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Table 1:

# Population Estimates

Population Estimates for Delaware, Counties, Wilmington, Newark, and Dover, 1996

	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-64	65+	Total	% 0-19	% 20-64	% 65+	% Total
Delaware	51,226	49,294	48,718	45,943	436,821	91,629	723,631	26.9	60.3	12.6	100.0
Male	26,380	25,426	24,885	23,269	215,806	38,299	354,065	28.2	60.9	10.8	48.9
White	20,085	19,964	19,102	17,594	177,726	34,305	288,776	26.5	61.5	11.8	39.9
Black	5,690	4,877	5,374	5,338	33,953	3,720	58,952	36.0	57.5	6.3	8.1
Female	24,846	23,868	23,833	22,674	221,015	53,330	369,566	25.7	59.8	14.4	51.0
White	18,732	18,390	18,215	16,890	178,397	47,305	297,929	24.2	59.8	15.8	41.1
Black	5,521	4,884	5,150	5,405	38,149	5,677	64,786	32.3	58.8	8.7	8.9
New Castle	33,118	31,629	31,030	29,318	291,986	48,841	470,705	26.5	62.0	10.33	65.0
Male	17,127	16,453	15,882	14,799	144,175	21,796	230,232	27.9	62.6	9.4	31.8
White	13,057	12,894	12,222	11,135	118,365	19,438	187,111	26.3	63.2	10.3	25.8
Black	3,589	3,058	3,364	3,422	22,721	2,215	38,369	35.0	59.2	5.7	5.3
Female	15,991	15,176	15,148	14,519	147,811	31,828	240,473	25.2	61.4	8.5	3.8
White	12,140	11,790	11,561	10,762	119,366	28,170	193,789	23.8	61.5	14.5	26.7
Black	3,381	2,877	3,261	3,509	25,406	3,475	41,909	31.0	60.6	8.2	5.7
Newark**	1,063	1,043	1,164	5,122	17,207	2,405	28,004	29.9	61.4	8.5	3.9
Male	551	537	592	2,242	8,503	922	13,347	29.3	63.7	6.9	1.8
Female	512	506	572	2,880	8,704	1,483	14,657	30.4	59.3	10.1	2.0
Wilmington*	4,942	5,027	5,018	3,978	41,507	10,667	71,139	26.6	58.3	14.9	9.8
Male	2,500	2,635	2,574	2,092	19,827	3,721	33,349	29.3	59.4	11.1	4.6
White	672	661	603	516	9,322	2,349	14,123	17.3	66.0	16.6	1.9
Black	1,631	1,733	1,733	1,390	9,379	1,306	17,172	37.7	54.6	7.6	2.3
Female	2,442	2,392	2,444	1,886	21,680	6,946	37,790	24.2	57.3	18.3	5.2
White	705	610	543	448	9,044	4,745	16,095	14.3	56.1	29.4	2.2
Black	1,535	1,561	1,703	1,282	11,663	2,131	19,875	30.5	58.6	10.7	2.7
Kent	9,430	9,537	8,805	8,097	72,637	13,364	121,870	29.4	59.6	10.9	16.8
Male	4,825	4,855	4,457	4,167	35,905	5,617	59,826	30.5	60.0	9.3	8.2
White	3,643	3,769	3,362	3,168	29,155	4,901	47,998	29.0	60.7	10.2	6.6
Black	1,109	1,043	1,028	942	6,168	641	10,931	37.7	56.4	5.8	1.5
Female	4,605	4,682	4,348	3,930	36,732	7,747	62,044	28.3	59.2	12.4	1.5
White	3,422	3,530	3,292	3,000	28,659	6,712	48,615	27.2	58.9	13.8	8.5
Black	1,106	1,104	983	864	7,087	938	12,082	33.5	58.6	7.7	1.6
Dover**	1,923	1,994	1,875	2,507	18,023	3,293	29,615	28.0	60.8	11.1	4.0
Male	985	1,002	956	1,274	8,918	1,222	14,357	29.3	62.1	8.5	1.9
Female	938	992	919	1,233	9,105	2,071	15,258	26.7	59.6	13.5	2.1
Sussex	8,679	8,128	8,883	8,528	72,198	24,641	131,056	26.1	55.0	18.8	18.1
Male	4,428	4,118	4,546	4,303	35,726	10,886	64,007	27.1	55.8	17.0	8.8
White	3,385	3,301	3,518	3,291	30,206	9,966	53,667	25.1	56.2	18.5	7.4
Black	992	776	982	974	5,064	864	9,652	38.5	52.4	8.9	1.3
Female	4,250	4,010	4,337	4,225	36,472	13,755	67,049	25.0	54.3	20.5	9.2
White	3,170	3,070	3,362	3,128	30,372	12,423	55,525	22.9	54.6	22.3	7.6
Black	1,034	903	906	1,032	5,454	1,264	10,795	35.8	52.3	11.7	1.4

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:

# 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 3:

# 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 4:

## 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, 1981–1996

Area/Race	1981-1985	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	51.5	51.1	50.7	51.0	52.4	54.1	56.4	58.5	59.9	60.2	59.6	58.0
White	43.3	42.8	42.2	42.2	43.3	44.9	47.1	49.2	50.8	51.5	51.4	50.4
Black	96.5	97.0	97.9	100.1	103.2	106.2	109.5	111.8	112.1	110.7	107.2	101.9
Delaware	48.6	48.6	48.5	48.7	50.7	52.0	53.9	55.0	55.9	56.6	57.4	57.7
White	34.0	33.8	33.5	33.8	34.9	35.7	36.7	37.4	38.3	39.1	40.2	40.6
Black	110.3	110.0	110.3	109.0	114.3	116.8	121.0	121.6	120.5	118.7	115.9	113.9
New Castle	40.7	40.7	41.0	41.5	43.1	44.6	46.1	47.5	48.2	49.0	50.3	51.5
White	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.6	28.0	28.6	29.2	30.1	30.9	32.1	33.8	35.2
Black	106.7	106.0	106.8	105.9	112.3	116.5	120.4	121.6	118.6	114.2	109.8	107.9
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	137.4	143.4	148.3	149.7	152.6	155.3
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	123.5	125.0	134.2	136.0	137.7	146.8
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	158.1	166.6	170.7	171.8	175.1	175.9
Kent	61.1	61.0	60.0	58.1	61.3	62.2	63.8	63.6	65.1	65.5	65.6	65.3
White	55.7	55.4	53.6	50.9	52.6	52.2	52.5	52.5	53.2	52.6	51.3	50.8
Black	80.5	80.7	82.0	81.5	88.6	92.3	96.6	94.4	98.5	101.7	106.1	107.6
Sussex	71.7	71.1	70.3	71.4	73.9	74.6	78.3	79.1	79.0	78.5	76.9	73.0
White	44.6	43.3	43.1	45.5	49.1	51.6	54.9	54.9	55.4	54.4	54.1	51.0
Black	157.0	159.0	157.5	155.0	155.8	151.4	156.4	157.9	155.2	155.2	148.0	140.7

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



Table 5:

## 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, 1981-1996

Area/Race	1981-1985	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	31.6	31.3	31.2	31.6	32.6	33.8	35.5	36.8	37.7	37.9	37.6	36.6
Delaware	32.3	32.6	32.9	33.5	35.8	37.0	37.9	39.6	40.4	42.2	43.7	44.8
New Castle	29.6	29.7	30.7	31.0	33.1	34.2	35.5	37.4	38.3	40.1	42.6	44.3
Kent	32.9	34.5	34.5	35.7	39.8	40.2	39.3	38.6	39.8	40.4	41.2	43.2
Sussex	42.3	41.9	39.7	40.7	42.1	43.9	45.3	49.0	48.7	51.3	49.9	48.1

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

Table 6:

## 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, 1981-1996

Area/Race	1981-1985	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
White	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Black	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.3
Delaware	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
White	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Black	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.7	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.1
New Castle	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
White	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	5.9	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.2	5.6	6.0	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.2
Kent	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8
White	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1
Black	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.1	4.3
Sussex	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.0
White	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
Black	6.8	6.6	6.0	6.5	7.7	7.9	7.4	8.1	8.4	9.4	10.0	9.5

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

Table 7:

## Teen Mothers Who Are Single

Five Year Average Percentage of Births to Mothers Under 20 Years of Age Who Are Single  
U.S., Delaware, Counties, 1983-1996

Area/Race	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	58.9	61.3	63.5	65.3	66.9	68.1	69.3	71.0	72.6	74.0
White	45.2	48.2	51.0	53.4	55.5	57.3	59.0	61.4	63.7	65.7
Black	90.0	90.5	91.1	91.5	91.9	92.3	92.6	93.2	93.8	94.8
Delaware	69.0	70.5	73.1	74.7	76.7	79.4	81.8	84.6	86.7	88.3
White	49.7	53.0	56.2	58.6	61.2	65.2	69.3	73.8	77.3	80.2
Black	90.9	90.9	92.3	92.9	94.0	94.9	95.7	96.7	97.4	97.7
New Castle	74.3	74.9	77.8	79.4	81.4	84.1	86.4	88.8	90.6	91.6
White	57.4	59.1	62.6	65.3	68.2	72.3	76.5	80.6	83.4	85.2
Black	82.7	92.6	93.9	94.1	94.8	95.7	96.4	97.2	98.0	98.4
Kent	56.1	59.7	62.3	65.3	67.7	71.0	75.1	78.1	80.1	81.7
White	39.8	44.1	46.4	49.2	50.9	56.1	61.6	66.3	68.4	71.9
Black	85.9	86.6	88.1	90.4	92.6	94.0	95.7	96.8	97.7	97.1
Sussex	67.1	69.0	71.1	70.9	72.8	74.5	76.0	79.6	82.6	85.5
White	39.5	46.0	50.3	51.2	54.5	56.7	59.3	64.5	70.5	75.4
Black	90.0	89.4	90.8	91.3	92.6	93.1	93.7	95.1	95.6	96.1

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

Table 8:

## Births by Race and Age of Mother

Number and Percent of Live Births by Race and Age of Mother  
Delaware, Counties and City of Wilmington, 1996

Area/Race	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	10,152	1,384	13.6	54	0.5	566	5.6	764	7.5
White	7,541	697	9.2	18	0.2	262	3.5	417	5.5
Black	2,371	669	28.2	34	1.4	294	12.4	341	14.4
Other	240	18	7.5	2	0.8	10	4.2	6	2.5
New Castle	6,562	833	12.6	34	0.5	347	5.3	452	6.8
White	4,850	397	8.1	9	0.2	152	3.1	236	4.9
Black	1,546	430	27.8	24	1.5	193	1.2	213	13.8
Other	166	6	3.6	1	0.6	2	1.2	3	1.8
Wilmington	1,171	340	29.0	20	1.7	151	12.9	169	14.4
White	414	71	17.1	2	0.4	28	6.8	41	9.9
Black	745	269	36.1	18	2.4	123	16.5	128	17.2
Other	12	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Balance of NC County	5,391	493	9.1	14	0.2	196	3.6	283	5.2
White	4,436	326	7.3	7	0.2	124	2.8	195	4.4
Black	801	161	20.0	6	0.7	70	8.7	85	10.6
Other	154	6	3.8	1	0.6	2	1.3	3	1.9
Kent	1,872	269	14.3	11	0.5	118	6.3	140	7.5
White	1,401	150	10.7	6	0.4	63	4.5	81	5.8
Black	420	110	26.1	5	1.2	49	11.7	56	13.3
Other	51	9	17.6	0	0.0	6	11.8	3	5.9
Sussex	1,718	282	16.4	9	0.5	101	5.9	172	10.0
White	1,290	150	11.6	3	0.2	47	3.6	100	7.8
Black	405	129	31.8	5	1.2	52	12.8	72	17.8
Other	23	3	13.0	1	4.3	2	8.7	0	0.0

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 9:

## Percentage of Low Birth Weight Births

Five-Year Average Percentage of All Births that Are Low Birth Weight Births  
U.S. and Delaware, 1983–1996

	1983- 1987	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996
U.S.	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2
Delaware	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.0
New Castle	N/A	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.3
Kent	N/A	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.2
Sussex	N/A	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.7

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

Table 10:

## Low Birth Weight Births by Age and Race of Mother

Five-Year Average Percentage of Low Birth Weight Births by Age and Race of Mother  
Delaware and Counties, 1990–1996

Area/Age	1990–1994			1991–1995			1992–1996		
	All Races	White	Black	All Races	White	Black	All Races	White	Black
Delaware	7.7	5.9	13.5	7.8	6.1	13.4	8.0	6.3	13.3
Less than 20	10.5	8.0	13.4	10.7	8.3	13.4	10.7	8.1	13.7
20–24	7.7	5.4	12.5	7.9	5.5	12.8	8.3	6.0	13.1
25–29	6.6	5.1	12.8	6.8	5.5	12.5	7.0	5.8	12.0
30+	7.7	6.3	16.3	7.6	6.4	15.5	7.6	6.5	14.8
New Castle	8.0	6.0	14.6	8.2	6.2	14.3	8.3	6.4	14.3
Less than 20	11.4	8.8	14.1	11.5	9.0	14.0	11.4	8.8	14.1
20–24	8.5	5.8	13.5	8.5	5.7	13.6	9.2	6.4	14.3
25–29	7.0	5.3	14.3	7.2	5.6	13.8	7.1	5.6	13.1
30+	7.7	6.2	17.3	7.8	6.5	16.1	7.7	6.5	15.7
Kent	7.0	5.7	11.3	7.3	5.8	12.2	7.2	5.9	11.8
Less than 20	9.4	7.5	12.1	9.6	7.1	13.3	9.3	6.8	13.4
20–24	6.8	5.2	11.2	7.0	5.2	11.9	6.9	5.2	11.5
25–29	5.3	4.7	8.1	6.0	5.4	8.8	6.3	5.8	8.7
30+	8.1	6.7	15.0	7.7	6.1	15.9	7.5	6.2	14.0
Sussex	7.1	5.4	11.7	7.2	5.7	11.5	7.7	6.4	11.5
Less than 20	9.3	6.5	12.3	9.7	7.6	12.0	10.0	7.4	12.8
20–24	6.8	4.7	10.9	7.1	5.1	11.1	7.4	5.8	10.9
25–29	6.1	5.0	11.6	6.3	5.2	11.1	7.1	6.4	10.7
30+	7.1	6.2	12.5	6.8	6.0	12.1	7.1	6.4	11.4

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 11:

## 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, 1984-1996

	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996
U.S.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Delaware	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	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

Low Birth  
Weight Babies

Table 12:

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

Five-Year Average Percentage of Very Low Birth Weight Births by Age and Race of Mother  
Delaware and Counties, 1990-1996

Area/Age	1990-1994			1991-1995			1992-1996		
	All Races	White	Black	All Races	White	Black	All Races	White	Black
Delaware	1.6	1.0	3.4	1.6	1.1	3.2	1.6	1.1	3.2
Less than 20	2.4	1.6	3.3	2.4	1.7	3.2	2.3	1.6	3.1
20-24	1.6	0.9	3.1	1.6	1.0	2.9	1.7	1.1	3.1
25-29	1.3	0.9	3.2	1.4	1.0	3.0	1.4	1.1	3.0
30+	1.5	1.1	4.2	1.5	1.1	4.1	1.5	1.1	4.0
New Castle	1.7	1.1	3.8	1.7	1.1	3.6	1.7	1.1	3.8
Less than 20	2.8	1.9	3.6	2.5	1.8	3.2	2.5	1.6	3.3
20-24	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.8	1.1	3.2	2.1	1.2	3.7
25-29	1.4	0.8	3.8	1.5	1.0	3.5	1.5	1.1	3.5
30+	1.6	1.1	4.9	1.5	1.1	4.6	1.5	1.1	4.5
Kent	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.5	1.3	2.3
Less than 20	2.3	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.3	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.6
20-24	1.3	0.8	2.9	1.3	0.9	2.5	1.2	0.9	2.2
25-29	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
30+	1.6	1.3	3.5	1.6	1.2	3.8	1.6	1.1	3.8
Sussex	1.2	0.8	2.4	1.4	1.0	2.5	1.4	1.0	2.4
Less than 20	2.0	0.4	2.8	2.3	0.8	3.0	2.3	0.8	3.1
20-24	1.4	0.9	2.3	1.5	1.0	2.3	1.4	1.1	2.0
25-29	0.9	0.8	2.6	1.1	1.0	2.6	1.1	1.1	2.5
30+	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.5

Note: Very Low Birth Weight (<1500 grams) is a subdivision of Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams).  
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 13:

## Prenatal Care

Percent of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in The First Trimester of Pregnancy  
Delaware, Counties, and City of Wilmington, 1987–1996

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
U.S.	74.4	74.2	73.9	74.2	74.6	76.1	77.1	78.4	79.4	79.7
Delaware	77.0	79.5	77.0	78.9	77.4	80.1	81.6	82.3	84.7	82.6
White	82.5	85.0	83.4	84.9	83.8	86.4	86.0	86.8	88.1	86.0
Black	58.9	60.7	56.7	59.3	59.1	60.9	67.3	67.6	73.7	71.7
Other	79.5	86.4	77.6	82.6	80.5	77.9	79.2	84.4	84.1	81.7
New Castle	81.0	83.1	80.2	83.0	80.1	84.3	88.9	90.2	90.6	88.6
Wilmington	71.3	67.1	65.0	68.1	62.1	68.2	78.8	80.7	81.8	80.3
Kent	74.7	75.3	70.7	71.5	75.4	76.0	66.9	64.1	73.1	68.9
Sussex	63.2	69.2	70.8	70.6	68.7	67.6	69.3	71.9	74.1	74.4

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

Table 14:

## Prenatal Care by Race

Percent of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in The First Trimester of Pregnancy by Race  
Delaware, Counties, and City of Wilmington, 1996

Area	All Races	White	Black	Other
Delaware	82.6	86.0	71.7	81.7
New Castle	88.6	91.9	78.5	86.7
Wilmington	80.3	86.7	76.6	83.3
Balance of NCC	90.5	92.4	80.3	87.0
Kent	68.9	72.1	58.1	70.6
Sussex	74.4	79.1	60.0	69.6

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center



Table 15:

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

Number and Percent of Live Births by Race of Mother, Birth Weight in Grams and Adequacy  
of Prenatal Care (Percentages Calculated by Birth Weight Group) Delaware, 1992-1996

Birth Weight (g)	Total		Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Delaware	52,010	100.0	38,664	74.3	10,144	19.5	2,592	5.0	610	1.2
<2500	4,147	100.0	2,672	64.4	994	24.0	384	9.3	97	2.3
<1500	850	100.0	552	64.9	179	20.7	84	9.9	38	4.5
1500-2499	3,297	100.0	2,120	64.3	818	24.8	300	9.1	59	1.8
2500+	47,842	100.0	335,988	75.2	9,146	19.1	2,207	4.6	501	1.0
Unknown	21	100.0	4	19.0	4	19.0	1	4.8	12	57.1
White	38,707	100.0	30,582	79.0	6,484	16.8	1,232	3.2	409	1.1
<2500	2,433	100.0	1,738	71.4	516	21.2	127	5.2	52	2.1
<1500	443	100.0	307	69.3	89	20.1	26	5.9	21	4.7
1500-1499	1,990	100.0	1,431	71.9	427	21.5	101	5.1	31	1.6
2500+	36,255	100.0	28,841	79.6	5,964	16.5	1,104	3.0	346	1.0
Unknown	19	100.0	3	15.8	4	21.1	1	5.3	11	57.9
Black	12,064	100.0	7,169	59.4	3,419	28.3	1,296	10.7	180	1.5
<2500	1,607	100.0	858	53.4	455	28.3	252	15.7	42	2.6
<1500	392	100.0	234	59.7	85	21.7	57	14.5	16	4.1
1500-2499	1,215	100.0	624	51.4	370	30.5	195	16.0	26	2.1
2500+	10,455	100.0	6,310	60.4	2,964	28.4	1,044	10.0	137	1.3
Unknown	2	100.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0
Other	1,239	100.0	913	73.7	241	19.5	64	5.2	21	1.7
<2500	107	100.0	76	71.0	23	21.5	5	4.7	3	2.8
<1500	15	100.0	11	73.3	2	13.3	1	6.7	1	6.7
1500-2499	92	100.0	65	70.7	21	22.8	4	4.3	2	2.2
2500+	1,132	100.0	837	73.9	218	19.3	59	5.2	18	1.6
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Low Birth  
Weight Babies

Table 16:

## 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, 1992-1996

Age Birth Weight (g)	Total Number	Total Percent	Adequate Number	Adequate Percent	Intermediate Number	Intermediate Percent	Inadequate Number	Inadequate Percent	Unknown Number	Unknown Percent
Less than 20 years	6,749	100.0	3,736	55.4	2,201	32.6	717	10.6	95	1.4
<2500	721	100.0	353	49.0	222	30.8	124	17.2	22	3.1
<1500	158	100.0	92	58.2	31	19.6	26	16.5	9	5.7
1500-2499	563	100.0	261	46.4	191	33.9	98	17.4	13	2.3
2500+	6,025	100.0	3,383	56.1	1,978	32.8	592	9.8	72	1.2
Unknown	3	100.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3
20-24 Years	12,086	100.0	8,179	67.7	2,883	23.9	860	7.1	164	1.4
<2500	1,001	100.0	618	61.7	252	25.2	110	11.0	21	2.1
<1500	208	100.0	127	61.1	47	22.6	28	13.5	6	2.9
1500-2499	793	100.0	491	61.9	205	25.9	82	10.3	15	1.9
2500+	11,081	100.0	7,560	68.2	2,630	23.7	750	6.8	141	1.3
Unknown	4	100.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	2	50.0
25-29 Years	15,177	100.0	12,039	79.3	2,453	16.2	5509	3.4	176	1.2
<2500	1,056	100.0	700	66.3	256	24.2	74	7.0	26	2.5
<1500	220	100.0	145	65.9	48	21.8	15	6.8	12	5.5
1500-2499	836	100.0	555	66.4	208	24.9	59	7.1	14	1.7
2500+	14,115	100.0	11,338	80.3	2,197	15.6	435	3.1	145	1.0
Unknown	6	100.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	83.3
30-34 Years	12,759	100.0	10,416	81.6	1,875	14.7	345	2.7	123	1.0
<2500	938	100.0	682	72.7	187	19.9	48	5.1	21	2.2
<1500	172	100.0	124	72.1	35	20.3	5	2.9	8	4.7
1500-2499	766	100.0	558	72.8	152	19.8	43	5.6	13	1.7
2500+	11,815	100.0	9,733	82.4	1,687	14.3	297	2.5	98	0.8
Unknown	6	100.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	4	66.7
35+ Years	5,239	100.0	4,294	82.0	732	14.0	161	3.1	52	1.0
<2500	431	100.0	319	74.0	77	17.9	28	6.5	7	1.6
<1500	92	100.0	64	69.6	15	16.3	10	10.9	3	3.3
1500-2499	339	100.0	255	75.2	62	18.3	18	5.3	4	1.2
2500+	4,806	100.0	3,974	82.7	654	13.6	133	2.8	45	0.9
Unknown	2	100.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 17:

## 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, 1992-1996

Marital Status Birth Weight (g)	Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Married	28,117	82.3	4,995	14.6	716	2.1	346	1.0
<2500 (low birth weight)	1,605	76.2	395	18.8	61	2.9	45	2.1
<1500 (very low birth weight)	289	74.1	66	16.9	13	3.3	22	5.6
1500-2499	1,316	76.7	329	19.2	48	2.8	23	1.6
2500+	26,509	82.7	4,596	14.3	655	2.0	291	0.9
Unknown	3	17.6	4	23.5	0	0.0	10	58.8
Single	10,547	59.1	5,149	28.9	1,876	10.5	264	1.5
<2500 (low birth weight)	1,067	52.3	599	29.3	323	15.8	52	2.5
<1500 (very low birth weight)	263	57.2	110	23.9	71	15.4	16	3.5
1500-2499	804	50.9	489	30.9	252	15.9	36	2.3
2500+	9,479	60.0	4,550	28.8	1,552	9.8	210	1.3
Unknown	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	2	50.0

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Low Birth  
Weight Babies  
Infant  
Mortality

Table 18:

## Infant, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality Rates

Five-Year Average Infant Mortality Rates, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality Rates  
U.S. and Delaware, 1989-1996

Area/Race	1989-1993			1990-1994			1991-1995			1992-1996		
	Infant	Neo- natal	Post- neonatal	Infant	Neo- natal	Post- neonatal	Infant	Neo- natal	Post- neonatal	Infant	Neo- natal	Post- neonatal
U.S.	9.0	5.7	3.3	8.6	5.4	3.2	8.3	5.3	3.0	8.0*	5.1*	2.9*
White	7.3	4.6	2.7	7.0	4.4	2.6	6.8	4.3	2.5	6.5*	4.2*	2.4*
Black	17.5	11.3	6.3	17.0	10.9	6.0	16.4	10.6	5.8	15.8*	10.2*	5.6*
Delaware	10.4	7.2	3.1	9.3	6.4	2.9	8.9	6.0	2.9	7.9	5.4	2.5
White	7.5	5.5	2.0	6.6	4.7	1.9	6.4	4.5	2.0	5.6	3.8	1.8
Black	19.9	13.2	6.7	18.2	12.1	6.1	17.0	11.1	5.9	15.7	10.7	5.1

\* 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 19:

## Infant Mortality Rates by Race

Five-Year Average Infant Mortality Rates by Race  
U.S., Delaware, Counties and City of Wilmington, 1981-1996

Area/Race	1981-1985	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	11.2	10.9	10.6	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.6	9.3	9.0	8.6	8.3	8.0*
White	9.8	9.5	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.5*
Black	19.1	18.7	18.3	18.0	18.1	18.0	17.9	17.7	17.5	17.0	16.4	15.8*
Delaware	12.6	12.2	11.8	12.1	12.3	11.3	11.5	10.9	10.4	9.3	8.9	7.9
White	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.6	9.9	8.9	8.9	8.2	7.5	6.6	6.4	5.6
Black	22.1	20.7	19.9	20.6	20.7	19.6	20.0	19.8	19.9	18.2	17.0	15.7
New Castle	13.5	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5	11.2	11.3	10.8	10.7	9.5	9.0	7.8
White	10.2	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.6	8.4	8.6	7.9	7.5	6.5	6.3	5.0
Black	25.2	23.9	23.4	23.2	23.1	21.1	20.8	20.8	21.7	19.8	18.3	17.5
Wilmington	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.9	20.4	19.6	19.5	18.0	16.6	15.2
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.2	14.1	12.3	11.2	9.7	10.1	6.2
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.8	24.2	23.8	24.3	22.8	20.4	20.5
Balance of NC Co.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.5	7.5	7.2	6.1
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.1	6.2	5.9	4.8
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.3	16.4	17.1	18.5	16.3	16.0	14.4
Kent	10.5	9.8	9.7	11.3	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.3	9.7	9.6	8.6	8.6
White	9.1	8.7	9.3	10.5	9.9	9.4	9.0	8.8	7.3	7.3	6.5	6.8
Black	14.9	13.5	11.3	14.4	15.6	17.7	19.0	19.9	17.9	17.6	15.5	15.1
Sussex	11.8	11.6	11.0	11.8	12.8	12.2	12.2	10.7	9.7	8.3	8.7	7.9
White	8.4	9.0	8.2	9.1	10.8	10.5	10.1	8.8	7.8	6.2	6.8	6.8
Black	20.0	17.9	17.8	18.5	18.0	16.8	18.0	16.1	15.3	13.7	13.9	10.4

Mortality Rates are deaths per 1,000 live births

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

Table 20:

## Infant Mortality Rates by Risk Factor

Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births by Risk Factor  
Delaware, 1991-1995

Risk Factor	All Races	White	Black
Birth Weight			
<1500 grams	307.1	299.3	307.0
<2500 grams	76.6	67.3	89.0
2500+ grams	2.6	2.1	4.1
Age of Mother			
<20	13.9	15.4	17.9
20-24	9.6	6.6	15.5
25-29	7.8	3.8	15.5
30+	6.2	5.1	13.0
Adequacy of Prenatal Care			
Adequate	6.8	5.0	14.8
Intermediate	9.4	7.1	15.0
Inadequate	21.8	20.8	23.4
Marital Status of Mother			
Married	5.6	4.9	10.6
Single	14.6	11.2	17.6
Education of Mother			
<12 years	11.9	8.9	16.8
High School diploma	10.6	6.8	16.1
1+ years of college	5.7	4.3	13.3

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Table 21:

## 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, 1991-1995

Cause of Death	All Races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Causes	458	100.0	247	100.0	200	100.0	11	100.0
Birth Defects	85	18.6	63	25.5	19	9.5	3	27.3
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	233	50.9	112	45.3	114	57.0	7	63.6
Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birth weight (Included in figures above)	95	20.7	39	15.8	52	26.0	4	36.4
Symptom, Signs, and Ill-defined Conditions (Includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)	64	14.0	33	13.4	30	15.0	1	9.1
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	18	3.9	6	2.4	12	6.0	0	0.0
Unintentional Injuries	9	2.0	3	1.2	6	3.0	0	0.0
Homicide	4	0.9	3	1.2	1	0.5	0	0.0
Diseases of the Respiratory System	10	2.2	5	2.0	5	2.5	0	0.0
All Other Causes	35	7.6	22	8.9	13	6.5	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 22:

## Child Death Rates

Five-Year Average Death Rates, Children 1-14 Years of Age  
U.S. and Delaware, 1981-1996

	1981-1985	1982-1986	1983-1987	1984-1988	1985-1989	1986-1990	1987-1991	1988-1992	1989-1993	1990-1994	1991-1995	1992-1996
U.S.	35.7	34.9	34.3	33.9	33.6	33.0	32.3	31.3	30.5	29.7	29.1	N/A
Delaware	38.0	37.0	37.8	35.3	35.3	34.3	32.1	30.3	29.9	26.6	24.5	23.3

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



Table 23:

## Causes of Deaths of Children by Age

Five Leading Causes of Deaths of Children 1–19 Years Old, by Age  
Delaware, 1992–1996

Age	Cause of Death	Deaths	
		Number	Percent
1-4 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	23	32.4
	Homicide	9	12.7
	Birth Defects	8	11.3
	Cancer	3	4.2
	Heart Diseases	4	5.6
	All Other Causes	24	33.8
	Total	71	100.0
5-14 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	36	40.9
	Cancer	15	17.0
	Homicide	7	8.0
	Birth Defects	4	4.5
	Suicide	4	4.5
	All Other Causes	22	25.0
	Total	88	100.0
15-19 Years	Unintentional Injuries*	78	54.1
	Suicide	14	9.7
	Homicide	16	11.1
	Cancer	7	4.8
	Heart Diseases	4	2.7
	All Other Causes	25	17.3
	Total	144	100.0

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

Child Deaths &  
Teen Deaths

Table 24:

## Teen Death Rates

Five-Year Average Teen Death Rates by Accident, Homicide, and Suicide, Teens 15–19 Years of Age  
U.S. and Delaware, 1981–1996

	1981- 1985	1982- 1986	1983- 1987	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996
U.S.	64.3	63.7	63.8	65.2	66.4	68.1	68.7	68.9	69.0	69.1	68.0	N/A
Delaware	51.2	49.1	43.5	50.4	50.1	52.2	47.6	47.6	43.2	45.0	45.3	47.5

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

Table 25:

## Violent Juvenile Arrests

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests, Delaware and Counties, 1988–1996

Area	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Delaware	191	214	374	594	537	525	514	588	629
New Castle	139	133	251	254	317	328	321	382	414
Kent	24	38	54	70	107	100	90	93	102
Sussex	29	43	69	70	113	97	103	113	113

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 26:

## Juvenile Part I Violent Crime Arrests

Arrest of Children under 18 Years of Age by Type of Crime, Delaware, 1988–1996

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

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 27:

## Juvenile Part I Property Crime Arrests

Juvenile Arrests for Part I Property Crimes\*, Delaware and County, 1990–1996

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Delaware	1,961	1,964	2,307	2,159	2,211	2,156	2,225
New Castle	1,231	1,233	1,443	1,372	1,363	1,305	1,248
Kent	440	452	528	374	470	415	527
Sussex	290	279	336	413	378	436	450

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

Table 28:

## Juvenile Part II Crime Arrests

Juvenile Arrests for Part II Crimes\*, Delaware and County, 1990-1996

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Delaware	3,955	4,018	3,795	4,005	3,911	4,492	4,869
New Castle	2,556	2,649	2,260	2,363	2,173	2,456	2,637
Kent	658	631	695	740	756	852	927
Sussex	741	738	840	702	982	1,184	1,305

\* 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 29:

## Juvenile Drug Arrests

Arrest of Children under 18 Years of Age by Type of Crime, Delaware, 1988-1996

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

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Juvenile  
Violent Crime  
Arrests

Table 30:

## 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

Area/Gender	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana
Delaware	22	28	15
Male	20	26	17
Female	23	29	13
New Castle	21	26	26
Male	21	27	30
Female	20	26	22
Kent	20	26	21
Male	18	23	22
Female	21	28	20
Sussex	24	31	24
Male	20	27	24
Female	27	33	23

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

Juvenile  
Violent Crime  
Arrests

Table 31:

## 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

Area/Gender	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana
Delaware	33	47	27
Male	36	49	32
Female	31	45	23
New Castle	44	48	29
Male	44	49	34
Female	43	46	23
Kent	42	47	26
Male	45	47	31
Female	40	47	22
Sussex	53	46	26
Male	53	51	29
Female	53	42	24

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 32:

## Student Violence and Possession

Reports of Student Violence and Possession (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*)  
Delaware and Counties, 1995-1996 School Year

Type of Incident	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware Totals***
Assault against pupil	390	87	84	568
Extortion against pupil	10	0	2	12
<b>Total reports against pupils</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>580</b>
Assault against employee	60	17	11	88
Extortion against employee	0	0	0	0
Offensive touching against employee	236	41	58	339
Terroristic threatening against employee	79	29	28	141
<b>Total reports against employees</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>568</b>
Possess dangerous instrument/weapon	151	42	41	235
Possess controlled substance	142	73	54	273
<b>Total reports of possession</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Total of §4112 reports filed</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1,656</b>
Total SBE filed	87	50	44	210
<b>Total reports filed</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1,866</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

Juvenile  
Violent Crime  
Arrests

Table 33:

## Student Violence and Possession Charges Filed

Incidents in which Police Charges Were Filed  
Delaware, 1995/96 School Year

Incident	Reports	Charges Filed	Percent of Reports Leading to Charges Filed
Title 14, §4112 incidents against pupils	580	109	19%
Title 14, §4112 incidents against employees	568	187	33%
Possession of dangerous instrument/weapon	235	35	15%
Possession of unlawful controlled substance	273	94	34%
SBE incidents	210	99	47%
<b>Total incidents</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>28%</b>

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 34:

## Student Violence and Possession by Age

Student Violence Data (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*) by Number and Age of Perpetrators  
Delaware 1995-1996 School Year

	Ages 4-6	Ages 7-9	Ages 10-12	Ages 13-15	Ages 16-21	Total
Number of Students	37	171	485	799	432	1,924
Percent of students involved in violent incidents that are in this age group	1.9%	8.9%	25.2%	41.5%	22.5%	100.0%

\* 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 35:

## Student Violence and Possession by Gender and Ethnicity

Student Violence Data (Delaware Code, Title 14, §4112\* and SBE\*\*) by Gender and Ethnicity of Perpetrators  
Delaware, 1995-1996 School Year

Ethnicity of Perpetrators	Female	% of Total Perpetrators	Male	% of Total Perpetrators	Total	% of Total Perpetrators
American Indian	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1
Asian	5	0.3	3	0.2	8	0.4
African American	250	13.0	778	40.4	1,028	53.4
Hispanic	19	1.0	56	2.9	75	3.9
White	161	8.4	650	33.8	811	42.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 36:

## Violent Adult Arrests

Violent Arrest Rate Per 1,000 Population Adults 18 and Over, Delaware, 1985–1996

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Adult Violent Arrests	1,142	1,153	967	1,177	1,488	1,878	1,923	2,065	1,978	1,997	2,155	2,200
Rate	2.48	2.48	2.03	2.43	3.01	3.75	3.78	4.00	3.77	3.74	4.19	4.22

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 37:

## Violent Adult Arrests, Adults 18–39

Violent Arrest Rates Per 1,000 Population Adults 18–39 Only, Delaware, 1985–1996

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Rate	4.92	4.92	4.08	4.90	6.13	7.65	7.79	8.32	7.92	7.94	8.54	8.72

Source: Statistical Analysis Center

Table 38:

## Dropouts

### Delaware Dropouts 1995/96, Summary Statistics Grades 9-12

	Annual Dropout Rate (%)	Percentage of All Dropouts (%)
Total	4.5	100.0
Gender		
Male	5.2	59.8
Female	3.7	40.2
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian	0.0	0.0
African American	5.3	33.7
Asian	0.5	0.2
Hispanic	8.3	6.7
White	4.0	59.4
Age		
Less than 16	1.6	18.9
16	5.6	30.5
17	7.7	29.4
Greater than 17	19.9	21.2

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 39:

## Dropouts and Enrollment by Race

### Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollment by Race, Public School Students Grades 9-12 Delaware and Counties, 1995/96 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	8,896	1,137	21,400	31,433	473	94	837	1,404
New Castle	5,650	816	12,040	18,506	319	74	499	892
Kent	1,681	188	4,916	6,785	67	11	173	251
Sussex	1,565	133	4,444	6,142	87	9	165	261

Source: Delaware Department of Education



Table 40:

## Dropout Rate and Percentage by Race

Dropout Rate and Percentage of all Dropouts by Race, Public School Students  
Delaware and Counties, 1995/96 School Year

County	Annual Dropout Rate				Percentage of All Dropouts			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	5.3	8.3	3.9	4.5	33.7	6.7	59.6	100.0
New Castle	5.6	9.1	4.1	4.8	22.7	5.3	35.5	63.5
Kent	4.0	5.9	3.5	3.7	4.8	0.8	12.3	17.9
Sussex	5.6	6.8	3.7	4.2	6.2	0.6	11.8	18.6

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 41:

## Dropouts and Enrollment by Race and Gender

Student Enrollment and Delaware Dropouts by Race and Gender, Grades 9-12  
Public School Students in Delaware, 1995/96 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	8,896	1,137	21,400	31,433	473	94	837	1,404
Male	4,434	594	11,027	16,055	264	56	520	840
Female	4,462	543	10,373	15,378	209	38	317	564

Source: Delaware Department of Education

High School  
Dropouts

Table 42:

## Dropout Rate and Percentage by Race and Gender

Dropout Rate and Percentage of all Dropouts by Race and Gender, Grades 9-12  
Public School Students in Delaware, 1995/96 School Year

Gender	Annual Dropout Rate				Percentage of All Dropouts			
	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/ Other	All
Delaware	5.3	8.3	3.9	4.5	33.7	6.7	59.6	100.0
Male	6.0	9.4	4.7	5.2	18.8	4.0	37.0	59.8
Female	4.7	7.0	3.1	3.7	14.9	2.7	22.6	40.2

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 43:

## Dropouts by Race and Ethnicity

### Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity, Grades 9-12, Delaware, 1986-1997

Race/Ethnicity	1986 1987	1987 9188	1988 1989	1989 1990	1990 1991	1991 1992	1992 1993	1993 1994	1994 1995	1995 1996	1996 1997
Black	9.5	10.0	10.2	10.0	7.9	6.2	5.8	6.8	5.8	5.3	6.1
Hispanic	14.1	13.6	14.2	11.9	8.8	7.9	5.1	6.7	7.5	8.3	7.3
White	6.2	6.1	6.2	5.4	4.9	3.0	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.7
All	7.2	7.2	7.3	6.6	5.7	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5

Source: Delaware Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 44:

## 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 45:

## Teens Not in School and Not Employed

Three Year Average Percentage of Persons (16-19 Yrs.) Not in School and Not Employed  
U.S. and Delaware, 1986-1997

	1986- 1988	1987- 1989	1988- 1990	1989- 1991	1990- 1992	1991- 1993	1992- 1994	1993- 1995	1994- 1996	1995- 1997
U.S.	9.8	9.6	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.0
Delaware	7.0	7.5	10.3	9.0	7.4	10.8	9.6	9.8	7.3	9.3

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

Table 46:

## 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, 1986-1997

	1986- 1988	1987- 1989	1988- 1990	1989- 1991	1990- 1992	1991- 1993	1992- 1994	1993- 1995	1994- 1996	1995- 1997
U.S.										
1-Parent	10,190	10,580	11,417	12,067	12,610	12,617	12,730	13,187	14,187	15,233
2-Parent	33,933	35,767	37,700	39,233	40,747	42,213	43,680	45,300	47,100	49,133
Delaware										
1-Parent	11,650	13,617	14,443	14,567	14,667	15,000	15,667	16,133	17,167	18,467
2-Parent	35,767	37,100	38,633	41,200	44,237	47,570	49,033	50,867	51,167	53,403

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

Table 47:

## Subsidized Child Care

Number of Children in State Subsidized Child Care  
Projected Monthly Averages, Delaware, Fiscal Years 1995-1998

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Delaware Totals	5,743	6,919	8,482	9,587
Welfare Reform*	3,316	3,366	3,742	4,259
Income Eligible**	2,427	3,553	4,740	5,328

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

Teens Not in  
School and Not  
Working

Children in  
Poverty

Table 48:

## Free and Reduced Breakfasts

Average Number of Free and Reduced Breakfasts Served Daily and Percent of Total Served  
Delaware and Counties, 1991/92–1996/97 School Years

	1991-1992		1992-1993		1993-1994		1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Delaware	9,028	84.1	11,537	84.6	12,375	83.4	12,612	82.8	12,484	82.2	12,215	82.2
New Castle	4,707	89.2	5,096	89.0	5,748	86.9	6,272	85.3	5,806	84.6	5,579	83.8
Kent	2,748	78.6	3,281	79.8	3,112	78.2	2,604	77.7	3,133	77.3	3,073	79.3
Sussex	1,572	78.6	3,160	80.8	3,515	82.1	3,736	83.2	3,545	82.3	3,563	82.3

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Table 49:

## Free and Reduced Lunches

Average Number of Free and Reduced Lunches Served Daily and Percent to Total Enrollment  
Delaware and Counties, 1994/95–1996/97 School Years

		1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Delaware	Enrollment	107,013		108,461		110,245	
	Free	30,981		31,247		32,208	
	Reduced	5,389		5,892		6,088	
	Percent Free and Reduced		33.9		34.2		34.7
New Castle	Enrollment	62,414		63,440		64,609	
	Free	17,435		17,912		17,720	
	Reduced	2,782		3,120		3,223	
	Percent Free and Reduced		32.4		33.2		32.4
Kent	Enrollment	24,257		24,472		27,749	
	Free	6,903		6,533		7,056	
	Reduced	1,607		1,612		1,640	
	Percent Free and Reduced		35.1		33.3		35.1
Sussex	Enrollment	20,342		20,549		20,887	
	Free	6,643		6,802		7,432	
	Reduced	1,000		1,160		1,225	
	Percent Free and Reduced		37.8		38.7		41.4

Source: Delaware Department of Education



Table 50:

## Children Without Health Insurance

Percentage of Children Not Covered by Health Insurance  
U.S. and Delaware, Three-Year Moving Average, 1986-1996

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
U.S.	15.7	15.3	14.4	13.6	13.1	13.0	12.7	12.9	13.4	13.9	14.3
Delaware	15.1	14.9	11.6	11.8	11.4	13.4	10.7	10.8	10.2	12.1	12.4

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

Table 51:

## Health Insurance

Three-Year Average Percentage Persons (0-64) without Health Insurance  
U.S. and Delaware, 1983-1997

	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
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
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

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

Table 52:

## Poverty Thresholds

Poverty Thresholds by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years  
Annual Income in Dollars, U.S., 1996

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	\$8,163								
One Person 65 years old or older	7,525								
Two Persons, householder under 65	10,507	10,815							
Two Persons, householder 65 or older	9,484	10,774							
Three Persons	12,273	12,629	12,641						
Four Persons	16,183	16,448	15,911	15,967					
Five Persons	19,516	19,800	19,194	18,725	18,439				
Six Persons	22,447	22,536	22,072	21,627	20,965	20,537			
Seven Persons	25,828	25,990	25,434	25,046	24,324	23,482	22,558		
Eight Persons	28,887	29,142	28,617	28,158	27,506	26,678	25,816	25,597	
Nine Persons or more	34,749	34,917	34,453	34,063	33,423	32,542	31,746	31,548	30,333

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 53:

## Home Ownership

Percent of Home Ownership, U.S. and Delaware, 1989-1997

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

Source: Delaware State Housing Authority

Table 54:

## 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 55:

## 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 56:

## Percentage Female Headed Families in Poverty

Three-Year Average Percentage Families in Poverty with Single Female Head and Children Under 18  
U.S. and Delaware, 1986–1997

	1986- 1988	1987- 1989	1988- 1990	1989- 1991	1990- 1992	1991- 1993	1992- 1994	1993- 1995	1994- 1996	1995- 1997
US	50.9	48.5	45.2	42.4	42.9	43.7	44.0	43.1	41.7	40.2
Delaware	42.2	37.7	32.4	26.0	25.5	26.6	31.2	33.0	31.2	28.2

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

Table 57:

## 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 58:

## Child Support Paid

Percent of Child Support That Is Paid  
U.S. and Delaware, Fiscal Years 1989–1997

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

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

Children in  
Poverty

Children in  
One-Parent  
Families

Table 59:

## Percentage of Births to Single Mothers

Five Year Average Percentage of Live Births to Single Mothers  
U.S., Delaware, Counties, 1984-1996

Area/Race	1984- 1988	1985- 1989	1986- 1990	1987- 1991	1988- 1992	1989- 1993	1990- 1994	1991- 1995	1992- 1996
U.S.	23.4	24.6	25.8	27.0	28.1	29.1	30.2	31.1	31.6
White	15.6	16.8	18.0	19.2	20.4	21.5	22.7	23.7	24.5
Black	61.3	62.6	63.9	65.2	66.4	67.4	68.3	69.0	69.7
Delaware	26.4	27.3	27.9	28.9	29.9	31.3	32.3	33.5	34.3
White	14.2	14.9	15.4	16.3	17.3	18.6	20.0	21.5	22.7
Black	66.9	68.2	68.7	69.7	70.6	72.1	72.6	73.0	73.2
New Castle	25.5	26.3	26.7	27.6	28.7	29.8	30.7	31.8	32.3
White	13.7	14.2	14.5	15.1	16.1	17.2	18.3	19.8	20.7
Black	68.7	69.5	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.5	72.8	72.9	73.0
Kent	24.4	25.9	27.1	28.4	29.6	31.3	32.4	33.6	34.6
White	14.6	15.6	16.5	17.7	19.5	21.0	22.4	23.5	24.7
Black	56.9	59.2	60.6	62.0	62.4	64.8	65.9	67.0	68.4
Sussex	32.2	33.0	33.5	34.9	35.5	37.2	39.1	40.0	41.6
White	16.3	17.3	18.2	19.7	20.4	22.2	24.3	26.3	28.7
Black	71.1	72.9	73.2	74.9	75.5	77.8	78.2	78.5	78.0

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



Table 60:

## Unemployment

### Unemployment Rates by Race and Gender U.S. and Delaware, 1985-1997

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997*
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

\*Preliminary data, subject to revision

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

Table 61:

## Available Child Care

### Number of Licensed Child Care Slots, Delaware, 1990-1997

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

\* Child Care Center- 13 or more children

\*\* Family Child Care Homes- 1 person caring for 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 62:

## Child Care Costs

Weekly Cost in Dollars to Families for Child Care by Child's Age  
Delaware by Counties, 1997

Age	Day Care Centers			Family Child Care Homes		
	Minimum	Average	High	Minimum	Average	High
<b>New Castle</b>						
0-12 months	67	125	190	55	97	175
1 and 2 years old	67	108	185	53	82	175
3 years and older	46	98	180	42	56	162
<b>Kent</b>						
0-12 months	63	84	144	50	72	125
1 and 2 years old	59	76	115	50	69	90
3 years and older	54	74	112	42	66	90
<b>Sussex</b>						
0-12 months	53	82	105	35	68	100
1 and 2 year old	53	72	97	35	65	93
3 years and older	46	67	93	32	61	92

Source: The Family and Workplace Connection

Table 63:

## Child Abuse and Neglect

Reported and Confirmed Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect, Delaware 1990-1998

Fiscal Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Accepted reports	4,541	4,886	5,584	5,117	6,945	6,384
Substantiated reports	1,771	1,856	1,787	1,740	1,667	2,355

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

Table 64:

## Foster Care

Children in Foster Care, Delaware, Fiscal Years 1990-1997

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Average number of children per month	678	743	725	729	793	892	925	828

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.

Table 65:

## Leaving Foster Care

Children Exiting Foster Care, 1995-1997

	1995	Number of Children 1996	1997
Total children exiting foster care	712	739	733
Returned to parent	332	305	299
Returned to parent with DFS custody	175	209	185
Custody to relative	72	85	98
Adoption	32	48	39
Reached maturity (e.g. married, emancipated)	45	49	67
Custody to some other agency	10	10	7
Custody to non-relative	7	0	0
Runaways	14	0	0
Deceased	0	1	2
Other (not specified)	25	32	36

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

Table 66:

## Child Immunizations

Percent of Children Fully Immunized by Age 2+  
U.S. and Delaware, 1994-1997

	Apr. 1994 - Mar. 1995	Jan. 1995-Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996-Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997-Dec. 1997
Delaware	81	81	81	81
U.S.	75	75	75	78

Note: Data for calendar year 1997 are not available because CDC has switched to reporting by fiscal year.  
Source: Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

Table 67:

## Lead Poisoning

Percent of Children under Age 6 with Blood Lead Levels at or Exceeding 15 mcg/dL  
Delaware and U.S., Fiscal Years 1994-1998

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
# Tested	7,998	8,959	9,848	9,243	8,847
# Identified	247	208	166	121	129
Delaware (%)	3.1	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.5
U.S. (%)	N/A	1.3	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 68:

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Number and Percent of Teens Ages 15-19 with Gonorrhea and Primary or Secondary Syphilis

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Gonorrhea Cases	1,000	850	549	460	769	771	523	452
Primary or Secondary Syphilis Cases	16	20	7	6	2	1	2	0
Total	1,016	870	556	466	771	772	525	452
Est. Population 15-19 yrs.	46,454	46,100	45,768	45,453	45,159	44,886	45,943	47,029
Delaware (%)	2.2	1.9	1.22	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.0

Note: no reliable U.S. data are available

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