Welcome to the 2016 Legislative Session! KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present this daily calendar as a reminder of our state's most precious resource, our children.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
KIDS COUNT in Delaware is part of a national network. We provide high quality data about the well-being of children, youth, and their families and advocates for positive changes in policies, priorities, and programs.
Are You a Member of the Kids Caucus?
The Delaware Legislative Kids Caucus enjoys bipartisan support with members from both the Senate and House of Representatives. The Co-Chairs of the Kids Caucus are Rep. Debra Heffernan and Sen. Harris McDowell.

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The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the nation’s most effective anti-poverty program for working families. Many households could be facing future hardships if National leaders do not continue key provisions of the federal EITC and Child Tax Credit (CTC) past 2017. In Delaware, more than thirty thousand workers in key industries would lose all or part of their EITC if key provisions are not continued. Across the nation, more than 19 million workers are in danger of losing those tax credits.

In Wilmington, kids are 27% of the population. The University of Delaware’s own Professor Yasser Arafat Payne has published his findings of a study he conducted in Wilmington in 2010. Through the Participatory Action Research (PAR) model, Payne sent teams of young Wilmington residents neighborhood to neighborhood, not just to survey the city’s inhabitants, but to revitalize the community spirit in what he calls a “social action program.” His study tells a story of anxiety and frustration amidst a 50% drop out rate in Wilmington’s youth and a high rate of unemployment. Read more about Professor Payne’s study here, or watch his TedX talk here.

EITC and Child Tax Credit at Risk

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The High Public Cost of Low Wages

A recent UC Berkeley study examined the impact of poverty on American taxpayers. Poverty is not only a problem for the low income families struggling to make ends meet, but also for state and federal assistance programs and the taxpayers that support them. “When jobs don’t pay enough, workers turn to public assistance in order to meet their basic needs. These programs provide vital support to millions of working families whose employers pay less than a livable wage. Higher wages and increases in employer provided health insurance would result in significant savings that states and the federal government could apply to other programs and priorities.” In Delaware, Medicaid and TANF cost the state $321 million dollars annually. Read more here.

Want even more up-to-date info on new data and research? Join the KIDS COUNT in Delaware listserv to receive our monthly e-news. Sign-up at www.dekidscount.org

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Showing kids you care can be as easy as just noticing them. Take a moment this weekend to acknowledge a child.
When our state's children and families thrive, we ensure that Delaware's workforce and economy will thrive for years and generations to come. Delaware's youngest residents make up nearly 25% of our population, and by making smart investments in kids, we can create a more equitable and successful future for everyone.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Population Estimate and Age Distribution

- Total: 933,919
- Children 0–19: 229,188
- Children 0–4: 55,597
- Children 5–9: 57,868
- Children 10–14: 57,750
- Children 15–19: 57,973
- Adults 20–64: 580,725
- Adults 65+: 118,611


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Child Population
2009-2013

- White Non-Hispanic: 53%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 26%
- Hispanic: 14%
- Other: 7%

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The Changing Face of Delaware's Children

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
January 22, 2016

Our kids are counting on us to bring voice to their issues and secure a positive future for all of us.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
January 23, 2016

The Population Reference Bureau informs people around the world about population, health, and the environment, and empowers them to use that information to advance the well-being of current and future generations.

Check out this incredible resource at www.prb.org

For more information go to dekidscount.org
January 24, 2016

The **Census Bureau**’s mission is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

Find data, research, tip sheets, and more at www.census.gov

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Each statistic tells us something different about children. The numbers represent real individuals. The data challenges stereotypes, pushing us to look beyond the surface for the less obvious reason for the numbers.
January 26, 2016

Delaware Total Population Compared to Child Population

Total Population

- White Non-Hispanic: 65%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 23%
- Hispanic: 6%
- Other: 6%

Children Under 18

- White Non-Hispanic: 53%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 26%
- Hispanic: 14%
- Other: 7%

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Families with Related Children by Household Structure
2009–2013

- Married Couple Households with Children: 62%
- Female Headed Households with Children: 29%
- Male Headed Households with Children: 9%

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Households with and without Children under 18
2009–2013

Households with Children 28%

Households without Children 72%

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

For more information go to dekidlscount.org
Caution should be exercised when attempting to draw conclusions from percentages or rates which are based on small numbers. KIDS COUNT encourages you to look at overall trends.
How Do You Use the Data?

“Looking at KIDS COUNT data helps us identify potential partners. It helps us figure out who is working on potential risk factors so that we can work together and co-write grants, or collaborate in schools or within families.”

- Trish Hermance
Communities in Schools of Delaware

For more information go to dekidscount.org
"I use KIDS COUNT, because we're not only looking at kids data but also family data, poverty data, the root causes of situations that present, and what strategies to use to improve outcomes in the long-term."

- Helen Arthur;
  Delaware Health Care Commission
KIDS COUNT in Delaware highlights 10 indicators which underscore our goal to achieve a world where:

- pregnant women and newborns thrive,
- infants and young children receive the support they need to enter school prepared to learn,
- adolescents choose healthy behaviors, and older youth experience a successful transition into adulthood.

In all of these stages of development, young people need the economic and social assistance provided by a strong family and a supportive community.
Featured Indicator:

Teen Births
Five year average
Births per 1,000 females ages 15-17
Delaware, 1988–92: 33.5

Recent trend in DE
SIMILAR
Compared to U.S.
BETTER

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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Adolescent Resource Center (ARC) is a comprehensive counseling, educational and medical service program for youth, to help reduce risk-taking behaviors, especially related to sexual health. The ARC program helps teenagers and young adults create and sustain healthy, responsible attitudes, behaviors, and choices about their sexuality.
One Parent
Three-year average percentage
Children ages 0-17 living with one parent
Delaware, 1992–94: 32.8
Delaware, 2012–14: 39.5 • U.S. 2012-14 34.3

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The goal of Delaware Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) is the reduction of unintended teenage pregnancies and teenage births. Delaware’s teenage pregnancy and teenage birth rates continue to show improvement. TPP is supported through a variety of government, school and community-based programs, services, and initiatives.
Showing kids you care is as easy as taking them seriously and really listening to what they have to say.

For more information go to dekidscout.org
For example, non-Hispanic black infants have significantly higher rates of low birth weight, preterm birth and infant mortality compared to non-Hispanic white and Hispanic infants.
Significant racial and ethnic disparities exist among birth outcomes for pregnant women and infants.

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Featured Indicator:

Low Birth Weight

Five year average percentage
Infants weighing less than 2,500g (5.5lbs)
at live birth (includes very low birth weight)

Delaware, 1988 – 92: 7.3
Delaware, 2008 – 12: 8.6• U.S., 2008-12: 8.1

Recent trend in DE
SIMILAR
Compared to U.S.
BETTER

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
February 10, 2016

For Delaware news and event related to healthy babies visit:

http://www.marchofdimes.org/delaware/#

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Featured Indicator:

Infant Mortality Rate

Five year average
Deaths occurring in the first year per 1,000 live births
- Delaware, 1988–92: 12.1
- Delaware, 2008–12: 8.1
- U.S., 2008-12: 6.2

Recent trend in DE
SIMILAR
Compared to U.S.
BETTER

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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As part of Delaware’s continuing efforts to reduce infant mortality rates, the Delaware Division of Public Health has implemented the **Preconception Care Program**, a program that aims to improve the health of women of childbearing age whether they are planning to conceive or not.

More information about services provided under this program can be found at:

http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chca/impreconceptioncare.html
Children and Families First (CFF) helps families develop solutions to meet challenges and embrace opportunities. CFF offers a variety of programs that cover the lifespan.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
One program offered by Children and Families First is the Nurse-Family Partnership, an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child.

Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child’s second birthday.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Injury-related deaths have decreased by over 30% within the past decade.

Despite this progress, injury-related deaths remain the number one cause of death in children.

Source: Centers for Disease Control, Vital Signs
http://www.cdc.gov/

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Featured Indicator:

Child Deaths

Five year average
Deaths per 100,000 children 1–14 years old
Delaware, 1988–1992: 35.3
Delaware, 2008–12: 15.5 • U.S., 2008–12: 17.2

Recent trend in DE
SIMILAR
Compared to U.S.
BETTER

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The Delaware Safety Council serves more than 350 businesses in Delaware and the Mid-Atlantic region and offers a variety of classes on safety including:
- Childcare and babysitting
- CPR,
- First Aid

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Featured Indicator:

Teen Deaths

Five year average
Deaths per 100,000 teenagers 15–19 years old
Delaware, 1988–1992: 50.4

Recent trend in DE
SIMILAR
Compared to U.S.
BETTER

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
In Delaware, there is a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown. CAC is a comprehensive, child-focused program based in a facility that allows law enforcement, child protection professionals, prosecutors, and the mental health and medical communities to work together when intervening in child abuse cases.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Nationally, inattentive driving is the leading factor in most crashes and near crashes. In 2009, 16 percent of all drivers younger than 20 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving.
In 2012, more than 136,000 children across the country, including more than 67,000 children 4 and under, were injured due to a fire or burn and treated in emergency rooms.
Education is a key factor for putting a child on the path to success.

We have a responsibility to ensure that children have equitable access to quality, fully resourced schools in order to cultivate future leaders and engaged citizens, but also ensure that Delaware's workforce and economy will thrive for years and generations to come.
Featured Indicator:

H.S. Dropouts

Percentage of youths 16-19 who are not in school and are not high school graduates.

Delaware, School Year 1993/94: 4.6
Delaware, School Year 2013/14: 2.7

Recent trend in DE: BETTER

Source: DE Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Child Inc. is a leading advocate for Delaware’s children. Child Inc. provides creative prevention and treatment programs that meet the changing needs of families. They serve dependent, neglected and abused children and their parents and provide programs for those involved in domestic violence situations, especially children.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Economic Inclusion

Youths 16-19 who are not in school & not employed

Delaware, 1992-1994: 9.6
Delaware, 2012-2013: 6.9 • U.S., 2012-14: 8.1

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research
Did You Know?

Because of their typically low skill level and lack of experience, young people tend to have low-wage jobs.

As a result, the economic inclusion of young people is highly sensitive to changes in the minimum wage.

In a study by the Economic Policy Institute, 20.5% of all people aged 16-19 would see a direct benefit in pay from an increase in minimum wage.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
February 27, 2016

Showing a teen you care is as easy as learning what they have to teach.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Did You Know?

In 2012, approximately 1.2 million children were unable to receive necessary medical care because the family could not afford it, and care for 2.1 million children was delayed because of the burden of the cost.


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Just as children are part of a family, families are part of a community. Children have more opportunities to grow up healthy when the community where they live provides strong institutions. However, not all communities in our state have the resources to provide children with these benefits.
Featured Indicator:

Child Poverty

Three-year average percentage

Children in Poverty


Recent trend in DE WORSE Compared to U.S. SIMILAR

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Policies that strengthen families by mitigating their underlying economic distress and addressing the well-being of both parents and children are essential in reversing poverty trends. For more info on solutions that work, visit www.clasp.org.
Featured Indicator:

Parental Employment

Three-year average percentage
Families in which no parent has full-time employment

Delaware, 1992-1994: 26.0
Delaware, 2012-2013: 25.3 • U.S., 2012–14: 27.5

Recent trend in DE BETTER
Compared to U.S. BETTER

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Adequate nutrition is crucial for the appropriate growth and development of young children. Food benefits provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are vital to the future social mobility of a generation of children.

The SNAP program keeps millions of children out of poverty every year.
The **Food Bank of Delaware** provides nutritious foods to Delawareans in need and facilitates long-term solutions to the problems of hunger and poverty through community education and advocacy.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 6, 2016

Healthy Kids Delaware is a network of organizations, community groups, businesses and individuals that collectively work to improve the health of children and families by sharing information, tools, networking and leveraging resources to promote a unique, integrated and holistic approach to bring about positive child health. Members identify specific projects, programs and messaging in a coordinated effort to strengthen our community of practice and advocacy.
What Would it Take...

...to have the lowest child poverty rate in the nation? To equal the #1 rate of 10%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in poverty by 16,000

For more information go to dekidscount.org
What Would it Take...

...to have the lowest rate of low birthweight births in the nation? To equal the #1 rate of 5.8%, Delaware must reduce the number of low-birthweight babies by 271.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 9, 2016

What Would it Take...

...to have the lowest teen birth rate in the country? To equal the #1 rate of 12 per 1,000, Delaware must reduce the number of teen births by 379.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
What Would it Take...

...to be in #1 in the number of children without health insurance? To equal the #1 rate of 2%, Delaware must reduce the number of children without health insurance by 4,500.
March 11, 2016

What Would it Take...

...for Delaware to lead the nation in reading proficiency? To equal the #1 rate of 53%, Delaware must reduce the number of fourth graders not proficient in reading by 908.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
According to the 2015 Annie E Casey KIDS COUNT Data Book, Delaware ranks 25th nationally across indicators.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Early prenatal care can help identify and treat health problems and influence a mother's health behaviors, maximizing infant and maternal health. 74% of Delaware mothers receive prenatal care in the 1st trimester.
Low Birth Weight by Race

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
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Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
March 17, 2016

Infant Mortality by Race

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 18, 2016

Infant Mortality by Source of Health Insurance
Delaware Live Birth Cohort by Source of Payment

Deaths of Infants Less than 1 Year Old per 1,000 Live Births

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to dekidscount.org
One of the leading causes of infant mortality is complications during pregnancy including anemia, hypertension, gestational diabetes, and weight gain.
Pregnant women with access to the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** during their 3rd trimester give birth to babies with significantly higher birthweights.
Did You Know?

Four-fifths of low-income children do not have access to annual dental check-ups.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 23, 2016

Children Without Health Insurance
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Percentage of Children (0–17) without Health Insurance

U.S.: 8.5
DE: 6.9

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Medicaid Claims
Delaware by Counties

Number of Children in Thousands with Medicaid Claims

- DE: 98,850
- NC: 55,765
- Kent: 18,922
- Sussex: 23,928

Fiscal Years: 10, 11, 12, 13

Note: Fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Out of state children not included.
Source: Center for Community Research & Service, University of Delaware, 2015.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Children Enrolled in the DE Healthy Children Program

Thousands of Children Currently Enrolled

Source: Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance

For more information go to dekidscount.org
“Access to KIDS COUNT data has allowed us to more effectively direct resources to children and families who need them. For instance our Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services increased outreach to Latino/Hispanic families to more effectively engage them in behavioral health treatment, increased home-based services to reach families whose resources are too limited to enable them to travel to services and added food programs into our after school offerings.”

Jennifer Ranji
Former Secretary,
Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 27, 2016

This weekend, show a child you care by making yourself available and join in their adventures.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The Delaware Health and Social Services Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health manages Community Mental Health Clinics throughout the state. The clinics provide a variety of psychiatric and support services for Delawareans facing mental illness.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide, and Suicide
Delaware Compared to U.S.

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
March 30, 2016

Feeling Sad or Hopeless

Considering Suicide

Source: Delaware High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Child Deaths
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 1-14

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Injuries
Delaware Children Hospitalized, 2000–2013

By Helmet Status

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The Suicide Prevention Resource Center is the nation’s only federally supported resource center devoted to advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and provides technical assistance, training, and materials to increase the knowledge and expertise of suicide prevention practitioners and other professionals serving people at risk for suicide. SPRC also promotes collaboration among a variety of organizations that play a role in developing the field of suicide prevention.
SAFE KIDS Delaware Coalition is a non-profit organization established in 1989, comprised of volunteers dedicated to reducing unintentional childhood injury in children from birth to age 14. The Delaware Division of Public Health serves as the lead agency. An affiliate of SAFE KIDS Worldwide®, we are a state coalition, led by a board of directors, with active chapters in each county.
WIC Program
Delaware

Average Monthly WIC Participation in Delaware in Thousands

Fiscal Years

Source: Delaware Division of Public Health, WIC Office

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Lead Poisoning
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Percentage of Tested Children Age 6 and Under with Blood Lead Levels at or Exceeding 10 mcg/dl

Source: CHCIS query of LEAD Registry, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Child Immunizations
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Sources: Centers For Disease Control and Prevention; Delaware Department of Health and Social Services National Immunization Survey, 2013,

For more information go to dekidscount.org
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Teen Substance Abuse
and Relationship to Parents
Delaware, 2014

8th graders who talk with parents about school almost everyday
8th graders who argue or fight with parents almost everyday

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The **Birth to Three Intervention System** program is a statewide system that provides early intervention services and supports for infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays. In 2014, the program served 3,409 children.
Female teens and young adults reported feeling sad or depressed more often than males of the same age did, but male teens and young adults commit suicide more often.
Fitness by School Grade

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Source: Nemours Health and Prevention Services

For more information go to dekidscount.org
English Language Learners
Number and Percent of Delaware Students who are English Language Learners

Source: Delaware Department of Education

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April 13, 2016

School Safety

I feel safe in my school.
Delaware, 2014

8th Grade

50% Feel safe most of the time
15% Some of the time
29% Often
2% Not often
2% Never

11th Grade

53% Feel safe most of the time
14% Some of the time
29% Often
3% Not often
3% Never

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

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Percentage of Students Automatic Eligibility for Free School Meals through Direct Certification:

- Sussex: 44.9
- Kent: 40.0
- Delaware: 37.8
- New Castle: 35.1
- Charter Schools: 32.8

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
April 15, 2016

Advanced Placement Tests

AP Tests Taken: 8,606
AP Test Takers: 4,833

Number of Advanced Placement Tests in Delaware Public Schools

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Did You Know?

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) targets students in the academic middle - B, C, and even D students - who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. It has a proven track record in bringing out the best in students, and in closing the achievement gap. Currently, 23 Delaware middle and high schools have the AVID program. AVID pulls these students out of their unchallenging courses and puts them on the college track: acceleration instead of remediation.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
“As we make policy and program decisions to improve the education and life outcomes for children in Delaware, we must ensure we are doing so informed by meaningful, representative and reliable data. Having easily accessible data about children in our state is essential for parents, educators, policymakers and elected leaders.”

– Mark Murphy
Former Secretary, Delaware Department of Education

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Future success in the labor market is directly related to a person's breadth of knowledge and ability to think, learn, and communicate. Education plays a primary role in equipping young people with the necessary skills, knowledge, and experiences for achievement.
DSTP and DCAS by Family Income
Delaware Testing, 10th Grade Reading by Family Income

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Did You Know?

Head Start serves children with a wide variety of disadvantages and needs.

In 2014, Delaware Head Start served 47 homeless children, 157 children with disabilities and 338 children from families receiving family services.


For more information go to dekidscount.org
The Delaware Early Childhood Council exists to promote the development of a coordinated and comprehensive early childhood system spanning across children from ages birth to eight. Their goal is to provide the highest quality of childcare services and environment to children and families in the state.

For more info, visit http://decc.delaware.gov

For more information go to dekidscount.org
April 23, 2016

It's easy to show kids you care just by welcoming their suggestions or making decisions together.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
April 24, 2016

This weekend, show a child you care by introducing them to a new experience.

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Graduation from high school is a predictor of future success. Dropping out carries a high cost for the student and for the community at large.
Graduation Rates by Family Income
Delaware Public Schools

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Public High School Dropouts
Grades 9–12, Delaware by Race and Ethnicity

Percentage of Students Who Dropped Out of all Students

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Dropout Rates
by Racial/Ethnic Group
School Year 2013/14

Delaware
- All: 2.1
- White/Other: 1.5
- Hispanic: 2.8
- Black: 3.0

New Castle County
- All: 2.3
- White/Other: 1.5
- Hispanic: 2.9
- Black: 3.2

Kent County
- All: 1.8
- White/Other: 1.5
- Hispanic: 1.9
- Black: 2.4

Sussex County
- All: 1.9
- White/Other: 1.3
- Hispanic: 2.9
- Black: 3.0

Delaware Average: 2.1

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to dekidscount.org
Graduation Rates
Delaware, School Year 2013/14

Source: Delaware Department of Education
For more information go to dekidscount.org
Student debt is a growing problem in the United States. According to the Institute for College Access and Success, Delaware’s class of 2013 had an average debt of $32,571 upon graduation, the second highest amount nationwide.


For more information go to dekidscount.org
How Do You Use the Data?

“As a state and a nation, we’ve made great strides over the last 20 years focusing on children using what we know works. We know that focusing efforts on early education sets these children up for greater success when they reach school.

We also know that providing parents with employment, reliable transportation to get to work, and affordable child care has a tremendous impact on the family as a whole. And through meaningful research and data from KIDS COUNT, we’ve discovered much, much more.

Thanks to KIDS COUNT in Delaware, we are able to better ensure we are doing everything we can to allow children to grow and thrive in the First State.”

– Thomas Carper, U.S. Senator

For more information go to dekidscount.org
The achievement gap for low-income young children starts early in life and is difficult to reverse. What science tells us about brain development, along with what we know from economic analysis, makes it clear that investing in high-quality early care and learning is essential to reducing this gap.
Delaware’s Stars for Early Success
Delaware and Counties, January 2015

Not participating: 740
Level 5: 88
Level 4: 181
Level 3: 71
Level 2: 145
Level 1: 54

Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

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Stars Increase


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Regular exercise among children and youth has a variety of positive impacts on overall health, including:

- Maintaining healthy bones and muscles
- Reducing risk obesity and chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Promoting psychological well-being by reducing negative feelings of anxiety and depression

Source: http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/facts.htm

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The Early Childhood Assistance Program provides comprehensive preschool services for Delaware's low income 4 year old children.

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Delaware's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems project is a part of a nationwide initiative to build and implement comprehensive systems of care that support family and community approaches to promote positive early development and early school success for children.

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Participating in quality early education programs can enhance a child's academic performance and aids a child's ability to interact with his or her peers.

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Available Child Care

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

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Did You Know?

The Delaware's Office of Child Care Licensing operates a website that helps parents find licensed child care providers by location.

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DE schools that participate in the National School Lunch & Breakfast programs are eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision which provides free meals to all students in the school. In 2014/15, 118 schools were eligible and 96 participated in this meal program.
This weekend, show a child you care by helping them to take a stand on something, and then stand with them.

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It's easy to show kids that you care. Expect their best but don't expect perfection. Help them to learn from mistakes.

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“It takes a village to raise a child.” A child is not only the product of the family in which they are raised, but also the community where they reside. A community that has a stable economic environment can offer employment, goods and services, and safety, all of which create a nurturing and thriving place for a child to grow up.
Violent Crime Rates

Source: Statistical Analysis Center, 2012

Delaware Adults

Delaware Juveniles

Violent Crime Arrest Rate per 1,000 Adults 18 and over

Violent Crime Arrest Rate per 1,000 Juveniles

Source: Statistical Analysis Center, 2012

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Neighborhood Safety
I feel safe in my neighborhood.
Delaware, 2014

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

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Teen Violence and Victimization

In the past month, which of the following things happened to you, and who was involved?

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

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Did You Know?

Delawareonline.com provides a crime map that is updated daily. You can find detailed information about crime density, crime reports, and more.

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Parental employment is a major determinant of family well-being. Secure employment of a caregiver greatly reduces the risks that often threaten a child's well-being.

For example, employment can offer access to healthcare and may provide financial stability.
Unemployment
Delaware Compared to U.S.

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

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Unemployment
By Race

Percentage Unemployed

Years

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

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Unemployment
By Gender

Percentage Unemployed

Years

Male
Female

Delaware: 8.0

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

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Unemployment
County Comparison of Unemployment Percentage, 2014

Source: Delaware Department of Labor, Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information

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Of youth seeking employment, high school dropouts were less likely to have ever held a job than were youth with more education.
Job loss by parents can affect children in more ways than economically. Children of parents who recently lost their jobs are more likely to have lower math scores, poorer school attendance, and a higher risk of grade repetition, suspension, or expulsion.
According to Opportunity Nation's 2014 Opportunity Index, children raised in high-poverty areas are more likely to grow up to neither complete high school nor work in their communities.
Births to Teens 15–19
Delaware By Race

Live Births to 15–19 Year-old Females per 1,000 15–19 Year-old Females

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Centers

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Children in One-Parent Families
Delaware Compared to U.S.

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

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Child care is important for many families. For working single-parent families, child care is essential. Research by Child Care Aware of America found that 21,442 Delawarean children under age 6 live with a single parent who is employed.

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DE exempts single parent families of 3 below the poverty level from personal income tax. Other policies recommended by the National Center for Children in Poverty to help families get a strong start include paid family leave for a minimum of 6 weeks with full or partial replacement of wages.

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The Delaware Teen Pregnancy Advisory Board has established an Adolescent Sexual Health State Plan which is based on 5 goals for adolescent reproductive health including reducing unintended teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted infection, sexual health disparities.

To read the plan, visit http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chca/dphahtppes.html

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Poor children and near-poor children are more than twice as likely as their more affluent peers to have had three or more negative life experiences that can be associated with levels of stress that can harm their health and development.
Children in Poverty
Delaware Compared to U.S.

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

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Children in Poverty By Age

Number of Children in Poverty in Thousands by Age

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

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Official vs. Supplemental Poverty Measure

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Source: U.S. Census Current Population Survey

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The **Family Resource Simulator**, developed by the **National Center for Children in Poverty** illustrates the impact of “work supports”—such as earned income tax credits and child care assistance—on the budget of a hypothetical family. Based on the answers provided, the **Simulator** generates graphs that show how family resources and expenses change as earnings increase.

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Two-generation approaches to promoting the healthy development and school success of young children aim to enhance the well-being and life opportunities of both parents and children.

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Leading scholars view emerging two-generation models as particularly promising because they are informed by research. These models, which contribute to desired outcomes include high-quality learning experiences for children in early care and education programs and employment training for parents that helps them acquire skills needed for higher wage jobs.
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

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EITC by Income Level 2015

Credit Amount in Thousands of Dollars

Earnings or AGI in Thousands of Dollars

Source: Internal Revenue Service

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The Basic Needs Budget Calculator, created by the National Center for Children in Poverty, shows how much it takes for families to afford minimum daily necessities. It also allows you to create customized results by changing assumptions about basic family expenses.

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“KIDS COUNT… has definitely been beneficial to us. I think it’s important for the people in Kent County to know the statistics about teen pregnancy and pregnant teens and how it aligns with high school, if they drop out.”

– Eileen Wilkerson, Delaware Adolescent Program Inc

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Children in Poverty by Household Structure

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

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Median Income of Families with Children
By Family Type
Delaware Compared to U.S.

U.S. 1-Parent
U.S. $25,137
DE $24,834

U.S. 2-Parent
U.S. $79,971
DE $79,724

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Female-Headed Families in Poverty
Delaware Compared to U.S.

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

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How Do You Use the Data?

“[KIDS COUNT] is very handy. It’s very helpful. We’re an anti-poverty agency, so we not only look at kids, but the whole family, and the data is very useful. It’s a wealth of information we can use for our housing department, our re-entry programs. It does lead you to look in other directions. You’re going to look and make comparisons. We use the data and incorporate it.”

– Sandi Hagans,
First State Community Action Agency

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“Every child deserves a safe, healthy place to grow up, access to a world class education, and the chance to become strong members of our community. That should be our goal. KIDS COUNT shows us where we’re succeeding, and where we still need to improve. It’s a powerful tool that shapes public policy in Delaware and across the country. I’m grateful for the team that has put together Delaware’s annual data book for the last 20 years. I hope that we can continue to count on their support and expertise to help improve the lives of Delaware’s children for many years to come.”

– John Carney, U.S. Representative

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States make critical policy choices that help low-income parents effectively support young children's healthy development. Each day this week, KIDS COUNT in Delaware will highlight a policy solution that promote strong families.

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Policy Solution 1:

One of the most effective anti-poverty program for working families is the **Earned Income Tax Credit**.

DE can enrich its EITC policy by offering a refundable state Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC in DE is non-refundable meaning it reduces the tax liability to families does not provide a refund.

The EITC serves many public policy goals including reducing child poverty, increasing the incentive to work, stabilizing income, and spurring consumption.
Policy Solution 2:

Prioritize the sustainability of recent enhancements to Delaware's early childhood and education infrastructure made possible by the Federal Race to the Top: Early Learning Challenge Grant.

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Policy Solution 3:

Strengthen the revenue base supporting public education at both the state and local levels, including property reassessment and adjustments in the allocation system to fully address the needs of low-income students, English language learners and other students at risk.
July 1, 2016

Enjoy Your Summer!

Thank you to all at Legislative Hall for all of your hard work on behalf of kids this session!

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