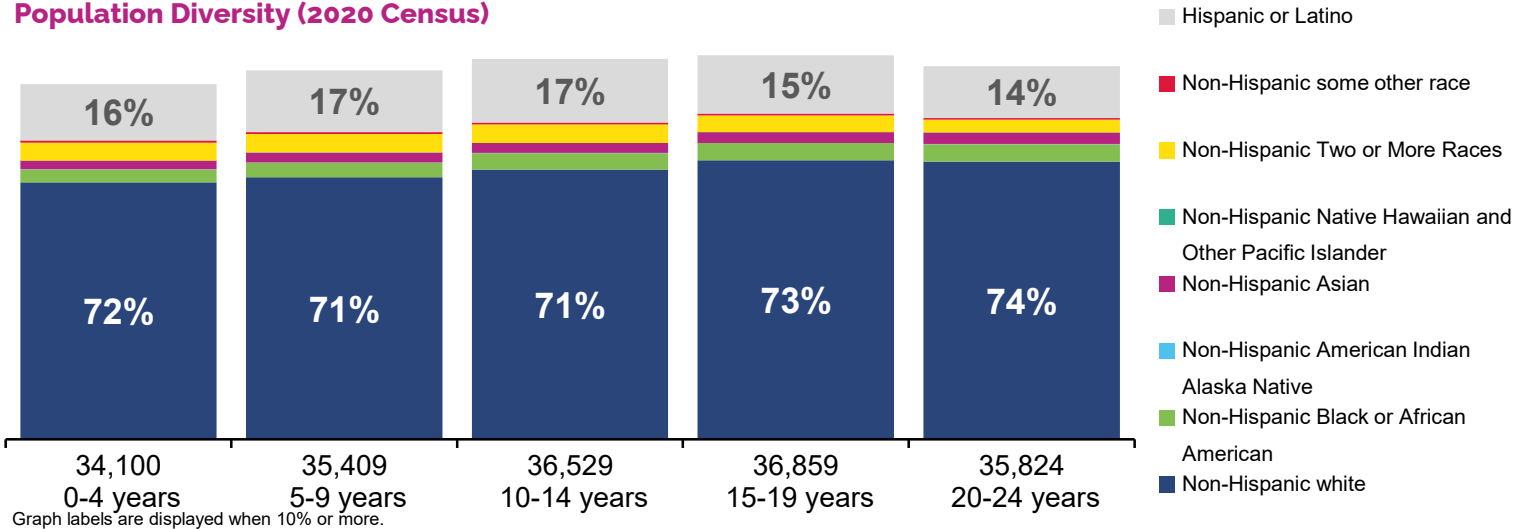


# 2024 STATE OF THE CHILD - LANCASTER

## Population Diversity (2020 Census)



**23%**  
of the county's population is  
**CHILDREN**

**127,670**  
citizens are  
**CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS**

**51,051**  
citizens are  
**18-24 YEARS**

## Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



**1 IN 10** (12,530)  
**CHILDREN**  
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

**30%**  
**CHILDREN**  
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

**12%**  
**YOUNG ADULTS**  
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

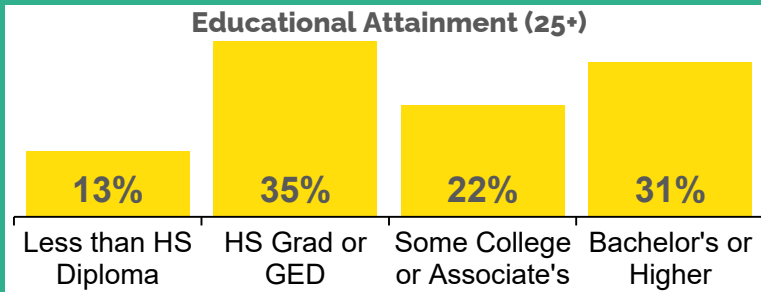
**1 IN 4** (12,340)  
**YOUNG ADULTS**  
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

**Households with Children**  
**30%**

**Median Income of Households with Children**  
 MARRIED COUPLE: \$114,300  
 SINGLE FATHER: \$60,500  
 SINGLE MOTHER: \$36,500

**Unemployment Rate**  
**2.7%**

**Children Experiencing Homelessness**  
**2,426**  
**Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force**  
**58%**



**Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance**  
**17%**  
**Households with High Housing Cost Burden**  
**26%**

CHILD WELFARE

**BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN** have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals

**HISPANIC CHILDREN, CHILDREN OF MULTIPLE RACES AND CHILDREN OF SOME OTHER RACE** have disproportionately higher substantiation rates

**BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN** have disproportionately higher rates of valid GPS allegations

**1 IN 3** children and youth in foster care are placed with kin

**1 IN 6** children entering foster care were reunified with their parents or kin within 12 months

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

**1,379** children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet **6,121** eligible children remain unserved

**612** more educators are needed to serve all eligible pre-k children

**81%** of infants and toddlers eligible for the subsidized Child Care Works program remain unserved

**49%** of children under age 5 in Child Care Works are in high-quality care

**55%** of child care capacity for children under 5 is high-quality

HOME VISITING

**5%** of low-income families who could benefit the most receive evidence-based home visiting services

**660** families receive evidence-based home visiting services

Evidence-based home visiting models in this county receiving state funds:

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

**32-59** members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **68,000** enrolled students in **18** school district(s) within the county

**19%** of school district students are economically disadvantaged

**54%** of 3rd graders score proficient or advanced in English Language Arts as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

**29%** of 8th graders score proficient or advanced in math as measured by the PSSA

**3,027** students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

**16%** of children under 19 have no health insurance

**37%** of all children in the county are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage

**1,520** children in the county enrolled in health coverage through Pennie™, the state's health insurance marketplace

**1,724** infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

**42%** of eligible infants, young children and women participate in the Pennsylvania WIC program

Definitions and data sources can be found at [papartnerships.org/report/state-of-the-child-2024](http://papartnerships.org/report/state-of-the-child-2024)