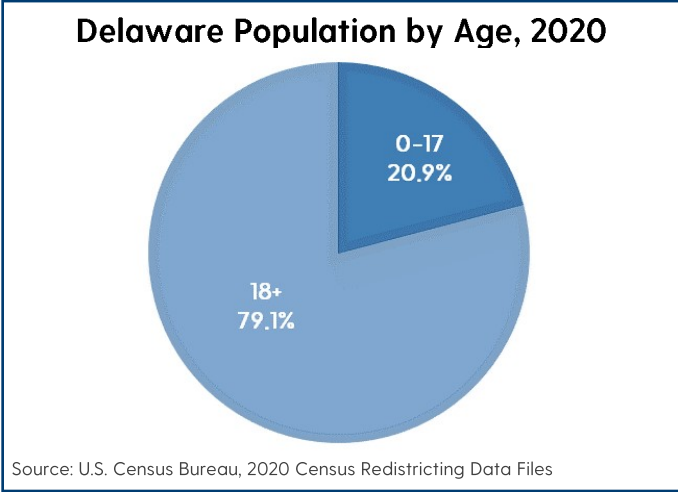




# KIDS COUNT in Delaware Census Brief: 2020 Child Population

## DELAWARE CHILD POPULATION COUNT STAGNANT

While Delaware’s total population increased by 10.2 percent between 2010 and 2020, Delaware’s child (0-17) population increased by less than one percentage point (640 children or 0.3%) according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Because of growth in the adult population, children now make up a smaller proportion of the state’s population, going from 22.9 percent of the total population in 2010 to 20.9 percent of the total population in 2020.



**Table 1: Delaware Population by Age, 2010 and 2020**

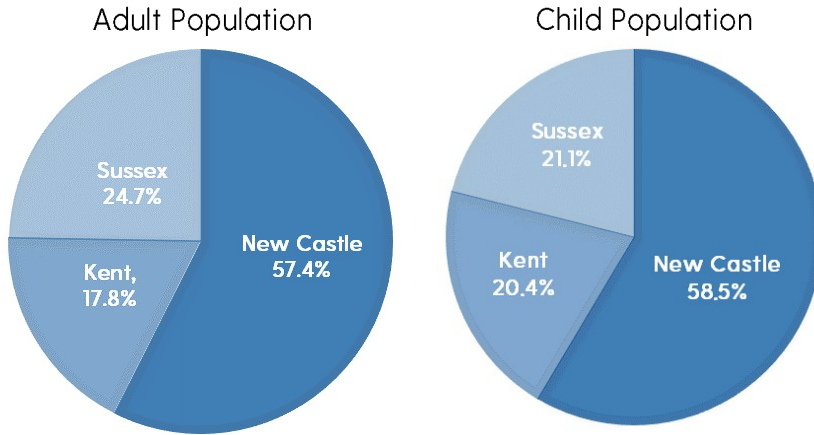
	2010 Census		2020 Census		2010-2020 Change	
	Count	Percentage of Total	Count	Percentage of Total	Difference	Percent Change
Total Population	897,934	100.0%	989,948	100.0%	92,014	10.2%
Child population 0-17	205,765	22.9%	206,405	20.9%	640	0.3%
Adult population 18+	692,169	77.1%	783,543	79.1%	91,374	13.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census and 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

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## Delaware's Population Distribution

Adult Population 18+ and Child Population 0-17 by County, 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

## POPULATION BY COUNTY

The 2020 Census counted a total of 989,948 individuals in the state of Delaware. Of these, the bulk (570,719 or 57.7 percent) reside in New Castle County. Sussex County is next populous with 237,378 or 24 percent of the state's population. There were 181,851 individuals counted in Kent County, making up 18.4 percent of the state's total population.

As a proportion of the state's total population in 2020, children 0-17 were 20.9 percent of Delaware's population. This ranges from a high of 23.1 percent in Kent County to a low of 18.3 percent of individuals in Sussex County. Children make up 21.2 percent of the total population in New Castle County.

From 2010 to 2020 New Castle County added 32,240 individuals, representing a 6 percent change in the state's total population, while the child population in New Castle County increase only 3.4 percent. In the same time period Kent County's total population increased by 19,541 individuals or 12 percent, while the county's child population decreased by 4.1 percent. The largest increase in total population was in Sussex County; with the addition of 40,233 individuals, this represents a 20.4 percent change in total population, while the Sussex child population decreased by 8 percent..

## Child Population Density

Child Population 0-17 as a Percentage of Total Population, Delaware and Counties 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

**Table 2: Delaware Population by County, 2010 and 2020**

	2010 Census		2020 Census		2010-2020 Change	
	Count	Percentage of Total	Count	Percentage of Total	Difference	Percentage Change
Total Population	897,934	100.0%	989,948	100.0%	92,014	10.2%
New Castle County	538,479	60.0%	570,719	57.7%	32,240	6.0%
Kent County	162,310	18.1%	181,851	18.4%	19,541	12.0%
Sussex County	197,145	22.0%	237,378	24.0%	40,233	20.4%

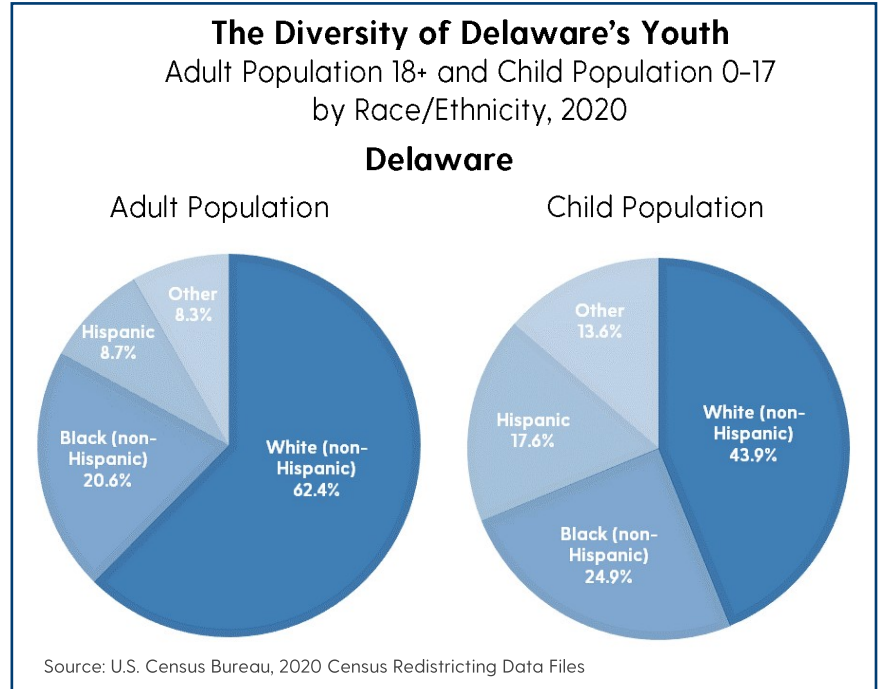
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census and 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

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## POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Delaware's child and adult populations look different from one another in terms of racial and ethnic breakouts at the state level. While 56.1 percent of Delaware's children identify as either Black, Hispanic or Other, only 37.6 percent of Delaware's adult population reflects this same racial and ethnic identity. Those of Hispanic ethnicity make up 17.6 percent of the child population, but only 8.7 percent of the adult population.

NOTE: "Other" includes non-Hispanic individuals of a single race who do not identify as "Black" or "White" as well as individuals who identify as multiple races.



**Table 3: Count of Child Population (0-17) by Race/Ethnicity in Delaware and Counties, 2020**

	<u>White (non-Hispanic)</u>	<u>Black (non-Hispanic)</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>All</u>
Delaware	90,625	51,384	36,384	28,012	206,405
New Castle County	48,141	33,813	21,163	17,726	120,843
Kent County	19,907	11,394	5,020	5,725	42,046
Sussex County	22,577	6,177	10,201	4,561	43,516

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

**Table 4: Percent of Child Population (0-17) by Race/Ethnicity in Delaware and Counties, 2020**

	<u>White (non-Hispanic)</u>	<u>Black (non-Hispanic)</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>All</u>
Delaware	43.9%	24.9%	17.6%	13.6%	100.0%
New Castle County	39.8%	28.0%	17.5%	14.7%	100.0%
Kent County	47.3%	27.1%	11.9%	13.6%	100.0%
Sussex County	51.9%	14.2%	23.4%	10.5%	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files

This publication reviews the U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting Data that was released on August 12, 2021. The release is the first from the 2020 Census that breaks out data by all children compared to all adults. An analysis by Dr. Bill O'Hare indicates that the Census had a higher net undercount of children nationally in 2020 than it did in 2010. However, we will need to wait for more data to determine how many children were missed, if the rate of missed young and older children grew, and if there is geographic difference by state.

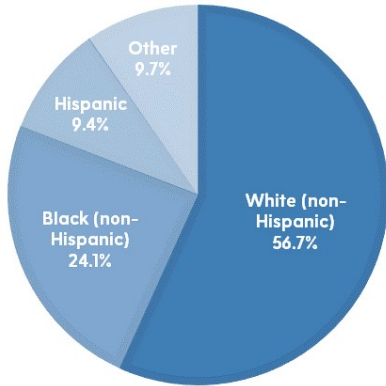
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## The Diversity of Delaware's Youth

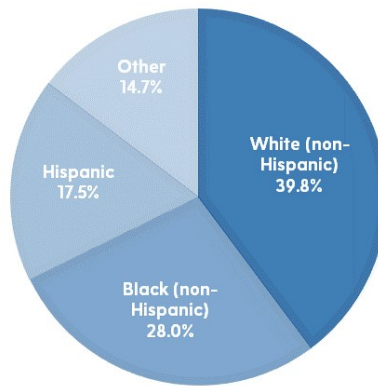
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### New Castle County

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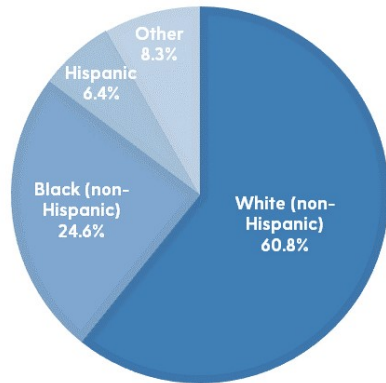


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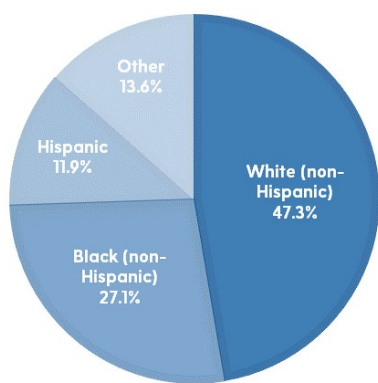


### Kent County

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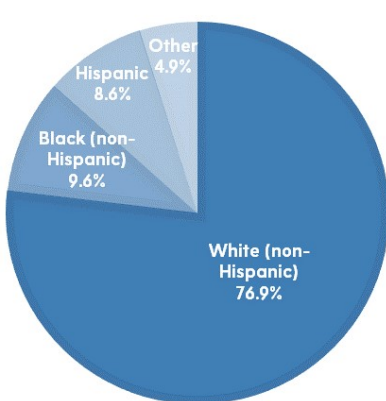


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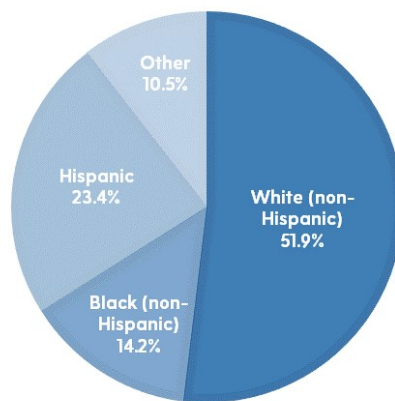


### Sussex County

Adult Population



Child Population



### New Castle County

The Census reported 120,843 children in New Castle County in 2020. Of these:

- 48,141 identify as white non-Hispanic
- 33,813 identify as black non-Hispanic
- 21,163 identify as Hispanic
- 17,726 identify as an other or multiple race(s)

The racial and ethnic diversity in New Castle County is more pronounced for both children and adults than in either Kent County or Sussex County.

### Kent County

The Census reported 42,046 children in Kent County in 2020. Of these:

- 19,907 identify as white non-Hispanic
- 11,394 identify as black non-Hispanic
- 5,020 identify as Hispanic
- 5,725 identify as an other or multiple race(s)

### Sussex County

The Census reported 43,516 children in Sussex County in 2020. Of these:

- 22,577 identify as white non-Hispanic
- 6,177 identify as black non-Hispanic
- 10,201 identify as Hispanic.
- 4,561 identify as an other or multiple race(s)

Population distribution shows simultaneously the largest proportion of white non-Hispanic adults combined with the largest proportion of Hispanic children in Sussex County.

NOTE: "Other" includes non-Hispanic individuals of a single race who do not identify as "Black" or "White" as well as individuals who identify as multiple races.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files



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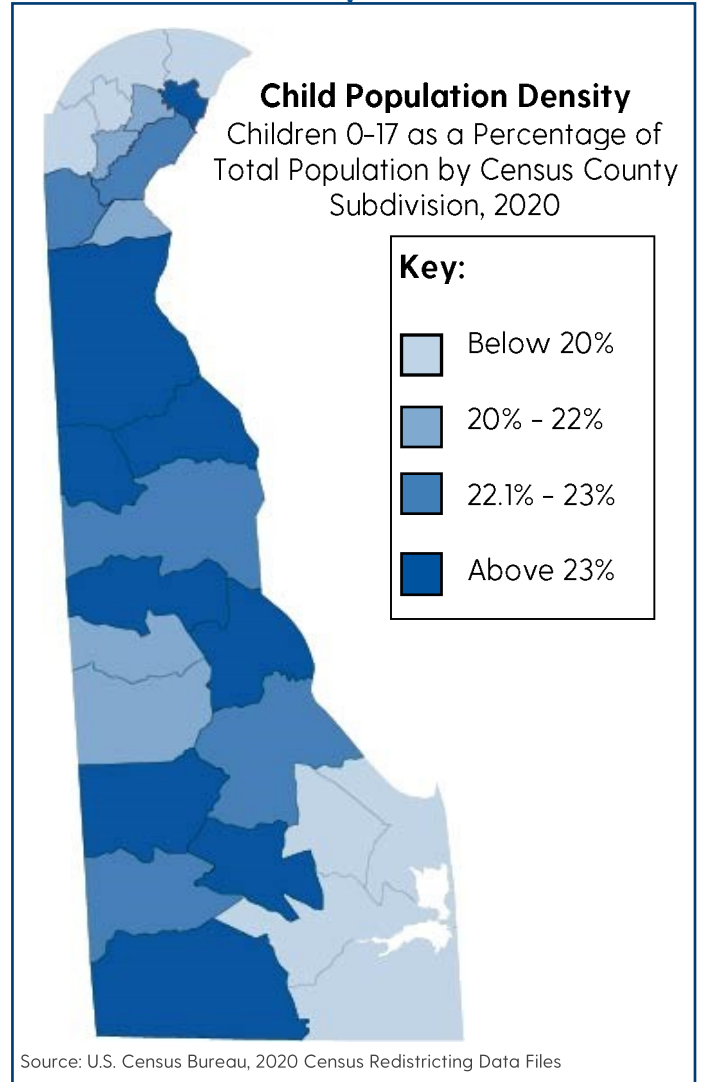
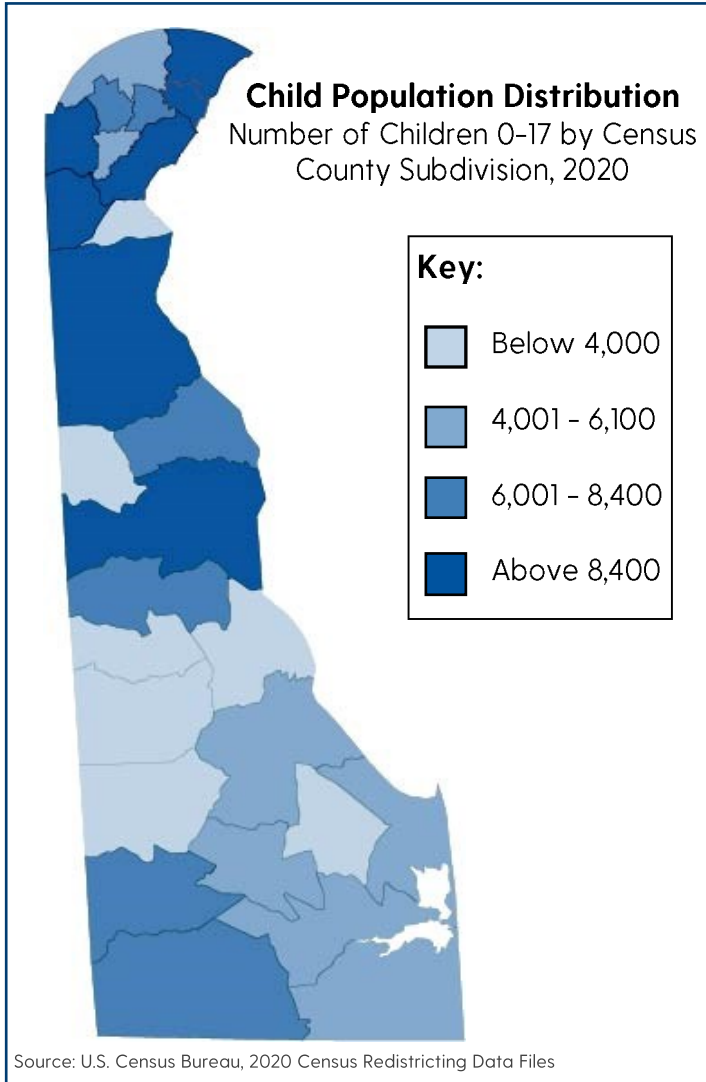
**Table 5: Count of Total Population and Child Population (0-17) and Percent of Child Population (0-17) by Census County Subdivision, 2020**

Census County Subdivision	Total Population Count	Child (0-17) Count	Child (0-17) Percentage
Brandywine	81,197	15,942	19.6%
Bridgeville-Greenwood	13,072	3,088	23.6%
Central Kent	29,972	7,158	23.9%
Dover	82,453	18,542	22.5%
Felton	7,619	1,663	21.8%
Georgetown	16,337	4,004	24.5%
Glasgow	42,405	9,434	22.2%
Harrington	13,092	2,839	21.7%
Kenton	7,315	1,704	23.3%
Laurel-Delmar	25,153	6,219	24.7%
Lewes	38,035	4,442	11.7%
Lower Christiana	37,107	8,178	22.0%
Middletown-Odessa	68,675	17,041	24.8%
Milford North	11,818	2,725	23.1%
Milford South	23,790	5,383	22.6%
Millsboro	33,697	5,922	17.6%
Milton	21,633	3,396	15.7%
New Castle	90,459	20,139	22.3%
Newark	67,705	11,180	16.5%
Piedmont	30,968	5,922	19.1%
Pike Creek-Central Kirkwood	42,789	8,361	19.5%
Red Lion	10,045	2,154	21.4%
Seaford	26,748	6,132	22.9%
Selbyville-Frankford	38,913	4,930	12.7%
Smyrna	29,582	7,415	25.1%
Upper Christiana	28,471	6,091	21.4%
Wilmington	70,898	16,401	23.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data Files



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