CENSUS 2020
#CountAllKids

2020 Legislative Calendar

Nemours Children's Health System
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Welcome to Delaware’s 2020 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 Children’s Health System for supporting the costs related to design and printing of this calendar.
Delaware’s Legislative Kids Caucus enjoys bipartisan and bicameral support.
The Twelve Seven Group is a consulting group specializing in issue advocacy, politics, and grassroots organizing.

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The KIDS COUNT Data Center is your link to hundreds of child well-being indicators related to education, health, economic and family & community measures. Data can be easily accessed through a sophisticated search to create compelling visualizations. Information can be shared across many networks to shed light on how children and families are faring in Delaware and beyond. The power is at your fingertips to encourage data-driven policies.
Census 2020 was selected as a data and policy focus because of both timeliness and critical importance of the work.
January 11, 2020
The census is a constitutionally mandated count of everyone living in the U.S., which occurs once every ten years. The quality of census data is important for a number of reasons including research, representation and resource allocation.
It’s never too early to read to children!

Read 4 books each day; a few favorites as well as a variety of books from the library! Choose books that appeal to you, so that your child senses your excitement about reading! Attend Story Times and other programs at the library to gain new experiences. By the time children reach Kindergarten, they would have read 7,300 books – WOW!!!

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Important Census 2020 dates

March 12-20  Invitations to the 2020 Census will be mailed
March 16-24  Reminder letters mailed
March 26-April 3 Reminder postcards mailed
April 1       CENSUS DAY!
April 8-16    Second reminder & hard copy Census will be mailed
April 20-27   Final postcards mailed before an in-person follow-up

U.S. CENSUS Bureau: census.gov  #2020Census

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Nemours. Children’s Health System
Where Are the Kids?
Percentage of Children Under Age 18
Census County Divisions 2013-2017

Key

- 11 – 16.9%
- 17 – 19.9%
- 20 – 20.9%
- 21 – 21.9%
- 22 – 22.9%
- 23 – 23.9%
- 24 – 25.9%
- 26 – 29.9%

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

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Nemours. Children’s Health System
Improving Outcomes for Moms and Babies in Delaware

In 2019, Nemours and ChristianaCare opened the first Advanced Delivery Program in Delaware. The program is for healthy, expectant mothers whose babies will require immediate and complex care after birth. Through this partnership, Nemours and ChristianaCare are keeping families together and optimizing outcomes for our most vulnerable neighbors-to-be.

Learn more at AdvancedDelivery.org.
Population Estimate and Age Distribution
Delaware, 2018

- Delaware total: 982,188
- Total children: 233,455
- Children 0-4: 56,451
- Children 5-9: 57,595
- Children 10-14: 59,967
- Children 15-19: 59,442
- Adults 20-64: 567,765
- Adults 65+: 180,968

Source: Delaware Population Consortium, Population Projection Series 2018

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Census data will determine how much federal funding states and localities receive each year for the next decade. Challenges to a successful Census 2020 have related to: bureau leadership, adequacy of funding, delays and cancellations of testing in hard-to-count areas, concerns related to an online platform, growing demographic complexity and a heightened climate of fear and distrust of government authorities in many communities.
January 19, 2020

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Historically undercounted populations include very young children (0-5), young adults of color, non-fluent English speakers, people in low-income households and renters, as well as mobile individuals and those angry or distrustful of government.
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Research has shown that 1 million of America’s youngest residents were not counted in the last census, the worst net undercount for any age group.
About 300 federal programs use data from the decennial census to allocate over $800 billion a year across the U.S., $160 billion of which is on programs that help kids.
In Delaware, more than $500 million flows to the state each year just from the 10 largest child-serving federal programs.
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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While the young child undercount phenomenon is documented, it’s not clear why young kids are missed. Researchers are now trying to fill that knowledge gap.
January 25, 2020
Health professionals use census data for planning related to public health initiatives like disease control and prevention, vaccinations or public health tracking. Tracking disparities in health outcomes by geography or by race/ethnicity informs planning for how to address disparity.
Percentage of Babies with Low Birth Weight
(Weight less than 2500 grams)
Census County Divisions
2012-2016

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
Note: Infant Mortality Rate – number of deaths occurring in the first year of life per 1,000 live births
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
In 2018, LRHC served 14,395 patients with 46,254 patient visits. 31% were children (0-19) 58% adults (20-64) and 11% were over 64.

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Infant Mortality
Delaware by Race/Ethnicity

* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Hispanic rates prior to 1996–2000 do not meet standard of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 deaths in the numerator.
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
Professionals also utilize census data for emergency preparedness, medical research, disaster relief and resiliency planning.
February 2, 2020

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Nemours, Children's Health System

KIDS COUNT in Delaware
Expanded public coverage for kids has been a large contributor to significant progress in reducing Delaware’s uninsured rate. Census data is used in setting income thresholds for programs like Medicaid or the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
Nemours Sports Medicine
Experts in the care and recovery of young athletes.

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- Nemours trainers are available for community sports league tournaments.

Learn more at Nemours.org/SportsMedicine
Children without Health Insurance by Age

Ages 0-5

Ages 6-18

Source: Current Population Survey, Provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

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Nemours. Children’s Health System
February 5

Medicaid and CHIP play a crucial role in providing coverage for uninsured youth. Data disaggregated by age tell us that young children are the primary recipients of these public programs in Delaware—another reason we need to ensure an accurate count of our youngest children.
Number of Children with Medicaid/CHIP Claims

Delaware children with Medical Claims 2011-2016

Source: Center for Community Research & Service, University of Delaware, 2019. Compiled with data provided by the Delaware Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance through a partnership with of the University’s Colleges of Health Sciences and Arts & Sciences.
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.
Data help leaders locate health facilities and designate Health Professional Shortage areas, plan for essential services and hire medical professionals.
Within education, leaders look to census data as integral information required for decision making that impacts students’ educational opportunities from early childhood to K-12 systems. States and local school districts use census data to make a number of long-term decisions including where to locate new schools or deciding on how many teachers to hire.
School Enrollment
Delaware 2017-2018

Number of Students Enrolled

- Regular Ed: 66,018
- Low Income: 49,001
- Special Ed: 19,631
- English Learners: 12,752

Source: Delaware Department of Education
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*Calls | 10% out of state | 7% other

delaware211.org
Reading Proficiency by Family Income

Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA)

Source: Delaware Department of Education
February 13

Dropout Rates
Race/Ethnicity
School Year 2016/17

Rate per 1,000 Public School Students

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Federal funding related to census data in the education domain include Head Start, Title I grants to Local Education Agencies, career and technical education grant programs, adult education and literacy and special education grant programs.
The National School Lunch Program is another federal program that allocates funding to bolster student achievement with nutritional supports. When children are hungry, they cannot learn or grow at their highest potential. For this reason, nutritious meals are now considered an integral part of a good education.
Joint Finance Committee

February 18

Direct Certification for School Meals
Delaware, Counties and Charter Schools*

Note: Direct Certification – Students who receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Delaware’s Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) automatically qualify for free meals with no further documentation necessary. Other students can qualify based on completion of the meal eligibility form. In CEP schools, the basis for reimbursement is Direct Certification x 1.6, but all students receive free meals.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Get more data
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Nemours. Children’s Health System
Adults Without a High School Diploma
Percentage of people over age 25 without high school diplomas or GED
Census County Divisions 2013-2017

Brandywine 5%
Middletown-Odessa 8%
Piedmont 3%
Lower Christiana 16%
Wilmington 16%
Central 6%
Pike Creek-Central Kirkwood 7%
Upper Christiana 8%
New Castle 12%

Central Kent 11%
Milford North 15%
Milford South 14%
Harrington 13%
Georgetown 24%
Seaford 18%
Lewes 5%

New Castle 12%
Middletown-Odessa 8%
Greater Newark 6%
Central Pencader 6%
Red Lion 7%

Kent 12%
Dover 12%
Kenton 20%
Central Kent 11%
Dover 12%
Newark 6%
New Castle 12%
Pike Creek-Central Kirkwood 7%

Smyrna 12%
Greater Newark 6%
Delmar 16%
Laurel-Delmar 16%

Smyrna 12%
Greater Newark 6%
Delmar 16%
Laurel-Delmar 16%

Key
0 – 4.9%
5 – 9.9%
10 – 14.9%
15 – 19.9%
20 – 24.9%
25 – 35.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.
OUR MISSION
Sharon Temple Adventist School promotes excellence in academic and Christian growth through the collaborative efforts of church, community, home and school for grades K-8.

OUR VISION
Sharon Temple Adventist School is a Christian school ministry characterized by an engaging curriculum and well-rounded programs, that meet the academic, spiritual, social, and physical needs of our students.
Notes: English Learner – an individual who was not born in the U.S. or whose native language is a language other than English; or is a Native American or Alaskan Native and comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on such individual’s level of English language proficiency; or an individual who has sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language and whose difficulties may deny such individual the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where the language of instruction is English. Number served is the count of students enrolled on April 1. The total of children served per year is higher.

Source: Delaware Department of Education
English learner students in Delaware represent many different cultures and language groups, even though the vast majority of them are born here, in the state. While Spanish continues to be the most widely spoken language, Delaware is home to more than 100 different languages, which relates to the charge of ensuring we include populations more challenging to count.
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Nemours. Children’s Health System
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 Pediatric Neurology at (302) 313-1040.
Policymakers, researchers, analysts and others use census data to understand how people are faring economically and to allocate resources in a way that target financial assistance where needed.
Percentage of Children in Poverty
Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living in Poverty
Census County Divisions 2013-2017

Brandywine 9%
Middletown-Odessa 7%
Piedmont 3%
Central Pencader 5%
Red Lion 10%
Greater Newark 16%
New Castle 20%
Wilmington 40%
Menlo Park 11%
Dover 21%
Brandywine 9%
Piedmont 3%
Central Pencader 5%
Red Lion 10%
Greater Newark 16%
New Castle 20%
Wilmington 40%
Menlo Park 11%
Dover 21%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Children in Poverty
Delaware and Counties

Kent and Sussex
New Castle

Source: Current Population Survey-Provided by the Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Kent and Sussex County data are not available separately.

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Children in Poverty by age
Delaware and Counties 2018

Source: Current Population Survey-Provided by the Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

Delaware
- Children Ages 0-5: 14.9%
- Children Ages 6-18: 11%

New Castle County
- Children Ages 0-5: 9.8%
- Children Ages 6-18: 8.3%

Kent County
- Children Ages 0-5: 19.6%
- Children Ages 6-18: 14.2%

Sussex County
- Children Ages 0-5: 27.3%
- Children Ages 6-18: 16.5%
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.
P
olicy actions that support child well-being by strengthening families can blunt some of the negative effects of poverty and bring poor children closer to equal opportunity. Examples include Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Section 8 Housing and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
March 1, 2020
To help children grow into prepared, productive adults, parents need well-paying jobs, affordable housing and the ability to invest in their children’s future. When parents are unemployed, underemployed or earn low wages, their ability to support their kids’ development is more limited, potentially undermining their children’s prospects for success in school and beyond. Statistics about a person’s employment status and occupation are used to identify neighborhoods where people are having trouble finding work and help in planning workforce development, training and business opportunities.
Children with Underemployed Parents
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Percentage of Children Living in Families where No Parent Has Full-time, Year-round Employment

Source: Current Population Survey Provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

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Children in Poverty by Household Structure
Delaware and Counties 2018

- **Delaware**: One Parent – 22.0%, Two Parents – 5.1%
- **New Castle County**: One Parent – 18.7%, Two Parents – 3.3%
- **Kent County**: One Parent – 18.1%, Two Parents – 13.2%
- **Sussex County**: One Parent – 38.0%, Two Parents – 1.8%

Source: Current Population Survey-Provided by the Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research
Nemours Launches Value-Based Services Organization (VBSO) In Delaware

Nemours is committed to create and sustain a future of systematic value, and will dig even deeper into its work to:

- improve health outcomes
- advance quality of care
- increase accessibility of care
- address social determinants of health
- enhance quality of life
- reduce health care costs

Learn more at Nemoursreport.org
Source: Delaware Health and Social Services
Details about a family’s income give a snapshot of our state’s economy and how many people live in poverty. Data from the census count help determine how to distribute aid to help families pay for food, health care, job training and rent.
March 7
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Nemours. Children’s Health System
The well-being of children is tied to the well-being of their parents, caregivers and families. In turn, families thrive best in communities that are safe, economically vibrant and include amenities like parks, schools, social services and well-maintained infrastructure.
Percentage of Single-Mother-Headed Households
Census County Divisions 2013-2017

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

Key
- 0 – 9.9%
- 10 – 14.9%
- 15 – 19.9%
- 20 – 24.9%
- 25 – 29.9%
- 30 – 34.9%
- 35 – 49.9%
- 50 – 59.9%
Children in One-Parent Families
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Note: Children in One-Parent Households – percentage of all families with "own children" under age 18 living in the household, who are headed by a person — male or female — without a spouse present in the home. "Own children" are never-married children under 18 who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Source: Current Population Survey provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
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March 12

Births to Single Mothers by Race/Ethnicity
Delaware and Counties 2013-2017

Percentage of Live Births to Single Mothers

Sources: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Delaware
- All – 46.7%
- Non-Hispanic White – 34.9%
- Non-Hispanic Black – 70.5%
- Hispanic – 61.5%

New Castle County
- All – 44.7%
- Non-Hispanic White – 32.2%
- Non-Hispanic Black – 70.3%
- Hispanic – 59.5%

Kent County
- All – 46.2%
- Non-Hispanic White – 34.8%
- Non-Hispanic Black – 67.7%
- Hispanic – 56.4%

Sussex County
- All – 53.3%
- Non-Hispanic White – 41.8%
- Non-Hispanic Black – 76.1%
- Hispanic – 66.8%

Delaware Average – 46.7%
Over one-third of households are now headed by single parents, most of whom are mothers. This transformation to one-parent families isn’t consistent across the whole population. It has disproportionately affected low and middle income households. Single parent families on average earn less than one-third what two-parent families earn.
March 14

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Whether a single parent family, a child living with grandparents, or a multigenerational situation, research is telling us that complex family structures play a role in the challenges of obtaining an accurate count of young children.
Grandparents Living with Grandchildren

Delaware

Number of Grandparents in Thousands

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Become a CASA Volunteer.

Change a child's story.

Last year, 210 volunteers dedicated more than 12,000 hours to advocate for over 520 of Delaware’s children.

The mission of the CASA Program is to serve as a voice for Delaware’s abused and neglected children through skilled volunteers, community collaboration and quality representation instilling a need for safe and permanent relationships that will build healthy and resilient children.

Visit courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate/casa or call (302) 255-1730 for more information.
Grandparents Living with Grandchildren
Delaware and Counties 2013-2017

Delaware
- Living with grandchildren – 23,368
- Responsible for Grandchildren – 8,979

New Castle County
- Living with grandchildren – 13,022
- Responsible for Grandchildren – 4,657

Kent County
- Living with grandchildren – 5,433
- Responsible for Grandchildren – 2,262

Sussex County
- Living with grandchildren – 4,913
- Responsible for Grandchildren – 2,060

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Births to Teens 15–17
Delaware and Counties

Live Births to 15-17 Year-old Females per 1,000 15-17 Year-old Females

Sussex: 13.2
Kent: 8.2
New Castle: 8.3
Delaware: 9.2

Five-Year Periods

00-04 01-05 02-06 03-07 04-08 05-09 06-10 07-11 08-12 09-13 10-14 11-15 12-16 13-17

Note: Birth Rate—number of births per 1,000 females in the same group
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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Private sector businesses use census data to plan, including where to open new stores. Retailers want accurate estimates of residents before investing in a community. Data also inform public sector planning and funding decisions related to local infrastructure, including transportation, buildings and social services.
March 21, 2020
March 22

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KIDS COUNT in Delaware
B.E. S.M.A.R.T for Students

Be Aware
Express Feelings
Stay Safe
Make Good Choices
Always Check First
Rely on Your Gut
Talk and Tell

Prevent Child Abuse Delaware provides a research based and evidence informed personal safety program that provides pre-kindergarten and elementary school students with age appropriate information about child abuse and neglect.
Accurate information about the demographic composition of communities throughout our state is necessary to make strategic decisions regarding the services, programs and products that are provided, funded and utilized across sectors.
March 24

Individuals are counted for the census at “their usual place of residence” (where they live and sleep most of the time).
The Census Bureau assigns one unique ID to each household (defined by a mailing or physical address).
B.E. S.M.A.R.T for Parents

Be Present
Encourage Discussion
Spot Red Flags
Minimize Opportunity
Ask Questions
Recognize Signs
Take Action

Prevent Child Abuse Delaware provides a research based and evidence informed personal safety program that provides pre-kindergarten and elementary school students with age appropriate information about child abuse and neglect.
One person (the “householder”) fills out a form and includes every person who is part of the household unit.
Targeted outreach of hard-to-count populations can positively impact our local census count accuracy.
March 29
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Nemours. Children’s Health System

Honoring our past. Building kids’ futures.
25 years

KIDS COUNT in Delaware
Delaware’s future depends on the well-being of our state’s child population, which is becoming increasingly diverse each year. Accurate data allow us to track and measure child well-being over time, give strength to policy and advocacy efforts and direct the allocation of funding for programs and services which create opportunity where disparity currently exists.
A Community-Driven Investment

A 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by Nemours identified child mental health services as one of the biggest needs across the Delaware Valley. The number of children on the autism spectrum increased 100 percent in the last decade.

To address this growing need, Nemours expanded space, staff and programs at its new Behavioral Health and Developmental Medicine and Swank Autism Center.

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Self-response to the census is the least costly option for data collection and generates the most accurate data collected.
April 1

Census Day 2020. This is our chance to get it right- let’s #CountAllKids!

April is Child Abuse Protection Month

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Nemours. Children’s Health System
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

PCAD provides resources and training to ensure that every child in Delaware has a safe and nurturing childhood.
Didn’t fill out your census questionnaire? That’s OK—there is still time to obtain a complete count. The initial self-response period for Census 2020 continues through April 30th. Thereafter, a non-response follow-up process, with enumerators going door to door, will occur.
All housing units without a self-response will receive at least one visit from a census taker. The purpose of non-response follow-up is two fold: to collect data from households that didn’t self respond and to identify housing units on the master address list that are vacant or non-existent.
While this year KIDS COUNT in Delaware has focused on indicators relevant to the 2020 Census and how important it is to #CountAllKids, we continue to provide access to thousands of data points in our online Data Center.
Make the most of data for Delaware in the KIDS COUNT Data Center by finding the statistics most relevant to our state. Enter any location, topic or keyword into the powerful search engine to find the statistics most relevant to your community.
Use the KIDS COUNT Data Center’s intuitive visual tools to easily create customized profiles, maps, line graphs and bar charts on how Delaware’s kids and families are faring. Download, save or embed your visualizations for use in presentations or reports.
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.

Learn how First State can help your children learn and grow!

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Kent 302-674-1355
Sussex 302-856-7761

http://www.firststatecaa.org
Expand your reach through social media. Post data visualizations on Facebook, add custom graphics to Instagram or tweet about how the well-being of Delaware’s children compares with the region and nation.
The KIDS COUNT Data Center works on any screen. Data is at your fingertips to support smart decision making and policy development for children and families. KIDS COUNT in Delaware is available to answer any questions about using the Data Center and we also offer demonstrations and tutorials.
April 11, 2020

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KIDS COUNT in Delaware

Honoring Our Past, Building Kids’ Futures
25 Years
This week, we celebrate “week of the young child” by highlighting early education in Delaware. 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.
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Early childhood education programs and capacity in Delaware
Licensed Child Care Capacity in Delaware Zip Codes 2017

Key
- No Data
- 9 to 315
- 316 to 934
- 935 to 1,884
- 1,885 to 3,629

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
Early childhood education programs by quality rating (Star rating) in Delaware

Delaware and Counties 2017

Source: Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, University of Delaware
Young children not in school by poverty status in Delaware
2013-2017

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 5-year American Community Survey
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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Research shows that access to high quality early care and education programs help young children grow up ready to succeed in school and life.
April 18

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Easter Break

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25 years

KIDS COUNT in Delaware
April 19

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Education plays a primary role in equipping young people with the necessary skills, knowledge and experiences for achievement.

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<th>Educational Involvement and Achievement</th>
<th>Graduation Rates</th>
<th>3rd Grade Reading Proficiency</th>
<th>8th Grade Math Proficiency</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Percentage of June Graduates</strong></td>
<td>80.0% 2011-2012</td>
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<td>Compared to the 9th Grade Class</td>
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<td>52.0% 2017-2018</td>
<td>27.0% 2017-2018</td>
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DeSSA assessment (reading) by income level in Delaware
Grade 3

Source: Delaware Department of Education
DeSSA assessment (math) by race/ethnicity in Delaware
Grade 8
2017-2018

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Graduation by race/ethnicity
Delaware

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Research shows that, in general, students in high-poverty schools have less access to effective teachers than students in low-poverty schools, affecting their opportunities to learn. The school funding structure in Delaware, based largely on property wealth, has created a system in which schools across the state have vastly different educational resources. In turn, these opportunity gaps enlarge disparities in measures of educational success.
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A child’s health is vital to development from birth and infancy through adulthood.

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<td><strong>Low Birth Weight Births</strong></td>
<td>8.6% 2008-2012</td>
<td>8.8% 2013-2017</td>
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<td><strong>Infant Mortality</strong></td>
<td>8.1 2008-2012</td>
<td>7.3 2013-2017</td>
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<td><strong>Children Without Health Insurance</strong></td>
<td>7.5% 2011-2013</td>
<td>6.0% 2016-2018</td>
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Low Birth Weight Births
Census County Divisions
2012-2016

Key

- No Data
- 4.2% to 5.7%
- 5.8% to 8.1%
- 8.2% to 10.1%
- 10.2% to 12.7%

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
Infant mortality by race/ethnicity
Delaware

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
Children who have health insurance by health insurance type

Delaware 2017

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey
The health of a child impacts other aspects of well-being such as school readiness and attendance and can have lasting consequences on his or her future.
Social and economic determinants of health have outsized influence in a child’s opportunity to thrive. Therefore, it’s important to focus change efforts on strategies that are likely to have impact.
Elevated blood lead levels

Children under age 72 months with blood lead levels at or exceeding 5µg/dL

Zip Codes 2010-2017

Key
- No Data
- 10 to 35
- 36 to 111
- 112 to 205
- 206 to 405

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

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Hospitalizations for childhood asthma
Delaware

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
Teen substance use (Marijuana) by risk factor
Delaware 2017

- Emotional Disability: 41%
- Learning Disability: 34%
- No Disability: 23%
- Physical Disability: 30%

Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware
The CDC recommends community-wide approaches like quality early childhood education and the earned income tax credit as examples of policy solutions shown to have a positive influence on community health.
Delaware should be a state where every child lives in a financially secure home. However, historic and current policies, laws and practices have created and maintained deep divides in opportunities available to a child.

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<td><strong>Children in Poverty</strong></td>
<td>20.6% 2011-2013</td>
<td>14.9% 2016-2018</td>
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<td><strong>Median Family Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>1-parent $25,201 2011-2013</strong></td>
<td><strong>1-parent $36,569 2016-2018</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2-parent $82,058 2011-2013</strong></td>
<td><strong>2-parent $103,271 2016-2018</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Economic Inclusion of Young People</strong></td>
<td>6.6% 2011-2013</td>
<td>8.2% 2016-2018</td>
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25 YEARS KIDS COUNT in Delaware
Children in poverty
Delaware and Counties

Source: Current Population Survey, Provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
Median income of families with children by family type
Delaware 2016-2018

Source: Current Population Survey, Provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
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.

2020 Special Events

- We Love Afterschool Campaign (February 14)
- Afterschool for All Challenge (March 15-18)
- Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week (April 20-24)
- Earth Day’s 50th Anniversary (April 22)
- Building Bridges Conference (May 13)
- Summer Learning Week (July 6-11)
- Attendance Awareness Month (September)
- Lights On Afterschool (October 22)

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.

www.DEASN.org
Teens not graduated, not enrolled and not working
Delaware

Source: Current Population Survey, Provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
Secure employment is a key contributor to the financial stability and well-being of families, but since 2010, many middle- and low-income families have experienced high rates of job instability.
Growing up in poverty is one of the greatest threats to healthy child development. It increases the likelihood that a child will be exposed to factors that can impair his or her brain development and lead to poor academic, cognitive and health outcomes. It also can result in higher rates of risky behaviors among adolescents such as substance use and risky sexual behaviors.
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Unemployment by race
Delaware

Source: Delaware Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
Child participation in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Zip Codes 2018

No Data
7 to 578
579 to 1,386
1,387 to 2,664
2,665 to 5,616

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
Child participation in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Zip Codes 2018

Key

- No Data
- 10 to 57
- 58 to 161
- 162 to 308
- 309 to 604

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

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May 21

Thursday

2020

Joint Finance Committee
The poverty measure, first established in 1964, was created as a measure of the minimum level of income that a family needed to meet their basic needs. While the thresholds are updated each year for inflation, the measure is widely acknowledged to be outdated because expenses for basic needs have changed substantially from the sixties.
May 23

2020

Saturday
The composition of families in America is constantly changing and as a result, the type and number of primary caregiver(s) in children’s lives varies widely.

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<td>Live Births to 15-19 Year-old Females per 1,000 15-19 Year-old Females</td>
<td>31.4</td>
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<td><strong>Children in One-Parent Families</strong></td>
<td>39.1%</td>
<td>2011-2013</td>
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<td>Percentage of Children (0-17) in One-Parent Families</td>
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<td><strong>Child Abuse/Neglect</strong></td>
<td>11.7</td>
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<td>Rate of Substantiated Reports of Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 Children</td>
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KIDS COUNT in Delaware
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.

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424 Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958
Teen Births
15-19 year-olds
Census County Divisions
2012-16

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

Key
- No Data
- 1.3% to 4.0%
- 4.1% to 7.3%
- 7.4% to 9.6%
- 9.7 to 36.0%
Families with children by marital status of parents
Delaware and Counties 2013-2017

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Child abuse and neglect prevalence

Delaware

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
Children who live in nurturing families and supportive communities have stronger personal connections and academic achievement.
May 30
2020

Saturday
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.
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 2019, additional legislation was passed to continue this work. HB 89 reinstates the Childhood Lead Poisoning Advisory Committee, assigning new membership and instructing the committee to advise on measures that should be taken by the State of Delaware to prevent lead poisoning in children.
June 3

Health Policy Spotlight:
HB 79 requires restaurants to offer healthy beverages as the default in children’s meals, effectively creating an “opt in” instead of an “opt out” option for many sugar-rich drink choices for children.
Health Policy Spotlight:
A Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative was created in 2019 to improve pregnancy outcomes for women and newborns and such issues as pregnant women with substance use disorder and infants impacted by neonatal abstinence syndrome.
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June 5

Health Policy Spotlight:
SB 25 moved the age to buy tobacco and vaping products in Delaware from 18 to 21.
June 7

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Sunday

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Honoring Our Past. Building Kids’ Futures. 25 Years.
Because today's students will enter a world that is increasingly interconnected and complex, we need to be sure that future leaders have the skills required to tackle the problems of tomorrow.
Education Policy Spotlight:
Legislation in 2019 requires that the standards of the Delaware Stars for Early Success system are consistent with child care licensing regulations and moves the Office of Child Care Licensing from DSCYF to DOE’s Office of Early Learning in an effort to unify early learning governance in Delaware.
June 10

**Education Policy Spotlight:**
Delaware’s Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) program was amended to allow SEED eligible students who complete their Associate Degree in fewer than 6 semesters to apply the remaining semesters of the grant toward a Bachelor’s Degree at either the University of Delaware or Delaware Technical and Community College.
Research has shown that children who read over the summer perform better when they return to school in the fall. They are able to retain and even improve upon reading skills learned during the past year.

Reading to your child in the early years gives them a jump-start!

Sign up online or in person at your Delaware Public Library Starting June 2020!
Education Policy Spotlight:
SB 148 replaces the Wilmington Education Improvement Commission (WEIC) with the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (consortium). The consortium is tasked with recommending policies that improve educational outcomes for Wilmington and northern New Castle County students, with an emphasis on improving equity in education.
Education Policy Spotlight:
Delaware’s FY20 budget invested $100 million in high-needs schools. This includes a program termed “Opportunity Funding” which allocates $75 million over three years for low-income students and English learners, mental health and reading supports as well as an evaluation of program results.
The child poverty rate in the U.S. increased dramatically because of the economic crisis and has yet to return to pre-recession levels. The risks posed by economic hardship are greatest among children who experience poverty when they are young and among those who experience persistent and deep poverty.
Economic Policy Spotlight:

HB 81 requires employers who have 50 or more employees to collect and send payments to the Division of Child Support Services by electronic funds transfer for any employee under a support order from the Family Court before or at the time the employee is paid. It also allows employers with less than 50 employees to do the same.
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.
June 17

Economic Policy Spotlight:
Unemployment benefits were increased from a maximum payout of $330/week to $400/week via HB198 signed in June of 2019.
Economic Policy Spotlight:
SB 7 formally creates the Delaware Population Consortium, identifies its membership and work products and requires that all counties, municipalities, school districts and state agencies use the Consortium’s projections for planning and policy purposes. Since 1975, the Delaware Population Consortium has prepared a unified set of statewide population projections each year. These projections impact state and community level economic policy as they are used for capital planning, policy analysis, comprehensive planning and transportation planning. All three counties are required by state law to utilize these projections to prepare their required comprehensive plans. However, prior to SB 7- proposed in 2019- the Delaware Population Consortium did not exist in state law.
Economic Policy Spotlight:
Delaware’s FY20 budget included a one-time allocation of $650,000 to support complete count efforts in Census 2020. Young children were the age group most likely to be missed in 2010. It has been estimated that Delaware lost over five million dollars per year due to the undercount of young children in just five federal programs which use census population count to determine reimbursement to and payments from each state government.
When communities are safe and have strong institutions, good schools and quality support services, families and their children are more likely to thrive.
Family/Community Policy Spotlight:

Delaware’s Family Court Adjudicated Drug Court Program was repealed in 2019 via HB 197. The repeal was recommended based on an analysis that determined that the Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services (YRS) has implemented practices that are identifying and then effectively and efficiently addressing the needs of justice involved youth with substance use disorders. Recent juvenile justice reforms, including civil citation, are also keeping many youth from entering the justice system while simultaneously ensuring that any identified substance use disorders are addressed.
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Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
Firearm safety and proper storage were recently addressed in legislation via HB 63. Under the revised statute, a crime is committed when a person intentionally or recklessly stores or leaves a loaded firearm where a minor or other person prohibited by law can access the firearm, and the unauthorized person obtains the firearm.
Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
In 2019, Delaware legislators amended code to allow persons not married but who are cohabitating to jointly adopt a child that is not theirs.
Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
HB 38 established in-person early voting in Delaware beginning January 1, 2022. Registered voters will be allowed to vote in-person during at least 10 days before an election, up to and including the Saturday and Sunday immediately before the election in locations determined by the State Election Commissioner.
June 27

2020

Saturday

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The continuing mission of KIDS COUNT in Delaware is to provide up-to-date, accurate, objective, comprehensive data on the well-being of children, youth and their families in order to raise awareness and inform both policy and programmatic decisions throughout the state.
In the quest to improve outcomes for our state’s children, KIDS COUNT in Delaware highlights critical issues related to healthy child development. Special emphasis is placed on the importance of child well-being to our state’s future prosperity and the strength of our communities; the variability in child well-being by income, race, ethnicity and geography; and evidence-based policies, programs and practices that work.
Get Delaware Reading is Delaware’s Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

3RD GRADE READING SUCCESS MATTERS

This coalition of multi-facet groups of stakeholders stand together to ensure more early learners are prepared to be tomorrow’s workforce. This campaign is laser-focused in helping Delaware promote academic readiness, tackle attendance, and improve summer learning. As well as engaging parents as their children’s first teachers and key to success.

This initiative is championed by United Way of Delaware, Delaware State Board of Education and Delaware Department of Education.

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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 our state’s children!
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