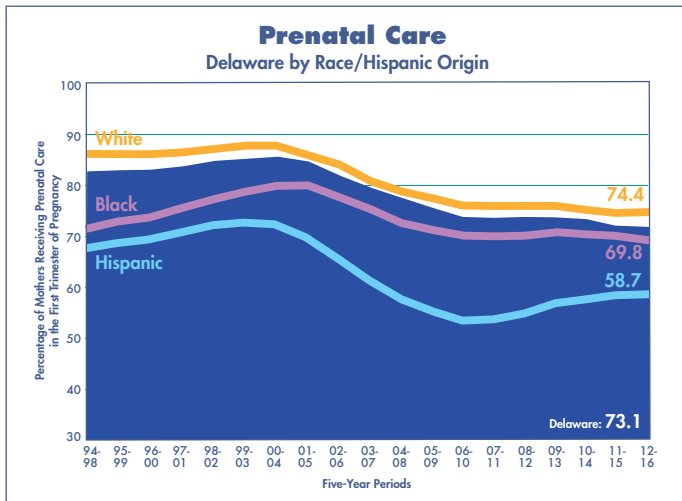


Prevent Child Abuse
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Brought to you by the Children's Trust, in partnership with the CDRC, and supported by funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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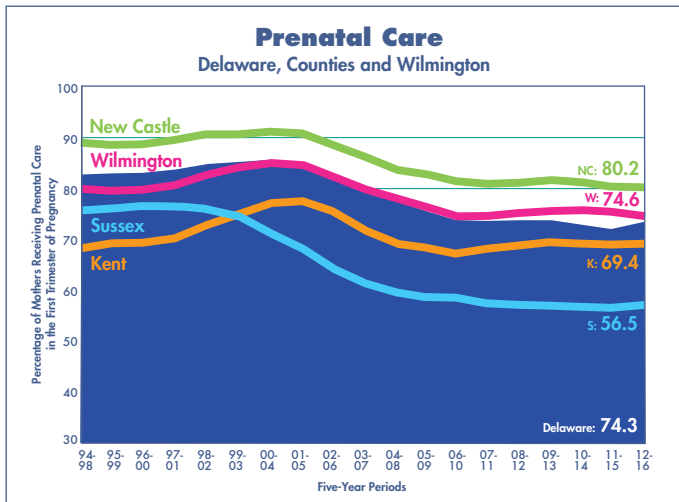


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Did you know?

Prenatal care is not limited to obstetricians. Family practice doctors and certified midwives are also available in Delaware to help mom and baby stay safe during their journey together. Learn more at <http://www.womenshealth.gov/pregnancy/youre-pregnant-now-what/prenatal-care-and-tests>



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Delaware Thrives (www.dethrives.com) is a Delaware resource linking partner organizations throughout the state. All organizations share one common goal—for Delaware's babies and children have the same opportunity to thrive.



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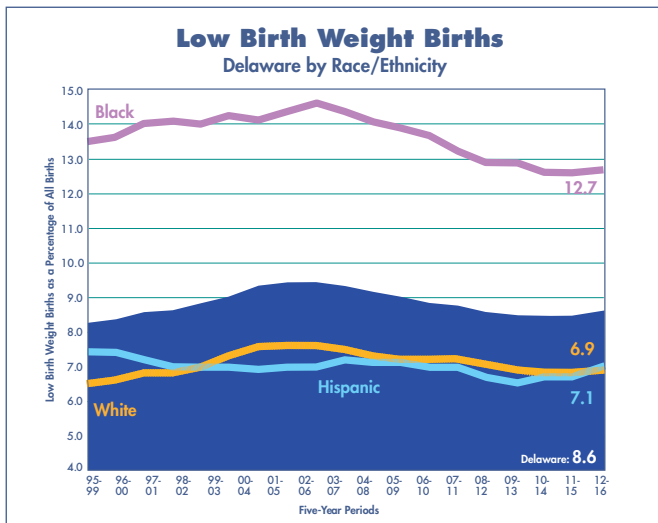
Historical discrimination makes children of color more likely to be born into families where financial hardship creates barriers to accessing health care in the earliest years. Policies and practices continue to isolate

children of color in high-poverty neighborhoods where nutritious foods and healthy infrastructure can be hard to come by. All of these things have an impact, including on a baby's weight at birth, which is closely associated with infant mortality.

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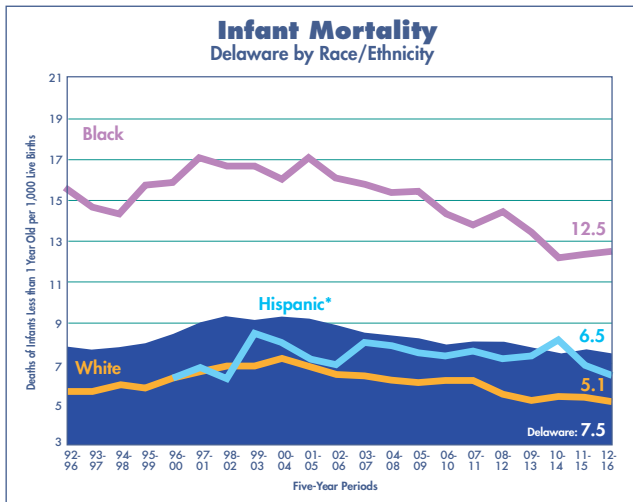


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Note: Infant Mortality Rate – number of deaths occurring in the first year of life per 1,000 live births

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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Did you know?

According to the CDC, since 1975 American infant mortality rates have dropped to an all-time low of 5.9 infants per 1,000 live births (2015). However, African-American infants are still at risk for much higher rates (10.9 infants per 1,000 live births in 2015).



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On International Women's Day, we celebrate the many incredible contributions by women of all ages in our state and nation, including the critical roles women play in communities, government and state at large as we continue to strive for equal opportunity for all.



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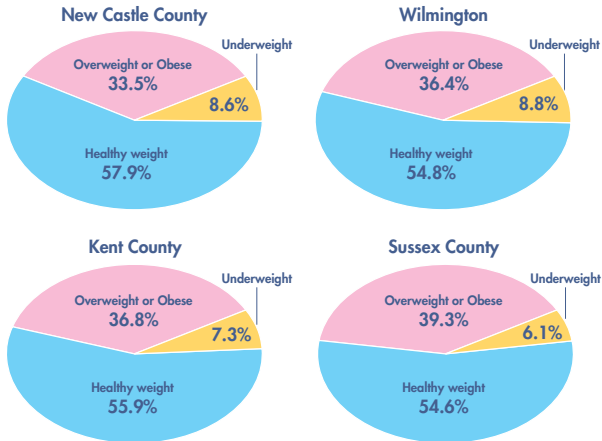
Body mass index (BMI) is a calculation that uses height and weight to estimate body fat. BMI can help doctors identify people who are overweight and at risk of developing medical problems like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. The KidsHealth BMI calculator also uses the child's age and calculates percentiles as well as BMI. It is available online at <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/bmi-charts.html>

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Weight Classification of Children Ages 2-17 Delaware Counties and Wilmington, 2014

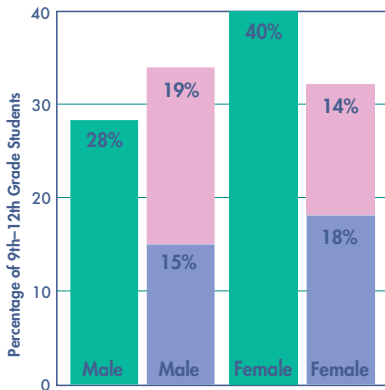


Source: Delaware Survey of Children's Health

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* Calculated body mass index from reported height and weight

Individual Physique: Perception vs. Reality

Teens who describe themselves as slightly/very overweight compared to teens who are overweight or obese* Delaware, 2017

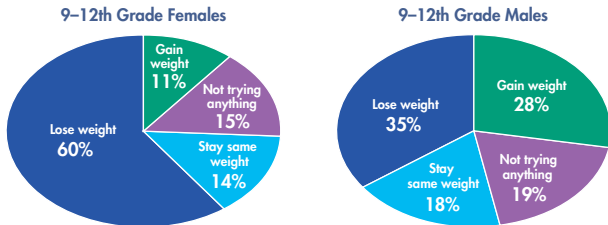
Describe self as overweight
Overweight* Obese*

Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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Concern about Weight

Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?
Delaware, 2017



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies,
University of Delaware

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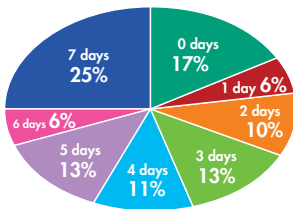
The CDC recommends children ages 6 to 17 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Strenuous Physical Activity

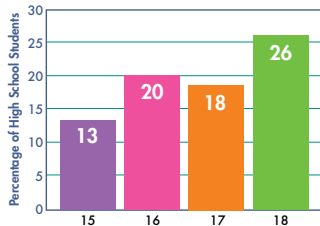
How many days in the past week have you exercised or participated in physical activity for at least 60 minutes that made you sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing or similar aerobic activity?

Delaware, 2017

9–12th Graders



Students reporting 0 days activity by age



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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Adolescence is the second most important period of life (after infancy) for developing life long habits and behaviors. During this time, teens develop deep patterns in diet, physical activity and sleep.



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A child's mental health affects how he socializes, learns and meets his potential. Just like we need to limit the negative substances in our environment to avoid harm, we need to reduce or eliminate toxic stress in a child's environment to limit the impact on mental health, learning behavior and health across the lifespan.



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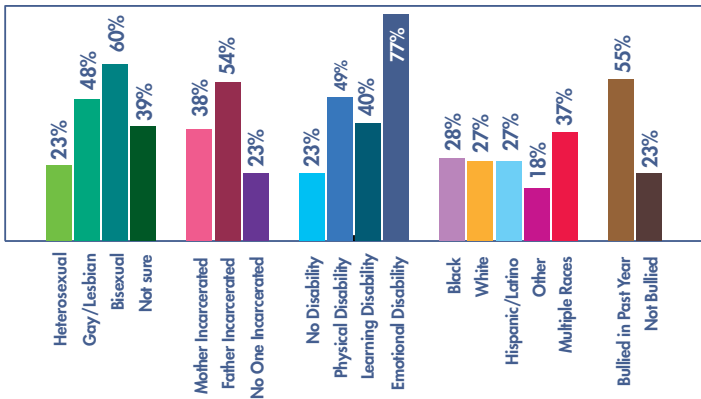
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Feeling Sad or Hopeless

Delaware High School Students Grades 9-12 that felt sad or hopeless for two weeks or more in a row in the last 12 months, Delaware, 2017



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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1 in 5 children has or will have a mental illness.

Left untreated, this can lead to problems in school, substance use, encounters with the law, and sometimes, even suicide.

BUT THERE IS HOPE.

With early intervention, information, and support, recovery is not only possible, it's probable.

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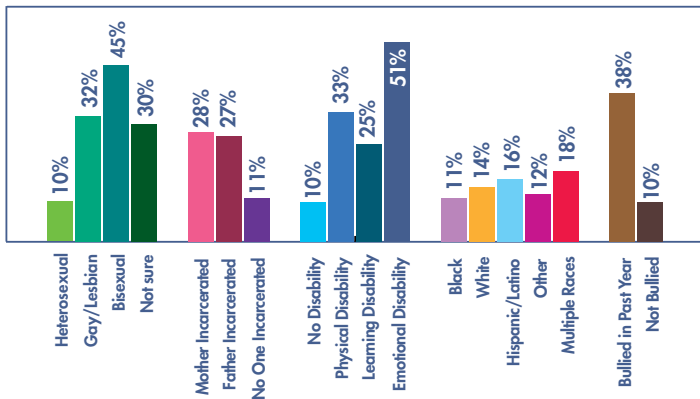
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Injuring Self

Delaware High School Students Grades 9-12 that purposefully hurt or cut themselves in the last 12 months, Delaware, 2017



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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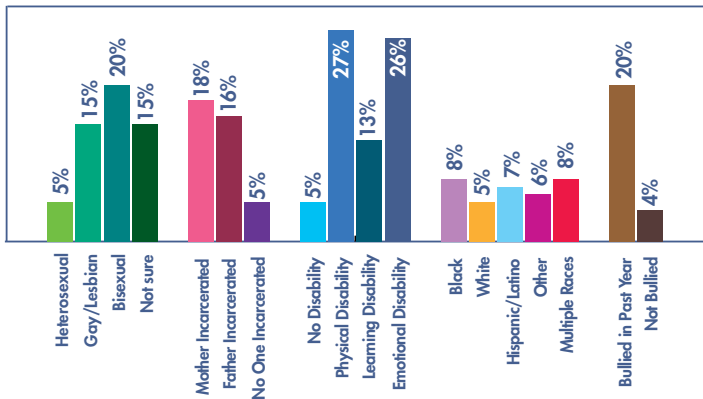
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Attempted Suicide

Delaware High School Students Grades 9-12 that attempted suicide in the last 12 months, Delaware 2017



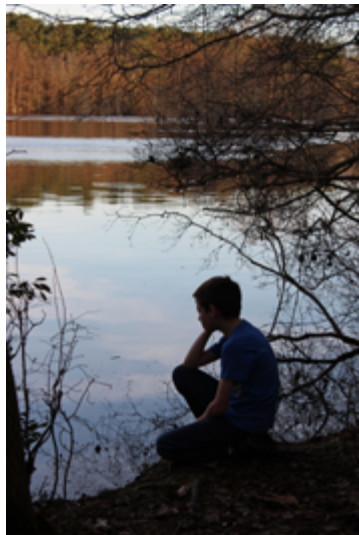
Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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Mental health is a major concern among American children and teens. Nationally representative data has shown that about half of Americans experience a mental health concern at some point in their life, with the majority of these issues originating in childhood.



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*March 24***Teen Sexual Identity**

Self-reported sexual identity among high school students
Delaware, 2017

Percentage of students asked

86% Heterosexual

2% Gay/Lesbian

8% Bisexual

3% Not sure

Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies,
University of Delaware

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We have served Delaware's pregnant and parenting teens for 50 years. Since we opened our doors, we have served over 10,000 families at our 3 locations throughout the state of Delaware.

We ensure that DAPI Daughters become economically self-sufficient with a full high school diploma and with an aspirational hope to go beyond high school. Now, each DAPI Daughter has her own success plan in place when she leaves our program. We instill academics, strong parenting skills, healthy lifestyle habits and ensure healthy births – a major problem in Delaware for teen parents. Go to www.dapi.org to support our DAPI Daughters.

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Multiple studies have shown that access to comprehensive sexual health information and resources decreases risk behaviors associated with STDs, including HIV as well as unplanned pregnancy. Senate Bill 157 was passed which provides youth with sexual health information and treats the sex partners of patients diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease.



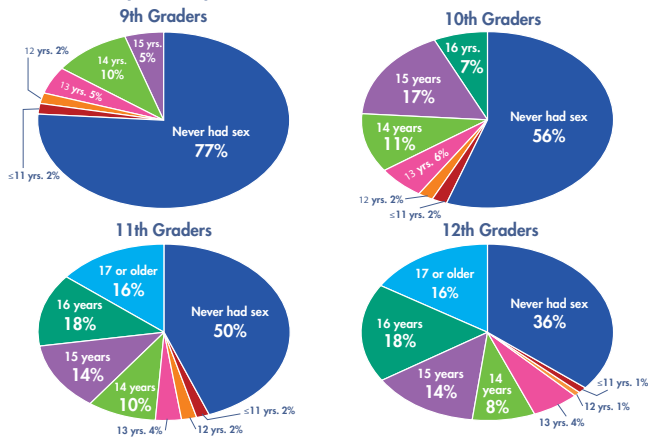
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Sexual Activity

How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time? Delaware, 2017



Note: All students did not answer every question, causing percentages to vary.
Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies,
University of Delaware



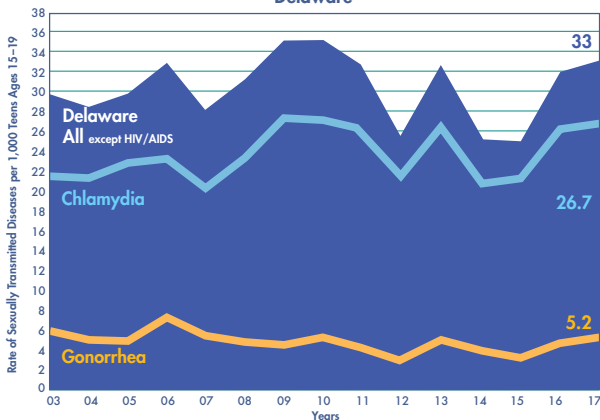
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Teens with Sexually Transmitted Diseases Delaware



Source: STD Program, Delaware Division of Public Health

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Women's Health Nurse Navigator

Beebe's Women's Health team strives to provide quality care to all women and their families throughout their health journey. Beebe offers a broad range of women's services - from mammograms to labor and delivery to gynecological surgery. Contact our Women's Health Nurse Navigator for more information or to help with any questions.



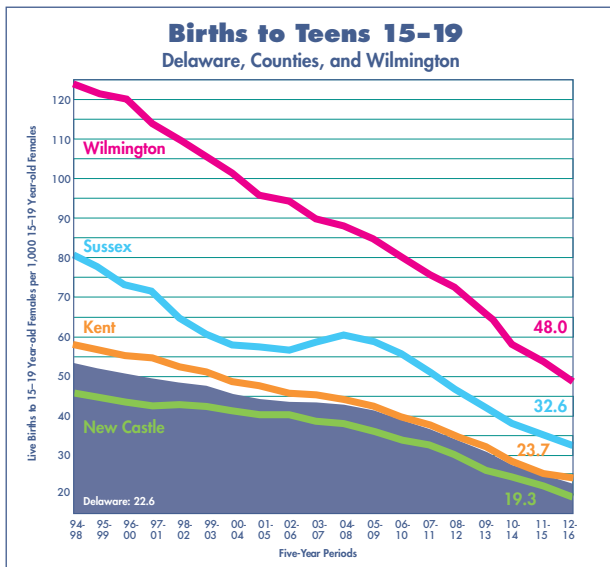
(844) 316-3330 or
womenshealth@beebehealthcare.org.



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Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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According to the CDC, evidence-based programs and clinical services to prevent teen pregnancy through individual behavior change are important, but research also shows the role social determinants of health play in the overall distribution of disease and health, including teen pregnancy. Efforts that focus on social determinants of health in teen pregnancy prevention, particularly at the community level, play a critical role in addressing racial/ethnic and geographic disparities observed in teen births in Delaware.



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month... one of the original ACEs, child abuse is the maltreatment or neglect of a child that results in any non-accidental harm or injury.



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



PCAD provides resources and training to ensure that every child in Delaware has a safe and nurturing childhood.

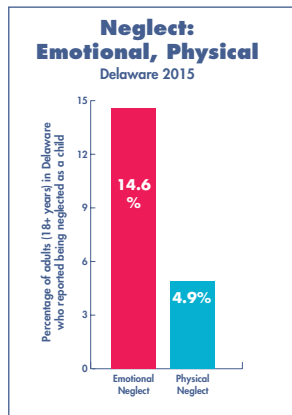
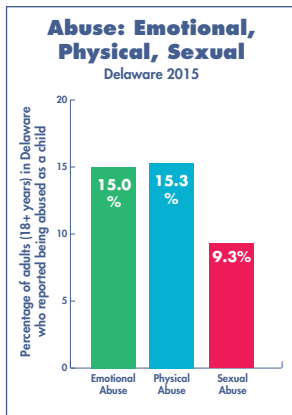


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ACEs Reported by Adults 18 + years in Delaware & U.S.

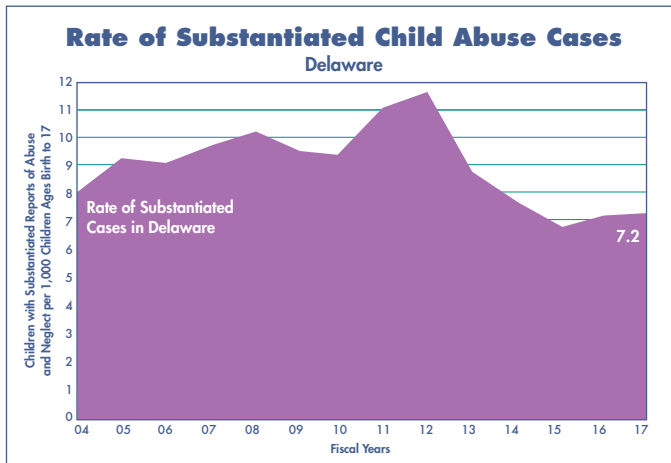


Source: 2015 Delaware Household Health Survey,
The Delaware Public Health Institute

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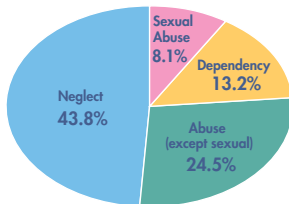
Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

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Types of Abuse and Neglect

Delaware, Fiscal Year 2016

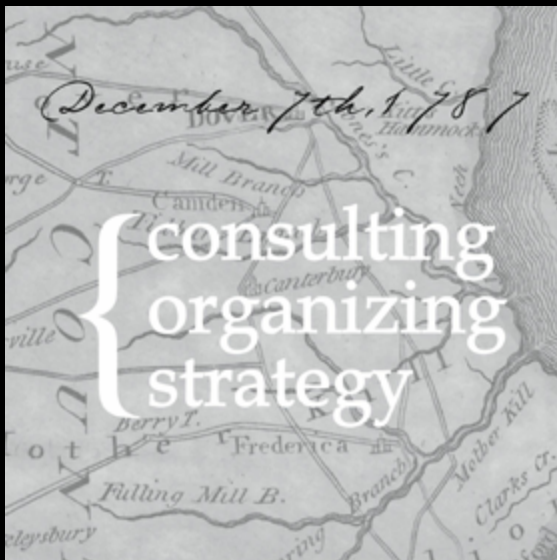


Types of Abuse and Neglect	Number of Substantiated Cases
Abuse	303
Neglect	543
Sexual Abuse	100
Dependency	164
Total Substantiated Cases:	1,110

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



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The Twelve Seven Group is a consulting group specializing in issue advocacy, politics, and grassroots organizing.

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Did you know?

While most states recognize four major types of “maltreatment” in children: neglect, physical abuse, psychological abuse and sexual abuse, there is still no uniform definition that applies nationwide.



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Happy World Health Day!

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This week, we celebrate the “Week of the Young Child” sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.NAEYC.org). The first five years of a child’s life are an important time for growth and development, and lay the foundation for language, academic ability, habits and socio-emotional development. From birth, a child’s brain goes through an amazing period of development, creating more than a million neural connections each second. Responsive, engaging relationships and learning environments support this optimal health and development.



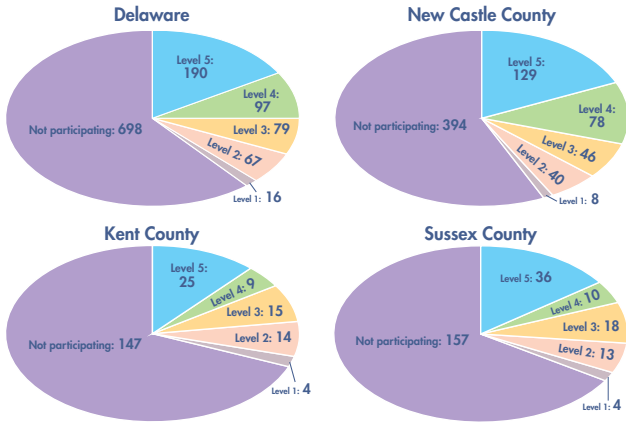
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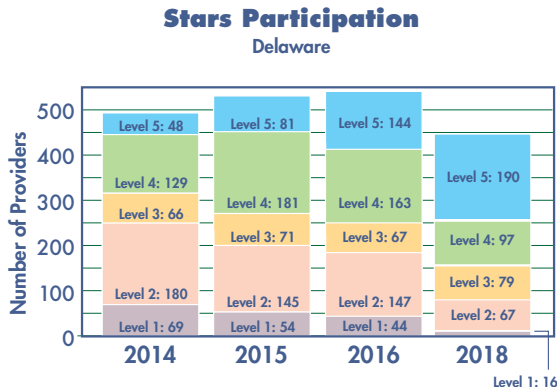
Delaware and Counties, January 2018



Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

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Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

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First State Community Action Agency is committed to helping children and families in poverty **ACHIEVE** their greatest potential and live **HEALTHY**, productive lives.

Our staff provides a continuum of care that contributes to the healthy development of all young Delawareans, while encouraging them to **REACH** their fullest potential and become successful in school and beyond.

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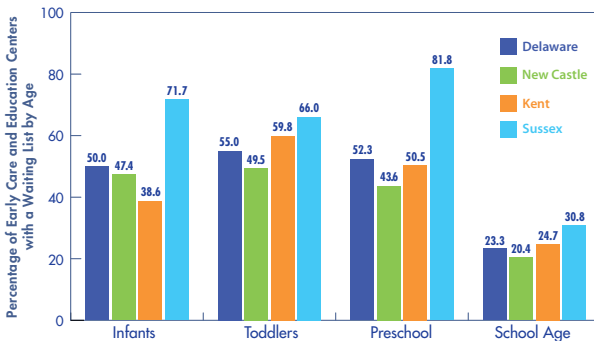
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Demand for Early Childhood Education

Delaware & Counties, 2016

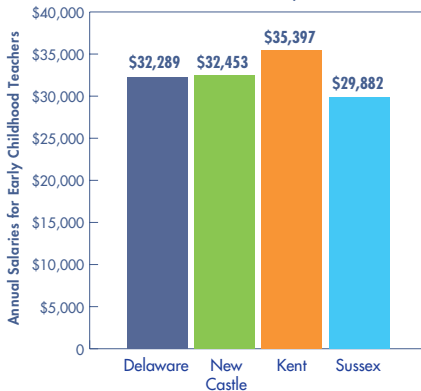


Source: Delaware's Early Childhood Teachers and Administrators Survey, Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research University of Delaware

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*April 12**2019***Mean Annual Salary for Early Childhood Teachers**

Delaware & Counties, 2016



Source: Delaware's Early Childhood Teachers and Administrators Survey, Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research University of Delaware

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Education plays a primary role in equipping children with the necessary skills, knowledge and experiences for achievement later in life.

EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT		BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
	GRADUATION RATES <i>PERCENTAGE OF JUNE GRADUATES COMPARED TO THE 9TH GRADE CLASS FOUR YEARS PREVIOUS</i>	80.0% 2011-2012	84.7 2015-2016	
	3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY <i>PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE THIRD GRADERS MEETING THE STANDARD IN READING</i>	— <i>Baseline data not available</i>	51.8% 2016-2017	
	8TH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY <i>PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS MEETING THE STANDARD IN MATH</i>	— <i>Baseline data not available</i>	38.9% 2016-2017	



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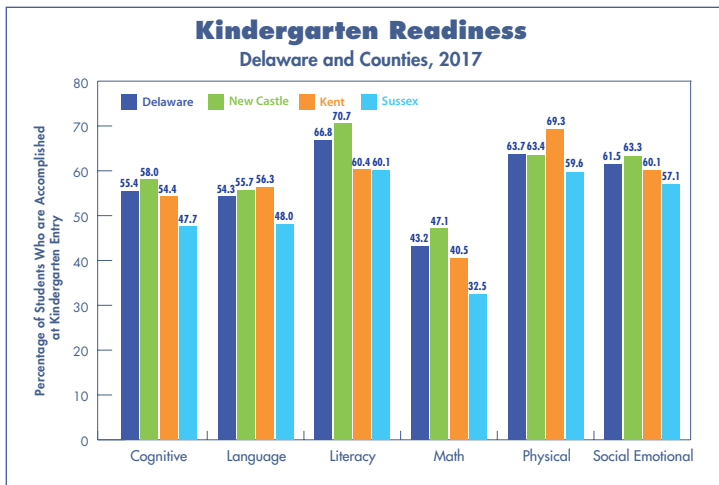


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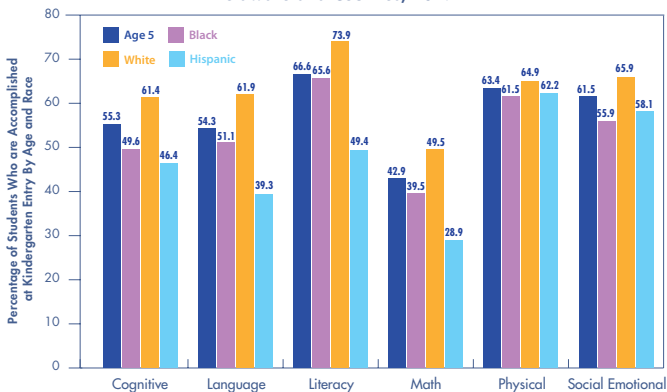


Source: Delaware Early Learner Survey, Delaware Office of Early Learning

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Kindergarten Readiness by Age and Race Delaware and Counties, 2017



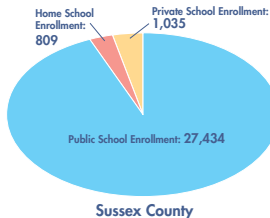
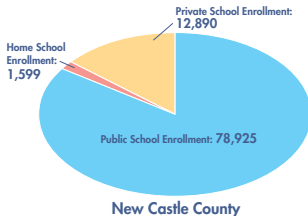
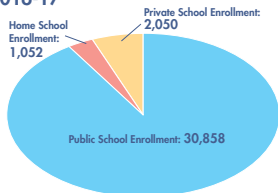
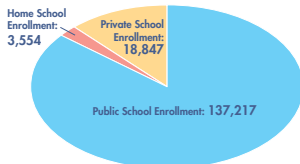
Source: Delaware Early Learner Survey, Delaware Office of Early Learning

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Public and Nonpublic School Enrollment by State and County Delaware, 2016-17



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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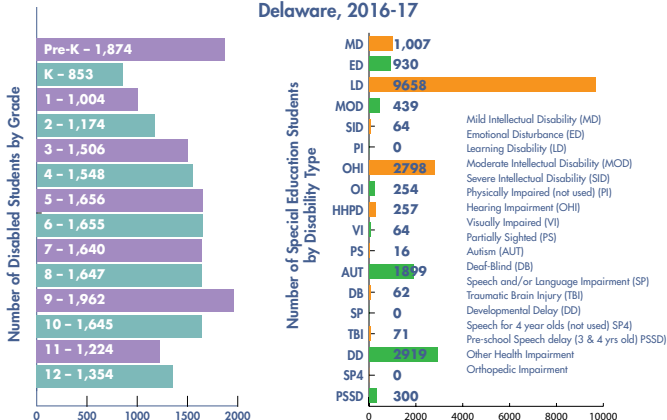


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Special Education Students by Grade and Disability Type

Delaware, 2016-17



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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In the 2014-15 school year, Delaware's assessment program was renamed the Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA). DeSSA assessments include Smarter English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics assessments. The Smarter assessments are designed to measure the progress of Delaware students in ELA/ Literacy and Mathematics standards in grades 3-8 and 11. Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the SAT is the 11th grade accountability measure.



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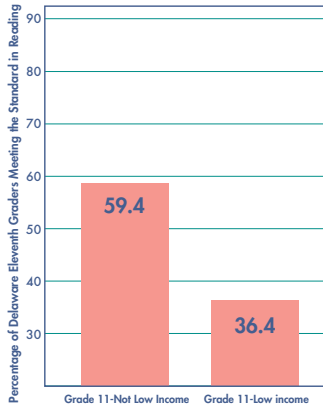
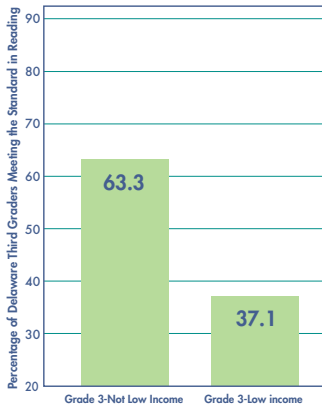


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Reading Proficiency by Family Income

2016-17 Delaware Testing, 3rd and 11th Grade Reading by Family Income



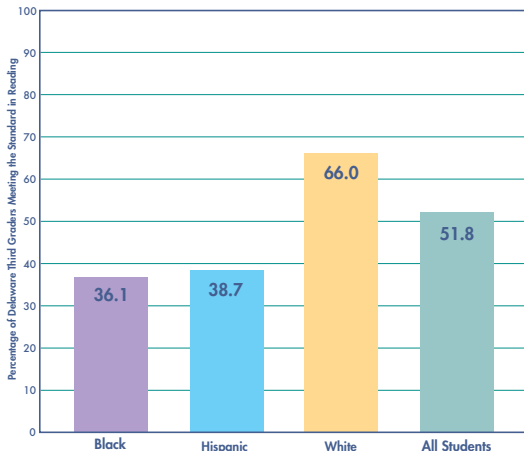
Source: Delaware Department of Education

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Grade 3
Reading Proficiency by Race/Ethnicity
2016-17 Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA) Results



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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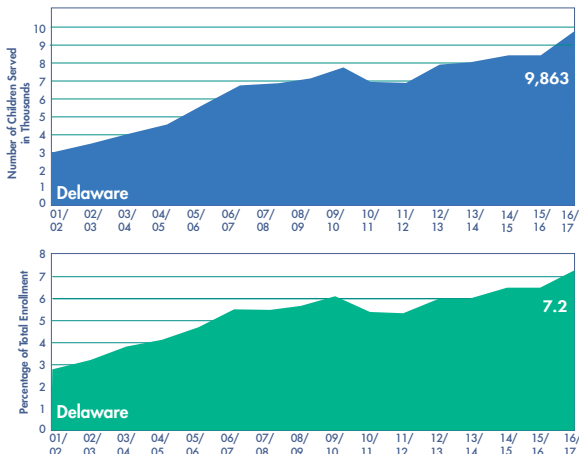


With Delaware's growing immigrant population, the state has experienced a large disparity in assessment proficiency levels between native English speakers and English learning students. To learn more, visit: <http://www.rodelfoundationde.org/ata glance>

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English Learners Number and Percent of Delaware Students who are English Learners



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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Did You Know...

The most important growing period in a child's life happens during the first 1,000 days (3 years)?

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Did you know?

Delaware state officials joined with education officials and United Way during fall of 2017 to launch the Delaware Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

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Did you know?

74% of students who fail to read proficiently by the end of third grade falter in the later grades and often drop out before earning a high school diploma.

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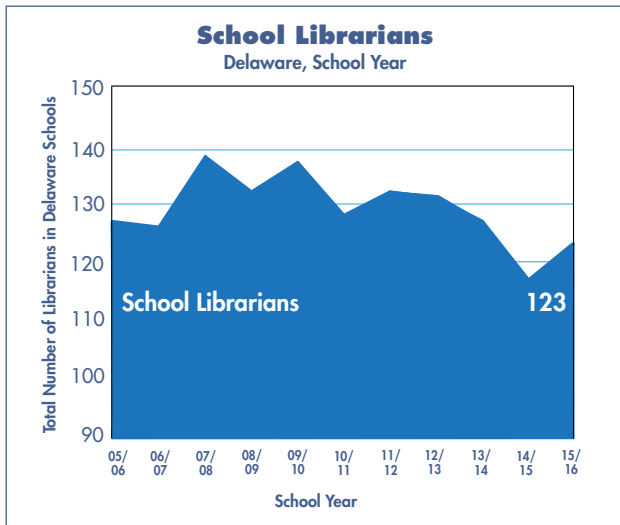
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School libraries are among the supports often provided to improve student success. Strong libraries become the “hub” of a school and are used by students in a variety of ways. Research has shown that quality libraries are correlated with higher student achievement. Dimensions of quality include items such as staffing, funding, collections, technology, integration into curriculum and flexible scheduling.



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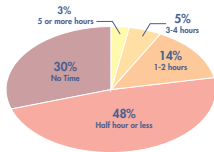


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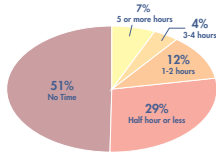
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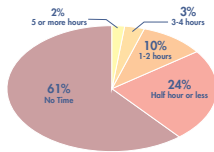
Reading for Pleasure Time Spent Reading on a School Day



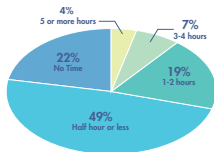
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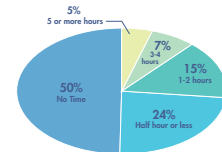
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5th grade female



8th grade female



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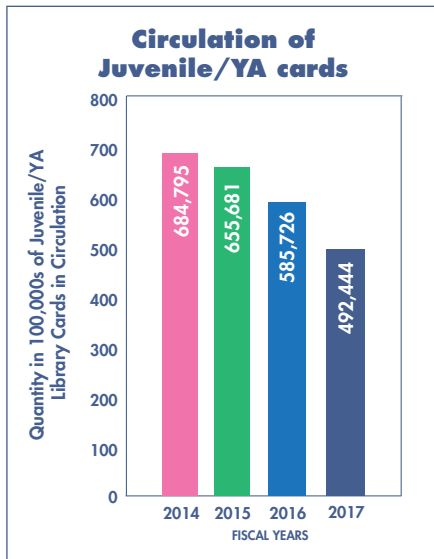
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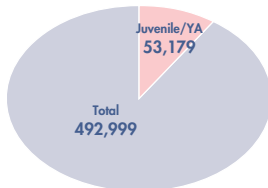


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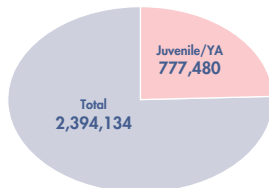
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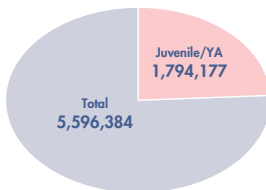
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Circulation

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A student's graduation from high school is a direct predictor of future success, and dropping out of school can have immense costs for both the student and the community at large.

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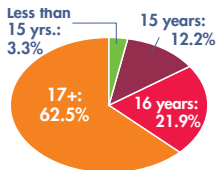
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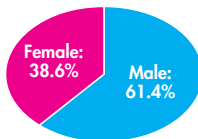
Dropouts

by Age, Gender, and Racial/ Ethnic Group, School Year 2015/16

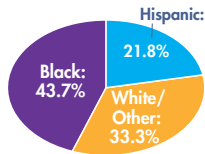
Percentage of all dropouts by age



Percentage of all dropouts by gender



Percentage of all dropouts by racial/ ethnic group



Source: Delaware Department of Education



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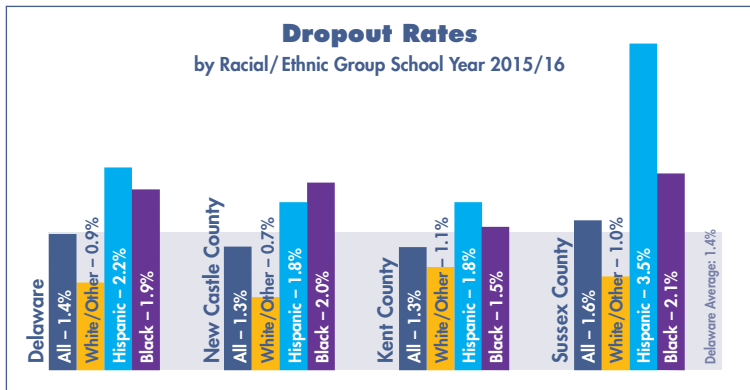
In Delaware each year more than 800 volunteers work with over 36,000 youth ages 5-19 to gain knowledge in **STEM**, learn new skills in **Healthy Living** and participate in **Civic Engagement** and **Leadership** experiences to give back to their communities.

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Source: Delaware Department of Education

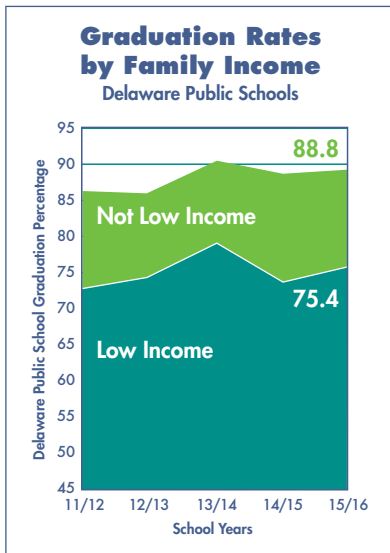


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Source: Delaware Department of Education

The graduation rate is a cohort rate that reflects the percent of 9th grade students who graduated within four years from a Delaware public school.

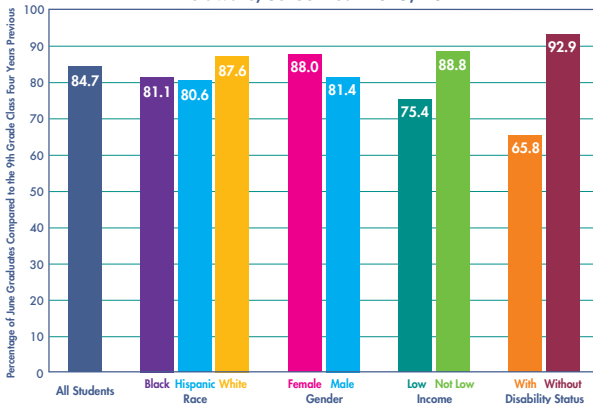
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Graduation Rates

Delaware, School Year 2015/16



Note: Graduation Rate – The graduation rate is a cohort rate that reflects the percent of 9th grade students who graduated within four years from a Delaware public school. The rate takes into account dropouts. For example, the rate for 2015–2016 reflects the percent of incoming 9th graders in September of 2012 who graduated in June of 2016.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

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For many students, formal education does not end after high school. The Department of Education's Higher Education Office is focused on increasing career opportunities for Delaware students by partnering with the K-12 system and the state's colleges and universities, to increase the college enrollment rate and clear the path towards college graduation for those students. Learn more at <https://delawaregoestocollege.org/b>

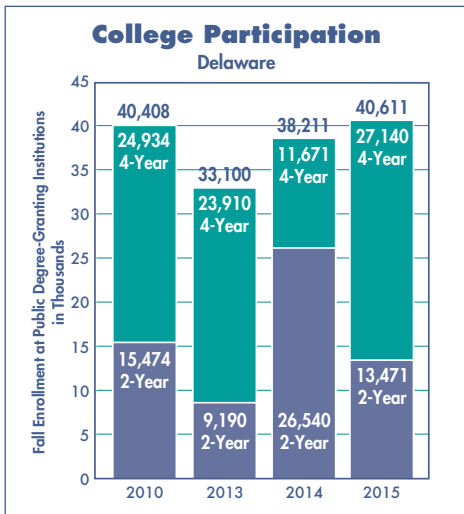


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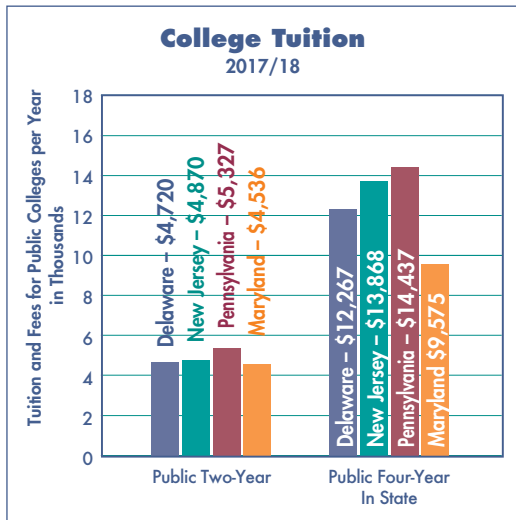
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Source: College Board Advocacy & Policy Center – Analysis Brief “Trends in Tuition and Fees, Enrollment, and State Appropriations for Higher Education by State”

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Source: College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges

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Delaware Graduates Attending Higher Education

Delaware, 2015-16

	Attendees	Percentage
Delaware State University	346	7%
University of Delaware	1158	24%
Delaware Technical and Community College	1360	28%
Wesley College	123	3%
Wilmington University	234	5%
Out of State Institutes of Higher Education	1698	35%
Total	4919	100%

Source: Delaware Department of Education

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Did you know?

As part of College Application Month, Delaware waived application fees for all in-state and select out-of-state universities for October and November 2018. The Application Month hopes to encourage more Delaware high schoolers to consider college and help students navigate the often complicated application process.



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Led by the State of Delaware, University of Delaware, and the Delaware Community Foundation, HCD is committed to reducing the health disparities that exist from one neighborhood to another.

Learn more at www.HealthyCommunitiesDelaware.org.




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A strong family unit is essential when it comes to addressing ACEs, and broader community support is critical to strengthen families.

		BASILINE DATA DE	CURRENT DATA DE	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
FAMILY & COMMUNITY	TEEN BIRTHS <i>LIVE BIRTHS TO 15-19 YEAR-OLD FEMALES PER 1,000 15-19 YEAR-OLD FEMALES</i>	36.6 2007-2011	22.6 2012-2016	✓
	CHILDREN IN ONE-PARENT FAMILIES <i>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17) IN ONE-PARENT FAMILIES</i>	37.9% 2010-2012	36.1% 2015-2017	✓
	 CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT <i>RATE OF SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT PER 1,000 CHILDREN</i>	11.7 2012	7.2 2017	✓



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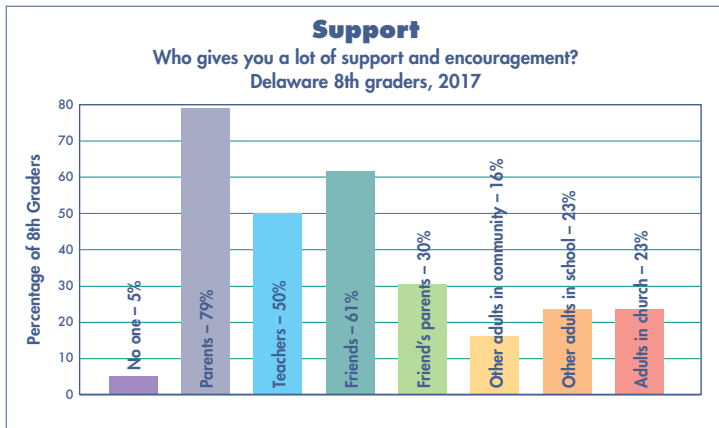


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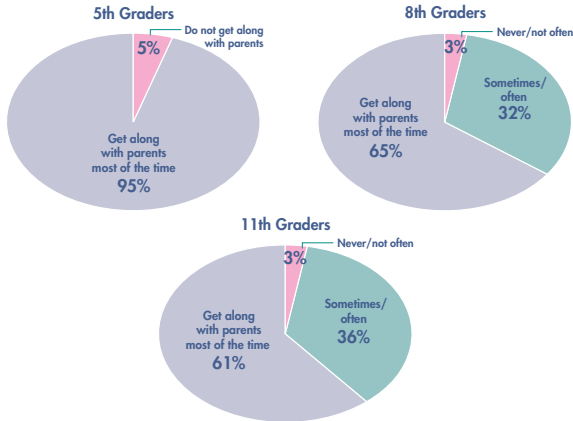
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Parents

I get along well with my parents/guardians. Delaware, 2016



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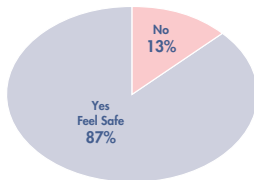
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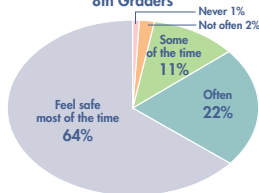
Neighborhood Safety

I feel safe in my neighborhood. Delaware, 2017

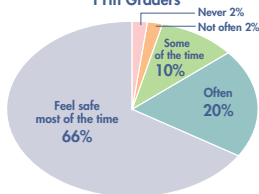
5th Graders



8th Graders



11th Graders



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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A place to feel connected. A place to belong.

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where kids can go after school and during the summer
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Did you know?

According to research from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, toddlers who have secure, trusting relationships with parents or caregivers experience minimal stress hormone activation when frightened by a strange event, while those who have insecure relationships experience significant activation of the stress response system. This lowered stress response due to trust helps protect children from experiencing ACEs.



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Research indicates that the single most common factor for children who develop resilience is having at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. It also appears that it's never "too late" to build resilience.



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Delaware School Nurse Association

Delaware is proud to have over 325 school nurses working with school communities to help children stay healthy, safe, and ready to learn. We provide healthcare to 154,000 + students in over 300 Delaware public, charter, private, and parochial schools.

School nurses increase student attendance!



***Delaware, the 1st state...with a commitment to have
a school nurse in every school building.***

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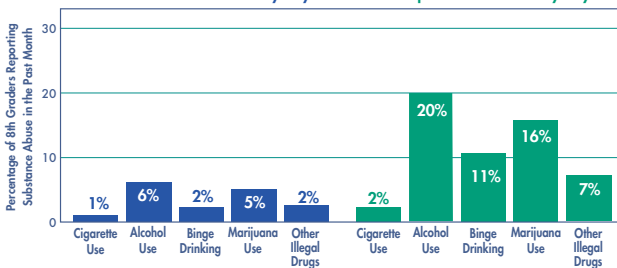
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Teen Substance Abuse and Relationship to Parents

Delaware, 2017

8th graders who talk with parents
about school almost every day

8th graders who argue or fight
with parents almost every day



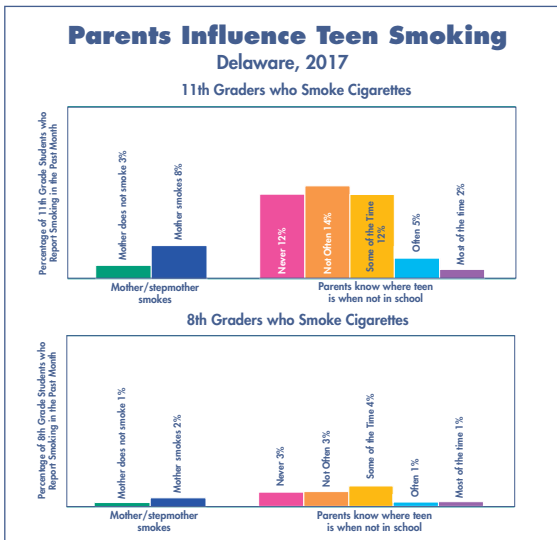
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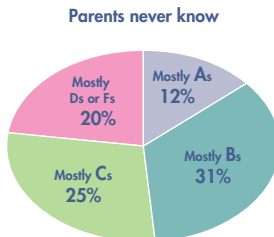
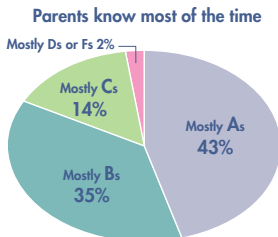
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Parental Monitoring and Grades

How often do your parents know where you are when you're not in school?
What grades do you usually make?

Delaware 8th Graders, 2017



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies,
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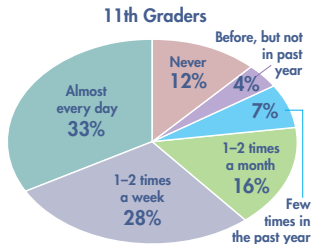
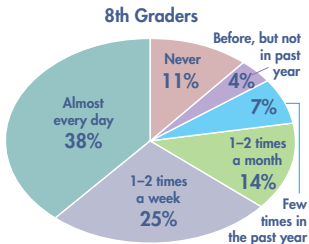
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Talking to Parents about School

How often do you talk to either of your parents about how things are going at school?

Delaware, 2017



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

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Data indicate that all children in Delaware do not have the same opportunity. Disparities exist in well-being outcomes by gender, ZIP code, income and race/ethnicity. If we want a better future for all of us, we need better results for each child now.

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While children have different starting points, every child deserves access to opportunities that lead to prosperity. However, equality of opportunity is not something that just happens: it is a product of systems, policies and programs that work together to lay a foundation that allows every one of our youngest Delawareans to have an equal chance for participation and for success. Throughout June, we'll spotlight recent policy wins in the state and highlight additional policy opportunities which would strengthen opportunity for children and their families.



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Health Policy Spotlight:

Due to lack of adequate paid family leave policies, many parents must return to work sooner than is optimal for the health of mothers (in the case of biological birth) and children. In 2018, the Delaware legislature passed paid family leave. State employees are now eligible for 12 weeks of paid leave upon the birth or adoption of a child 6 years of age or younger. Paid leave contributes to the establishment of parent-child bonds, breastfeeding establishment and allows infants to receive vaccines and develop stronger immune systems prior to entering child care.



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Health Policy Spotlight:

Lead poisoning can affect anyone, but children are affected the most due to vulnerabilities in their developing brains and bodies. In Delaware, great strides have been made to reduce lead in home and work environments over the last 25 years that KIDS COUNT has been tracking data. In 2018, additional legislation was passed to continue this work. HB 456 prohibits lead paints on outdoor structures such as bridges, water towers, playground equipment, highways, parking lots and utility towers and poles and requires Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to develop regulations governing the removal of lead paint from outdoor structures.



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Health Policy Spotlight:

In 2018, Delaware won a \$9 million federal grant to expand school mental health supports. A five year initiative, Project DeLAWARE involves the Delaware Department of Education, the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families and a school district in each county (Colonial, Capital & Indian River) whose combined enrollment equals nearly one-fifth of the state's total public school enrollment.



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I wish to go to Hawaii
Von, 8
cancer

Critically ill children and their families know too well the all-consuming anxiety of a cancer diagnosis. For families like Von's, a wish journey is more than a gift, a trip, or a party. It is an anchor.

"We were benefiting from his wish before we even left," Von's mom, Gina, says. "It became the focus for so many months... [In Hawaii,] we would catch him just relaxing and smiling... It was a total recharge for our entire family. You don't think about 'when's the next lab draw.'"

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Health Policy Spotlight:

The opioid crisis in our state affects more than just the person struggling with addiction. Often children of addicted parents and caregivers see the devastating impact of substance abuse firsthand which can lead to neglect and removal from the home. HB 440 establishes an Overdose System of Care to improve care, treatment and survival of the overdose patient in the State of Delaware. A collaborative and coordinated effort to improve the treatment and prevention of overdose will help to make sure that parents are healthy and capable of caregiving.



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Delaware public schools serve a diverse student population with complex needs and immense potential. However there are equity gaps that we must address including lags in proficiency levels and graduation rates. Data show disparity exists across dimensions of race/ethnicity, gender, income and disability status.



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Education Policy Spotlight:

According to DOE, thousands of students receive out-of-school suspensions each year for minor infractions such as being unprepared or late for class, dress code violations and disrespectful behavior. In 2013, only 2% of out-of-school suspensions were for serious offenses such as weapons, drugs or serious violence. Further, while African-American students made up only 32% of the student body, they accounted for 62% of out-of-school suspension. Students with disabilities made up 13% of the student body, but accounted for 24% of out-of-school suspensions. Out-of-school suspensions do not address the root causes for the misbehavior and only serve to put the student further behind in class. SS1 for SB85, which was passed in 2018, requires capturing and publishing of data in an attempt to help schools reduce unnecessary out-of-school suspensions.

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Education Policy Spotlight:

The Delaware Advance Scholarship Program was created via HB326. The goal is to encourage Delaware students with intellectual disabilities to pursue studies for a comprehensive certificate or degree at a Delaware institution of higher education in order to promote economic self-sufficiency. This will in turn result in an economic benefit to the state in the form of a more diverse, well-prepared workforce that is less reliant on government support.



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The Institute for Public Administration partners with local education agencies, state departments, and their constituents to provide education, research, and policy assistance to improve educational opportunities for all Delaware students.

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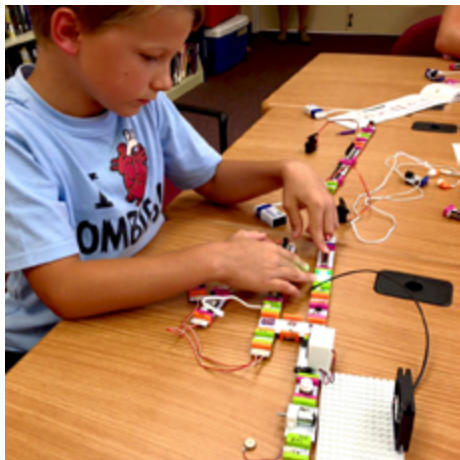


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Education Policy Spotlight:

In an effort to address Delaware's achievement gap, \$1 million in targeted "Opportunity Grant" funding was awarded to nine Delaware school districts and charter schools for the 2017-18 school year. The funding supports programs that help disadvantaged students and English language learners have success in classrooms across the state.



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**Education Policy
Spotlight:**

Both the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and SB 172 w/SA1 + HA 2, passed in 2018, require the development of a statewide approach to define and report school-level expenditures so school leaders and the public can better compare per-pupil spending across Delaware. DOE will begin reporting school-level per-pupil expenditures in December 2019.



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While Delaware should be a state where every child is financially secure, economic hardship is the most commonly reported ACE. All racial and ethnic groups are affected by poverty. However, the likelihood of living in poverty is far higher for Delaware's children of color.



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Economic Policy Spotlight:

Federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) policies serve many public policy goals including reducing child poverty, increasing the incentive to work, stabilizing income and spurring consumption. In 2018, the legislature passed HB113 which would change the Delaware's EITC from nonrefundable to refundable. Nonrefundable credits can only be used to offset income tax liability, even though excise and property taxes are usually more burdensome for low-income working taxpayers.

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***Economic Policy
Spotlight:***

Delaware's minimum wage was increased to \$8.75 effective January 1, 2019. A training minimum wage and a youth wage, linked to the state's minimum wage, were also created via legislation in 2018.



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Economic Policy Spotlight:

Recognizing the importance of making sure that every Delawarean is counted in the upcoming 2020 Census, Governor Carney signed Executive Order #23 which created the Governor's Complete Count Commission. This commission will work to raise awareness about the 2020 Census and encourage full participation especially by those that are often undercounted such as young children. Census data is invaluable for determining and allocating resources which makes counting vulnerable populations such as children crucial to making meaningful decisions.



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***Economic Policy
Spotlight:***

A parent who cannot afford cash bail could spend months away from his children and family simply awaiting trial. In 2018, Delaware passed HB 204, which seeks to modernize the pretrial process by reducing the reliance on monetary conditions. It gives judges more discretion to determine other pre-release conditions besides cash bail by utilizing a risk assessment tool. Financial resources should not be the sole determinant of whether or not a child must be without her parent for longer than necessary.



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KIDS COUNT in Delaware wants to see our state provide equitable opportunities for every child. For that vision to be realized, children's risks and opportunities in life should not be dictated by their gender, ZIP code, family income, race, or ethnicity.

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Family/Community Policy Spotlight:

Gun violence has a tremendous impact on Delaware's children and young people, particularly in the city of Wilmington where 12 to 17 year olds are injured or die from gun violence at rates higher than anywhere else in the country. As a state, we must ensure that our children are able to reach adulthood. In addition to several pieces of legislation enacted to protect children, Delaware joined the "States for Gun Safety" Coalition, a multi-state bipartisan partnership working together to solve this complex issue.



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COMPREHENSIVE GUN SAFETY

PROGRESS FROM 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- ✓ **HB 302 Beau Biden Gun Violence Prevention Act**
Helps restrict access to firearms for those who mental health professionals believe present a danger to themselves or others
- ✓ **HB 300 Banning Bump Stock Devices**
Bans the sale and possession of bump stock devices
- ✓ **HB 174 Strengthening Penalties on “Straw Purchases”**
Raises the first offense of purchasing or obtaining a firearm for someone not legally qualified to own, possess or purchase one from a Class F to a Class E Felony
- ✓ **HB 222 “Red Flag” Legislation**
Allows courts to issue a lethal violence protection order in cases where a family member or law enforcement officer can show that the respondent poses a danger to self or others by owning, possessing, controlling, purchasing or receiving a firearm
- ✓ **HB 49 Increasing Security in New Schools and School Renovations**
Requires new school construction and schools undergoing major renovations to include additional safety features
- ✓ **HB 335 Funding for School Safety and Security Improvements**
Establishes a School Safety and Security Fund to provide resources for projects intended to increase security in Delaware public schools

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***Family/
Community
Policy Spotlight:***

Delaware made history by becoming the first state in the nation to ban child marriage without exception. HB 337 prohibits the marriage of individuals under the age of 18.

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***Family/Community Policy
Spotlight:***

In Delaware, food insecurity not covered by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is primarily mediated by the Food Bank of Delaware. This enormous program has networks throughout the state to collect and distribute food to over 500 hunger-relief program partners. These partners are often food pantries, shelters and residential programs, but can also be social service agencies and neighborhood or community programs. In 2017, the Food Bank of Delaware distributed over 8 million pounds of food to people within our state.



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Investing in our kids and families pays dividends many times over for our communities and for our state, a smart economic strategy.

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As the legislature breaks for summer, KIDS COUNT in Delaware would like to say THANK YOU to all of the many individuals working hard on behalf of each and every one of our state's children!

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*We sincerely thank the children and families who
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