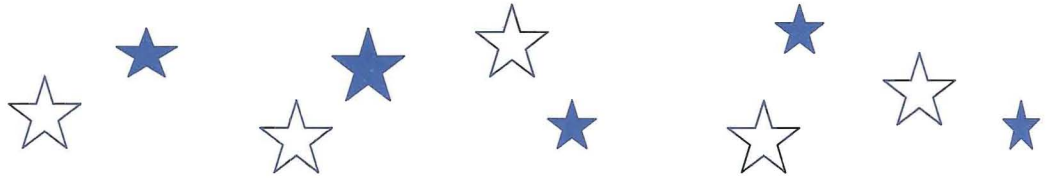




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Significant Increases in Delaware's Child Population

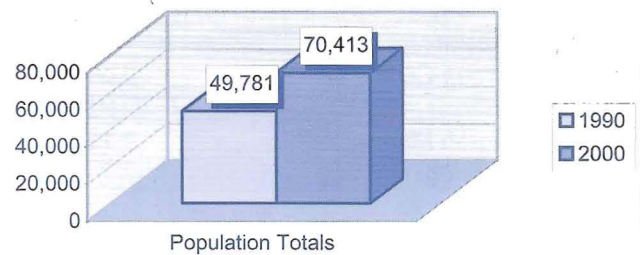
The 2000 U.S. Census reported one of the largest increases in child population in history, second only to the baby boom generation. According to the Census, there was a 41 percent increase in the overall population under the age of 18 in Delaware. In times such as now, when there is an increased demand on organizations that serve children, but decreased funding both locally and nationally, information on changes in child population becomes essential to policymakers and service providers, as they strategically plan to meet the needs of their constituents.

In 1990, there were 49,781 individuals under the age of 18; in 2000 this number has increased to 70,413 children. New Castle County had a 50 percent change in population. In 1990 there were 34,212 children and in 2000 that population increased to 51,320. Sussex County also had an

increase in their population. The number of children in Sussex County went from 4,849 to 6,310 children. Kent County was the only county that had a decrease in its child population. The Census reported only 12,780 children in Kent County in 2000, which is 940 fewer children that were reported in the 1990 Census. Similar to the nation, Delaware's child population is being led by enormous increases in Latino populations.

The change in the population under age 18 varied extensively among towns in Delaware. There were several towns that saw significant increases in the percent of their child population. For example, Middletown, Pike Creek CDP¹, Harrington, Delmar, and

Delaware Child Population, 1990 - 2000



Georgetown all experienced over a 50 percent increase in their population under the age of 18, with Pike Creek CDP showing the largest increase of approximately 116 percent.

Although the child population in the majority of the towns increased, there were some towns that reported a decrease in this population: Brookside, New Castle, and Wilmington Manor.

¹ **Census Designated Place (CDP)** - A geographic entity that serves as the statistical counterpart of an incorporated place for the purpose of presenting census data for an area with a concentration of population, housing, and commercial structures that is identifiable by name, but is not within an incorporated place.

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of the national population every ten years. The most recent census was completed in April 2000. These briefs, issued by KIDS COUNT in Delaware, highlight information relevant for community leaders, policy makers, advocates, and others concerned with the status of children in Delaware. Additional information can be found at www.dekidscount.org.

Delaware Child Population by City/Town: 1990 and 2000

City/Town	1990 Total Population Under Age 18	2000 Total Population Under Age 18	Change Between 1990 and 2000	% Change in Population Under 18
New Castle County				
Bear	N/A	5,801	N/A	N/A
Brookside CDP	4,170	3,963	207	-5.0%
Claymont CDP	2,288	2,436	148	6.5%
Glasgow CDP		3,760		
Hockessin	N/A	3,468	N/A	N/A
Middletown	1,103	1,903	800	72.5%
Newark City	3,489	3,578	89	2.6%
New Castle	1,094	1,060	34	-3.1%
Pike Creek CDP	2,091	4,515	2,424	115.9%
Wilmington City	17,822	18,793	971	5.4%
Wilmington Manor CDP	2,155	2,046	109	-5.1%
Kent County				
Camden	526	568	42	8.0%
Dover	6,451	7,562	1,111	17.2%
Harrington	616	994	378	61.4%
Milford	1,561	1,834	273	17.5%
Smyrna	1,323	1,537	214	16.2%
Wyoming	243	285	42	17.3%
Sussex County				
Bridgeville	323	412	89	27.6%
Delmar	193	374	181	93.8%
Georgetown	763	1,178	415	54.4%
Laurel	1,006	1,218	212	21.1%
Lewes	395	400	5	1.3%
Millsboro	357	506	149	41.7%
Rehoboth	104	104	0	0.0%
Seaford	1,419	1,718	299	21.1%
Selbyville	289	400	111	38.4%
Delaware				
1990	49,781			
2000	70,413			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and Census 1990.