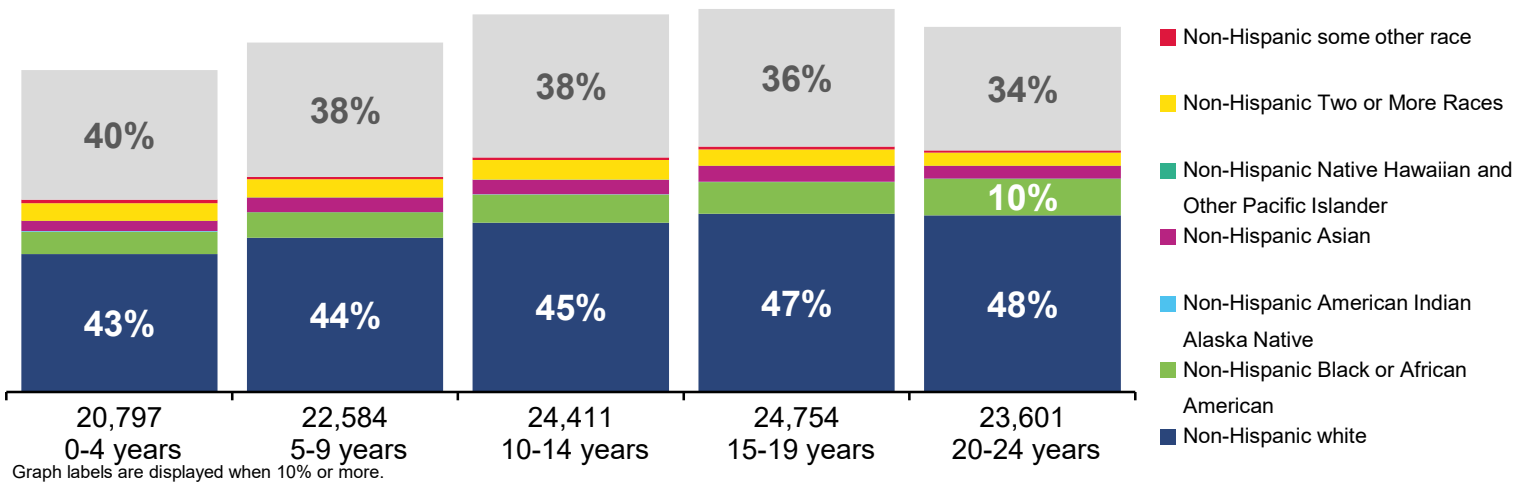


2024 STATE OF THE CHILD - LEHIGH

Population Diversity (2020 Census)



22%

of the county's population is
CHILDREN

82,622

citizens are
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

33,525

citizens are
18-24 YEARS

Children Living in Poverty (<100% FPL)



1 IN 5 (15,630)
CHILDREN
under 18 live in **POVERTY**

39%
CHILDREN
under 18 are **LOW-INCOME** (<200%)

15%
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 live in **POVERTY**

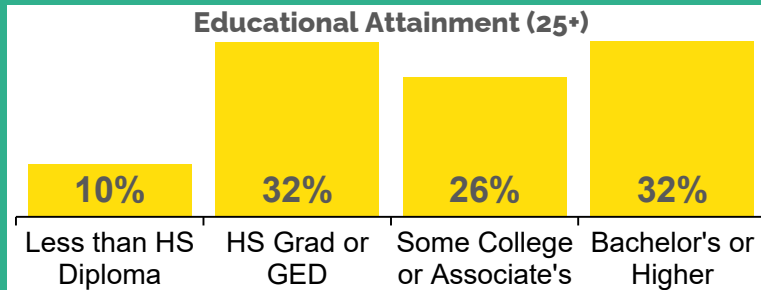
1 IN 3 (10,890)
YOUNG ADULTS
18-24 are **LOW-INCOME**

Households with Children
32%

Median Income of Households with Children
MARRIED COUPLE \$123,900
SINGLE FATHER \$54,300
SINGLE MOTHER \$34,700

Unemployment Rate
3.6%

Children Experiencing Homelessness
1,082
Children Under 6 with All Caregivers in Labor Force
75%



Children in Households Receiving Public Assistance
31%
Households with High Housing Cost Burden
32%

CHILD WELFARE

BLACK CHILDREN AND HISPANIC CHILDREN have disproportionately higher rates of CPS referrals, including substantiations and valid GPS allegations

443

children and youth served in the foster care system

1 IN 9

children and youth in foster care placed in congregate care settings

1 IN 2

children and youth in foster care are placed with kin

1 IN 3

children entering foster care were reunified with their parents or kin within 12 months

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

2,137

children enrolled in publicly funded, high-quality pre-k; yet

2,863

eligible children remain unserved

286

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

67%

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

40%

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

46%

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

557

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

49-58

members served in the Medical Assistance Maternal Home Visiting Program

K-12 EDUCATION

More than **61,290**

enrolled students in 10 school district(s) within the county

18%

of school district students are economically disadvantaged

52%

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

22%

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

3,208

students enrolled in career and technical education

PERINATAL AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

3%

of children under 19 have no health insurance

51%

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

1,275

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

2,228

infants and toddlers receive services through Early Intervention Part C

70%

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