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Welcome to Delaware's 2022 Legislative Session! KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present this daily calendar as a resource on the well-being of our state's children.



We'd like to give a special thanks to Delaware Division of Libraries for supporting the costs related to design of this calendar.



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KIDS COUNT is a national and state-by state initiative. Together, our aim is to grow safe, healthy, strong communities with a wealth of opportunities for all our children. The ultimate goal of our efforts is to improve the lives of the children, youth, and families whose well-being is most at stake always, but most especially in this moment.



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The Delaware Legislative Kids Caucus enjoys bipartisan support with members from both the Senate and House of Representatives.



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When questions arise, we at KIDS COUNT in Delaware turn to data for answers. The online KIDS COUNT Data Center tool at datacenter.kidscount.org offers data on education, employment and income, poverty, health and youth at-risk factors. We invite you to discover ways to customize the visualizations and join us in using the data to make informed decisions.



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Data should drive decisions about Delaware's kids.



FROM

*"Erik, Jonathan,
Isaac and Elijah
Raser-Schramm"*

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Whether a number, rate, or percentage, each statistic tells us something different about children in Delaware.



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Cautions should be exercised when attempting to draw conclusions from percentages or rates which are based on small numbers. Delaware and its counties can show very large or very small percentages as a result of only a few events. Therefore, KIDS COUNT in Delaware encourages you to look at overall trends. The key to evaluation of statistics is to examine everything in context.



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This year, KIDS COUNT in Delaware is highlighting 12 indicators which are related to our COVID story, within four categories.

HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS



EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT



ECONOMIC SECURITY



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The pandemic has illuminated flaws in the patchwork of infrastructure supports for Delaware's kids and their families. COVID-19 has caused us to collectively grapple with many hard questions: How is this history-making pandemic affecting our children's well-being? What will the lasting impacts be – physical, mental, social, and economic – of this virus?



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Starting in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has been making an impact on our lives. Since its arrival in Delaware, we have each learned a lot about prevention, made personal sacrifices, and adopted new behaviors in order to limit exposure and reduce community spread.



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COVID has upended not only our lives, but also the data that we use to reflect on the landscape of kids in the state. This year, annual trends may not give as much insight as monthly trends. The pandemic has disrupted many data collection processes and timelines. In the coming years, a number of traditional KIDS COUNT measures may be missing or interpreted in a new context.



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Prior to the pandemic, child well-being data consistently showed disparities; we understood from data on our children and their families that there are systemic issues disproportionately impacting children in families with low income and children of color.



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The **Child Death Review Commission's CDR/SDY** program reviews all deaths in children 1-17 years of age and those deaths under 1 year of age that are sudden and unexpected or that may have been due to unsafe sleep, child abuse or neglect.

Child Death Review & Sudden Death in the Young

Because risk factors such as **improper sleep surface** or **unsafe bedding or toys** are found in all cases of sleep-related deaths, continued efforts are being made to educate on safe sleep practices and provide trainings in partnership with the Department of Corrections and all birthing hospitals in Delaware.



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Now, in the midst of a public health crisis, we see how devastating these long-standing disparities can be on a whole new scale. Solutions to this crisis must be built on systems that work for every Delaware child and their family.



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The COVID-19 pandemic and recent civil unrest resulting from racial injustice have intensified the need to re-imagine how communities and public systems support children and families to focus on systemic solutions that work for everyone.



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Delaware's future depends on the well-being of our children, a population which is becoming increasingly diverse each year even as it continues to make up a smaller percentage of the state's overall population.



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Not only is Delaware's child population becoming more diverse over time, but it looks different than the racial and ethnic make-up of our total population. Race and ethnicity are connected to measurable differences in how children are understood and treated, their life experience, and consequently their well-being and outcomes. As a state, we must be intentional in acting to close the continuing health, educational, and economic disparities that exist between racial and ethnic groups in the state, starting with children.



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2022 Special Events

- Afterschool for All Challenge (January, May and June)
- We Love Afterschool Campaign (February 7-14)
- Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week (April 25-29)
- Delaware Building Bridges Conference (April 27 & 28)
- Summer Learning Week (July 11-15)
- Attendance Awareness Month (September)
- 23rd Annual Lights On Afterschool (October 20)
- National STEM Day (November 8)



Our Mission

To expand and support high-quality out-of-school programs, so that Delaware's children and youth are safe, supervised, and prepared for leading productive lives.

Our Purpose

The Delaware Afterschool Network is a driving force that develops partnerships, brings stakeholders together, and shares best practices to ensure that affordable, sustainable afterschool, out-of-school, and summer learning programs are available.



Contact: Regina Sidney-Brown, Director
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Facebook: Delaware Afterschool Network

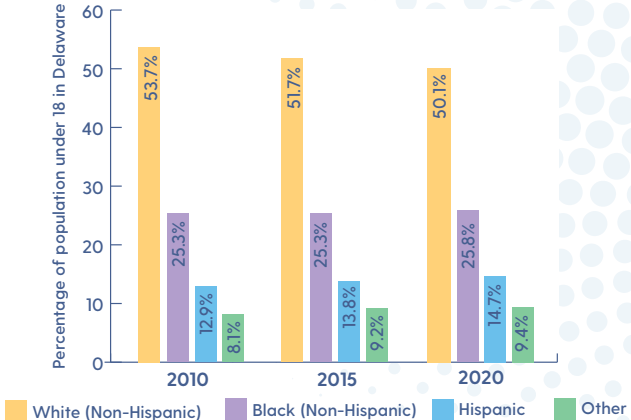
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The Changing Face of Delaware's Children

Children 19 and Under by Race/Hispanic Origin, Delaware



Source: Delaware Population Consortium, Population Projection Series 2020.0



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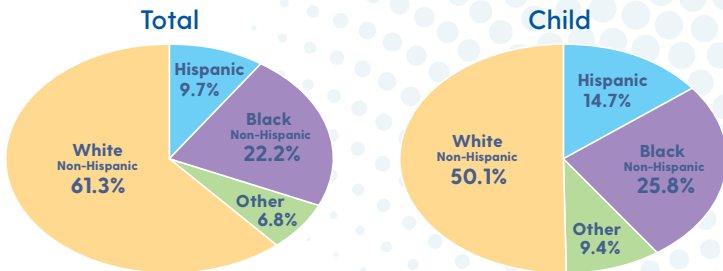
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The Diversity of Delaware's Youth

by Race/Hispanic Origin,
Total Population and Children 19 and Under, 2020



Note: Other (Non-Hispanic) includes individuals of a single race who do not identify as "Black" or "White" as well as individuals who identify as multiple races

Source: Delaware Population Consortium, Population Projection Series 2020.0

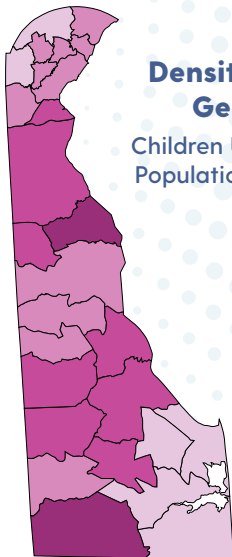


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Density of Child Population Varies Geographically in Delaware

Children Under Age 18 as a Percentage of Total Population, Census County Divisions 2015-2019

Key

- No Data
- 10% to 20%
- 20.0% to 22.9%
- 23.0% to 24.9%
- 25.0% to 30%

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



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Throughout our country's history, policies and practices have helped move some families along the path to economic security while putting up roadblocks for others. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this divide, with more families struggling to maintain housing or put food on the table as caregivers lost jobs and income.



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ECONOMIC SECURITY TIMELINE



BASIC NEEDS

Federal relief allocates funds to support basic needs; increase in state efforts to combat food insecurity, homelessness, and overall financial uncertainty

March
2020



HOUSING

Announcement of Housing Assistance Program

March
2020



STIMULUS

Launch of Payroll Protection Program; distribution begins of first set of stimulus checks

April
2020



UNEMPLOYMENT

Expansion of unemployment eligibility and compensation

May
2020



RELIEF

Additional federal relief includes renewed unemployment assistance, nutrition emphasis, and a second set of stimulus checks

December
2020



GOALS

Employ compassion to support those hurting the most

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		BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
ECONOMIC SECURITY	CHILDREN IN POVERTY PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (UNDER 18 YEARS) IN POVERTY	2010-2014 17.4%	2015-2019 17.5%	
	FEMALE HEADED FAMILIES IN POVERTY PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES IN POVERTY WITH FEMALE HEAD AND CHILDREN UNDER 18	2010-2014 37.1%	2015-2019 39.4%	
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		BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
ECONOMIC SECURITY	 MEDIUM FAMILY INCOME MEDIUM INCOME IN U.S. DOLLARS OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 BY FAMILY TYPE	2010-2014	2015-2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PARENT, FEMALE HEADED • 1 PARENT, MALE HEADED • 2 PARENT 	\$30,169 \$43,796 \$95,974	\$31,235 \$48,642 \$106,395	
ECONOMIC SECURITY	POVERTY THRESHOLDS POVERTY THRESHOLD IN U.S. DOLLARS BY SIZE OF FAMILY AND NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18	2015	2020	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PARENT, 2 CHILD • 2 PARENT, 2 CHILD 	\$19,096 \$24,036	\$20,852 \$26,246	

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	BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE
 ECONOMIC SECURITY	HOME OWNERSHIP PERCENTAGE OF HOUSES OWNED BY OCCUPANT	2014 74.3%	2019 71.4% 
	UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED	2015 4.6%	2020 5.3% 
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Secure employment of a caregiver can have positive impacts such as access to healthcare and financial stability, both of which improve a child's overall well-being. When a job is lost, unemployment insurance provides income to eligible workers, helping them maintain health insurance, pay their bills, and continue purchasing goods and services. This helps families avoid experiencing homelessness and hunger, and helps keep many businesses afloat as unemployed Delawareans continue to contribute to the economy.



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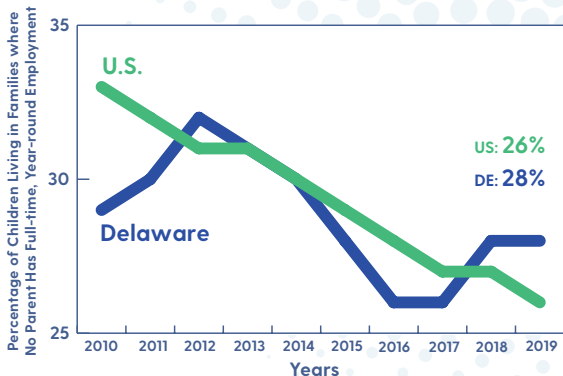


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More Than a Quarter of Children Have Parents Who Lack Secure Employment

The Share of All Children Under 18 Living in Families Where No Parent Has Regular, Full-Time Employment, U.S. and Delaware



Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey



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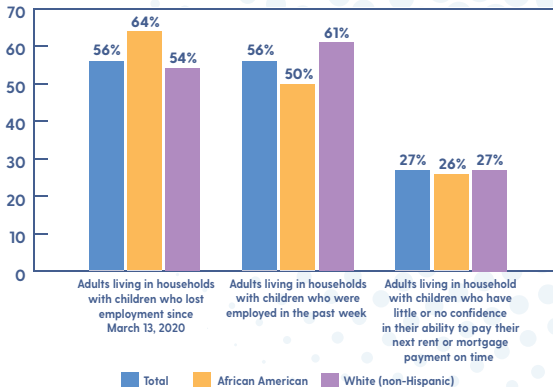
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More Than Half of Adults Living in Households with Children Lost Employment between March 13, 2020 and December 21, 2020

Employment & income status during pandemic in Delaware, Nov 25-Dec 21



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



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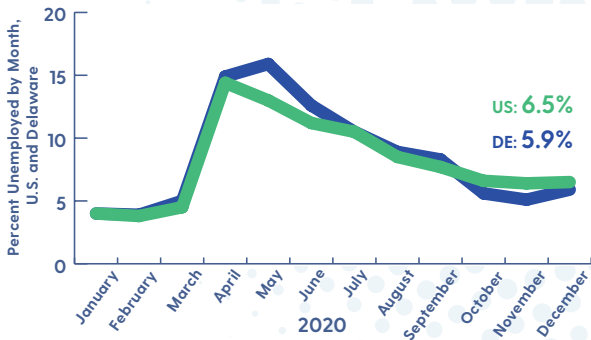
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Unemployment Spiked to a High of 15.9% for Delaware in Response to Pandemic Related Business Closings

Percent Unemployed by Month, U.S. and Delaware



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



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The expansions of Unemployment Insurance (UI) eligibility and aid that were introduced during the early months of COVID-19 are important, but they were temporary relief measures for a system that has not kept pace with changes in the economy or labor markets and is long overdue for reform.



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The link between food security and health is well established. Not surprisingly, lack of income has been identified as one of the biggest contributors to whether a household can meet these basic nutritional needs. Food insecure families can not afford to stock up to weather a crisis or minimize shopping trips to comply with social distancing guidance. COVID-related job losses, increased food prices, and supply interruptions all acted to increase food insecurity for Delaware's children and families.



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SUSSEX COUNTY HEALTH COALITION

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The Sussex County Health Coalition exists to engage the entire community in collaborative family-focused effort to

improve the health of children, youth and families in Sussex County, Delaware.



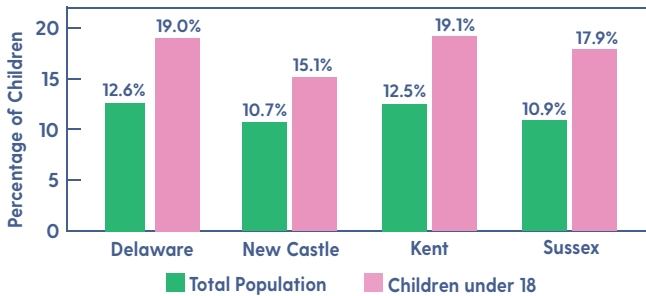
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- Youth Engagement Serving Organization
- Health Committee
- Economic Mobility Task Force
- Behavioral Health Task Group
- Drug Free Communities

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1 in 5 Delaware Children Experienced Hunger Pre-Pandemic

Food insecurity, Delaware and Counties, 2018



Source: Feeding America analysis of Current Population Survey data on food insecure households and survey data by the American Community Survey (ACS) on household income, unemployment, poverty, race & ethnicity, and homeownership.



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Food Bank of Delaware Fills Need During COVID-19 Pandemic

Food Bank and pantry data March thru December 2020

2,737,517 Pounds of Food to:



35,799 households at 27 mass drive-thru distributions

15,021,552 Pounds of Food Distributed via

Mobile Pantries



Community Food Pantries



On-Site Pantries

28,185 visits to on-site pantries

Source: Food Bank of Delaware

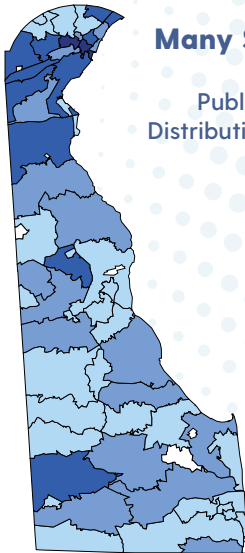


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Many Students Rely on Schools for Nutritious Meals

Public School Feeding Program Food Distribution Sites by Zip Code – January 2021

Key

-  No Data
-  1-3
-  4 to 7
-  8 to 29
-  30 to 60

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Note: Data reflects feeding program as of January 2021. This map is updated regularly online. Families can visit any of the meal sites. Children do not need to be present. The site does not need to be in your home district or at the school your student attends.
<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/page/4237>



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Because food security is inextricably linked with financial security, we need to enable families to meet all of their basic household needs. In addition to ensuring food affordability and access on the demand side, state policy should also address the supply side by strengthening food systems.



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Maternal Mortality Review



The **Child Death Review Commission** reviews all deaths of women that occur during pregnancy and up to 1 year after the end of pregnancy, irrespective of cause, to learn what is contributing to these deaths and what can be done to improve systems of care.

MMR case reviews indicate that

Lack of Patient Advocacy <> Discrimination

are recurring themes...

- Sometimes women feel unheard by providers
- Their symptoms may be minimized or dismissed
- They may feel disempowered when making a difficult decision



Doulas are non-clinical professionals who provide physical, emotional and informational support to mothers before, during and after childbirth, including continuous labor support.¹ They have been shown to improve outcomes for mothers such as better birth experiences and fewer C-section deliveries.

Supporting **Medicaid reimbursement for doula services** could help empower women to ask questions, get the information they need and feel supported in their labor & delivery.

¹DONA International. What is a doula? Available at: <https://www.dona.org/what-is-a-doula/>



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Increasingly, single parents (typically single mothers) are the primary caregiver in Delaware families. For many women, the COVID-19 crisis magnified challenges, barriers, and inequalities they already grapple with on a daily basis such as access to livable wage jobs with benefits and navigating mismatched school and work schedules.



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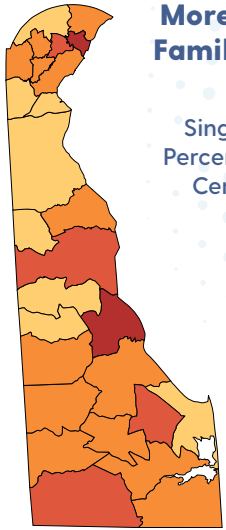
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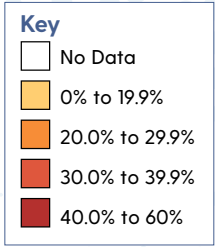
We connect families to resources and supports that help everyone stay healthy and thriving.

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More Than a Quarter of Delaware Families With Children Are Headed by a Single Mother

Single-Mother Headed Households as a Percentage of Households with Children by Census County Divisions for 2015-2019



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

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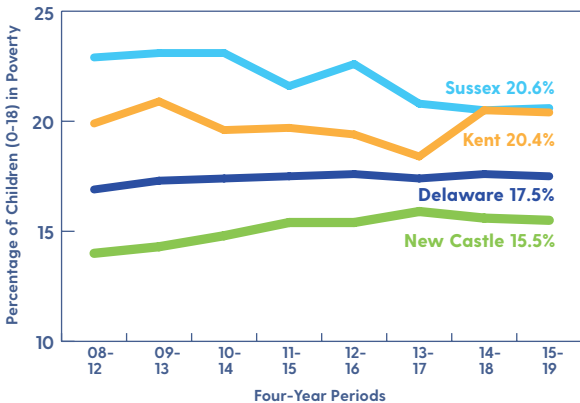
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About 35,000 Delaware Children Were Living in Poverty Pre-Pandemic

Percent of Children Under 18 Years in Poverty, Delaware and Counties



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



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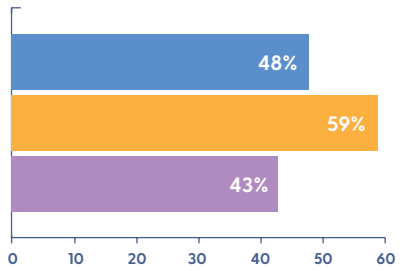
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Half of Delaware Families Struggled With Expenses During COVID-19

Percent of Adults Living in Households with Children who had Difficulty Paying for Usual Household Expenses in the Past Week by Race/Ethnicity in Delaware, Nov 25-Dec 21



■ Total ■ African American ■ White (non-Hispanic)

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2020



MARCH 4

Women are more likely than men to be single parents, but even in families with both parents working full time, women are far more likely than men to manage schedules and activities and to take care of children who become sick. As such, we need to advocate for long-term solutions.



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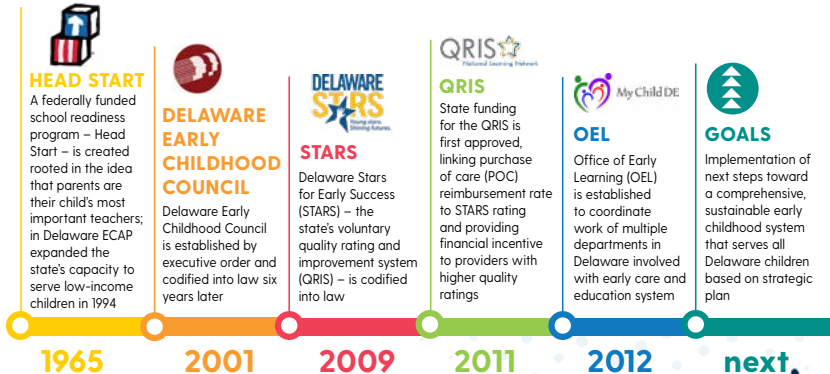
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Quality education is essential to a child's success and to our state's competitiveness. Children need a strong and healthy beginning to more easily stay on track to remain in school and graduate on time, pursue training or post-secondary education, and successfully transition to adulthood.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TIMELINE



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EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT TIMELINE

**SUPPORT**

Federal funding is awarded to enhance Early Care and K12 systems for strength and quality; student assessment waiver approved for 2020

March
2020

**EARLY CARE FUNDING**

Implementation of childcare enhanced reimbursement with call to consider funding method as a permanent infrastructure support

April
2020

**K12 PLAN**

School reopening guidance shared; K-12 schools open in various formats: virtual, hybrid, and in-person

August
2020

**REMOTE ACCESS**

Efforts to expand internet access and distribute hardware combat technology barriers faced by households statewide

September
2020

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

Approval for high school sports to commence and recommendations made for citizens to stay active

October
2020

**GOALS**

Utilize creative, nonpunitive approaches to strengthen communities of students, including disconnected youth

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| <br><b>EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>AVAILABLE CHILD CARE*</b><br>NUMBER OF LICENSED CHILD CARE SLOTS                     | 2016<br><b>50,028</b> | 2020<br><b>50,117</b> | <b>=</b>              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b><br>NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL | 2015-2016             | 2019-2020             | <b>=</b>              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | • PUBLIC SCHOOL                                                                         | <b>136,602</b>        | <b>140,849</b>        |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | • HOME SCHOOL                                                                           | <b>2,456</b>          | <b>4,950</b>          |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | • PRIVATE SCHOOL                                                                        | <b>17,751</b>         | <b>15,829</b>         |                       |
| • TOTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>155,599</b>                                                                          | <b>161,628</b>        |                       |                       |
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\* Capacity does not necessarily reflect actual enrollment.










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| <br><b>EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS</b><br><i>AS A PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN A GIVEN YEAR</i> | 2015/2016<br><b>1.4%</b> | 2019/2020<br><b>1.3%</b> |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>DISCONNECTED YOUTH</b><br><i>PERCENTAGE OF TEENS (16-19) NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</i>          | 2014-2015<br><b>3.7%</b> | 2015-2019<br><b>2.9%</b> |  |
|  BETTER  WORSE  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                                                                                                               |                          |                          |                                                                                     |









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| EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT | <b>3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY**</b><br>PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE THIRD GRADERS MEETING THE STANDARD IN READING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2015/2016<br><b>58.3%</b> | 2019/2020<br><b>NA</b> |  |
|                                         | <b>8TH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY**</b><br>PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS MEETING THE STANDARD IN MATH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2015-2016<br><b>37.7%</b> | 2019-2020<br><b>NA</b> |  |
|                                         |  BETTER  WORSE  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                           |                        |                                                                                     |

\*\* Due to social distancing and remote learning instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic, Delaware schools were granted a waiver by the U.S. Department of Education that excused all students from statewide standardized testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.



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The U.S. educational system was not built to deal with extended shutdowns like those imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The coronavirus threatens to widen the disparities in educational outcomes - by income and race/ethnicity - which have long-plagued our system.



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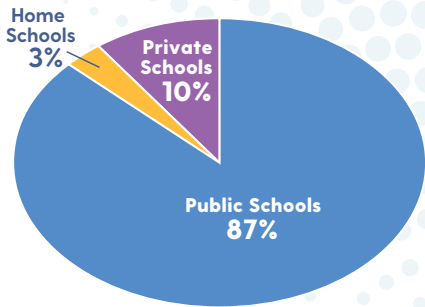
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## Delaware's Public School System Educates the Majority of Delaware's Children

Percent of students enrolled by school type in Delaware, 2020/21



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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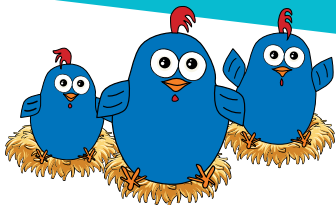


Capture Questions!



Track with Beanstack!

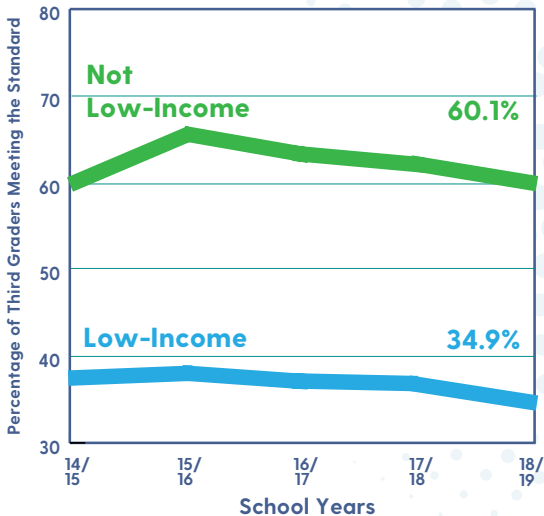
## Attend Story Times!



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## Students From Low-Income Families Have Lower Proficiency Levels for 3rd Grade Reading than Peers

Third Grade Reading Proficiency by Family Income, Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA)

Source: Delaware Department of Education

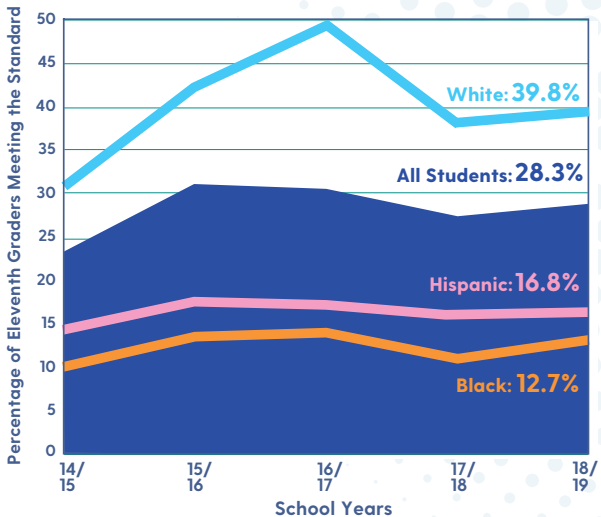


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## Disparities by Race/Ethnicity Exist for 11th Grade Math Proficiency

Eleventh Grade Math Proficiency by Race/Ethnicity, Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA)

Source: Delaware Department of Education



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Educators must address learning loss due to instruction disruption and combat any potential increase in dropouts without access to supports that keep at-risk students engaged. Students also bring with them mental health concerns: increased isolation as well as anxiety over family health and job security compounded with reduced opportunities for connections with caring adults in academic, sport, or other extracurricular settings that can impact academic performance and general levels of engagement.



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Teenagers - especially those who are neither in school nor working - may face difficulties transitioning from youth to adult society. Such detachment puts youth at increased risk for having lower earnings and a less stable employment history than their peers who stayed in school or secured jobs.

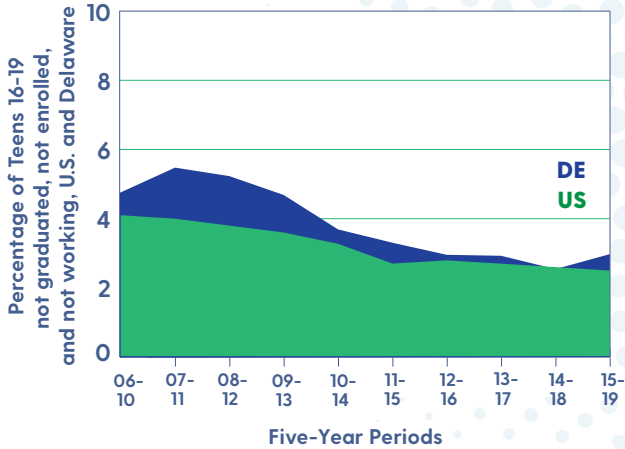


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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

## Disconnected Youth Are at Risk for Poor Outcomes

Percentage of teens 16-19 not graduated, not enrolled, and not working – U.S. and Delaware



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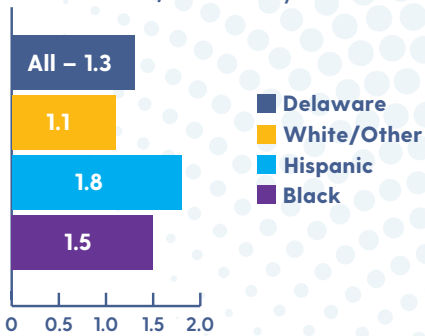
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## Racial/Ethnic Disparities Persist for Delaware High School Dropouts

Public high school dropouts by race/ethnicity for Delaware 2019/20 school year



Source: Delaware Department of Education



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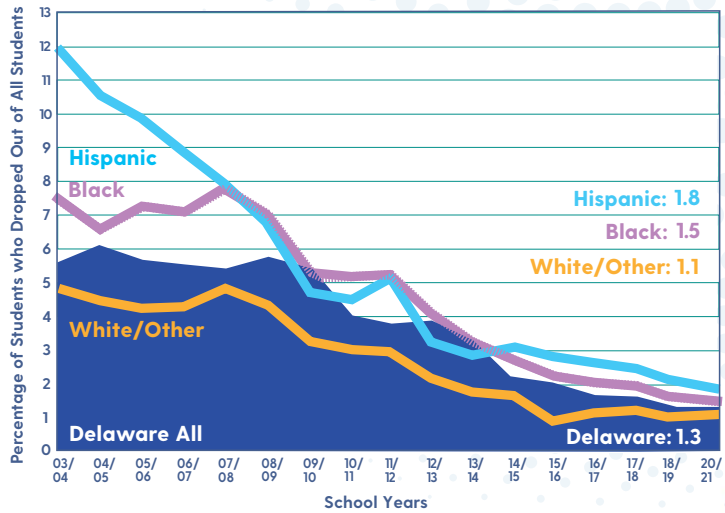
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# Trend of Fewer Delaware High School Dropouts Continues

Delaware Public High School Dropouts Grades 9-12 by Race/Ethnicity



Source: Delaware Department of Education



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**P**ublic leaders can support students with the greatest barriers to education by starting with improved data systems. Understanding the scope and scale of youth disconnect related to COVID-19 includes systemic collection of attendance data. Thorough follow-up with students missing from the educational realm since spring 2020 should be matched with non-punitive re-engagement strategies that address unmet student needs.



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Changing demographics, social trends and economic necessities of the last several decades have made early care and education a commonplace need for young families in Delaware. The COVID-19 pandemic further underscored that the early care and education system helps keep Delaware's economic engine running.



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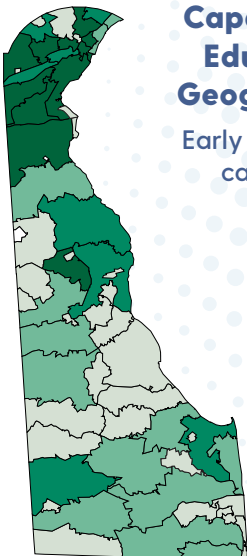
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## Capacity of Early Care and Education System Varies Geographically in Delaware

Early care and education program capacity by zip code - 2020



### Key

- No Data
- 9 to 315
- 316 to 934
- 935 to 1,884
- 1,885 to 3,629

Source:  
Delaware Department of  
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When properly working, Delaware's early care and education system ensures that employers have a robust, stable workforce from which to draw talent; allows parents the opportunity to earn an income to support their families while knowing their children are safe and cared for; and provides children to reap benefits from positive nurturing relationships with stable early care and education providers.



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A photograph of a man with a beard and a young child sitting together, reading a book. The man is holding the book open, and the child is pointing at a page. The scene is set in a bright, indoor environment, likely a living room. A large teal circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, framing the child's face and the text.

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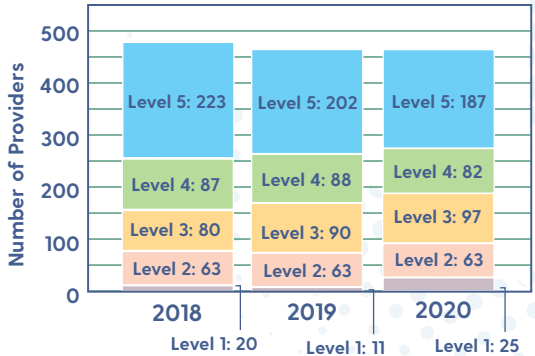
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## High Quality Early Care Has Been Linked to Lifelong Positive Impacts

Early care and education programs in Delaware by quality rating, Delaware Stars for Early Success



Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, University of Delaware



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# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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*Because childhood lasts a lifetime.*



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As we grapple with the consequences of COVID-19 and knowing the economic impact on our early care system, questions of availability, quality, and affordability of early care are more important than ever.



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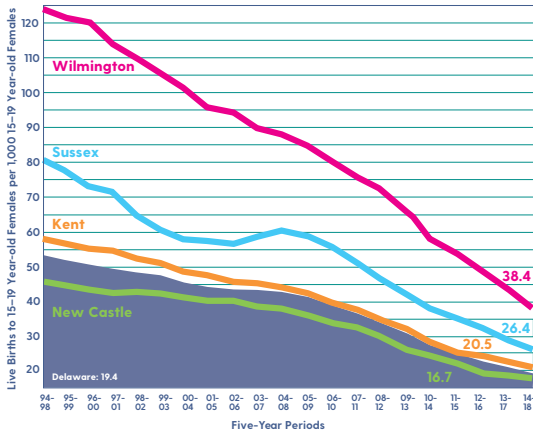
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Children need strong families and communities around them to thrive. For the community to be healthy, everyone must have access to basic needs like health care, shelter, and nutritious food. We help families and protect our communities when we make choices to meet basic needs.

### Births to Teens 15-19 Delaware, Counties, and Wilmington



Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center



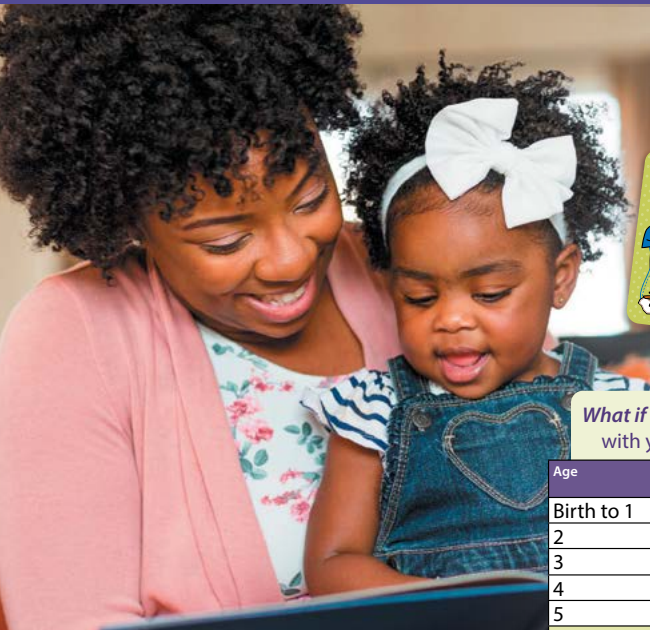
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# It's never too early to read to children!



What if you read 4 picture books a day with your child in the first 5 years?

| Age                 | Days         | x 1 book per day | x 4 books per day (20 to 30 minutes) |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Birth to 1          | 365          | 365              | 1,460                                |
| 2                   | 365          | 730              | 2,920                                |
| 3                   | 365          | 1,095            | 4,380                                |
| 4                   | 365          | 1,460            | 5,840                                |
| 5                   | 365          | 1,825            | 7,300                                |
| <b>5 Year Total</b> | <b>1,825</b> | <b>1,825</b>     | <b>7,300</b>                         |



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**FAMILY & COMMUNITY TIMELINE**



**TELEHEALTH**

Heightened use of telehealth combined with waivers for substance use management medicine pre-dispensing allows patients to maintain continuity of treatment

**March 2020**



**EVICION MORATORIUM**

Federal action establishes a 120-day moratorium for evictions based on non-payment of rent for certain covered properties

**March 2020**



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**

Innovative methods implemented by many groups to detect unrecognized child abuse/neglect while mandated reporters interactions are decreased

**April 2020**



**SUBSTANCE USE**

Dialogues focus on emotional and physical well-being as well as link to substance use during pandemic

**July 2020**



**YOUNG ADULTS**

Recognition of basic need assistance and other supports vital to young adult independence emerge

**December 2020**



**GOALS**

Racial equity impact analysis is fundamental to policy and program formation so that all children have opportunity for success

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|  <b>FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY</b> | <b>TEEN BIRTHS</b><br>LIVE BIRTHS TO 15-17 YEAR OLD FEMALES PER 1,000 15-17 YEAR OLD FEMALES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2010-2014<br><b>12.4</b>                                                            | 2015-19<br><b>7.9</b>     |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                           |
|                                                                                                                 | <b>CHILDREN IN ONE-PARENT FAMILIES</b><br>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (UNDER 18 YEARS) IN ONE-PARENT FAMILIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2010-2014<br><b>36.2%</b>                                                           | 2015-2019<br><b>37.4%</b> |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                           |
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| <br><b>FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT</b><br>NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REPORTS & SUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS<br>• ACCEPTED<br>• SUBSTANTIATED | 2015<br><br><b>8,909</b><br><b>1,178</b> | 2020<br><br><b>7,501</b><br><b>863</b><br> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>BIRTHS TO SINGLE MOTHERS</b><br>PERCENTAGE OF LIVE BIRTHS TO SINGLE MOTHERS                                   | 2010-2014<br><b>47.4%</b>                | 2015-2019<br><b>46.7%</b>                                                                                                     |
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| <br><b>FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS</b><br>PER 1,000 CHILDREN AGES 10-17                                 | 2014<br><b>7.4</b>                    | 2019<br><b>5.9</b>  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>SUBSTANCE USE*</b><br>PERCENTAGE OF 11TH GRADE STUDENTS REPORTING SUBSTANCE USE IN THE PAST MONTH   | 2015                                  | 2020                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIGARETTES</li> <li>• ALCOHOL</li> <li>• MARIJUANA</li> </ul> | <b>7%</b><br><b>30%</b><br><b>22%</b> | N/A<br>N/A<br>N/A                                                                                      |
|  BETTER  UNKNOWN  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                                                                                                        |                                       |                                                                                                        |

\* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the data collection for the Delaware School Survey was temporarily suspended. This suspension has resulted in a gap in Delaware School Survey data for the 2020 survey year.



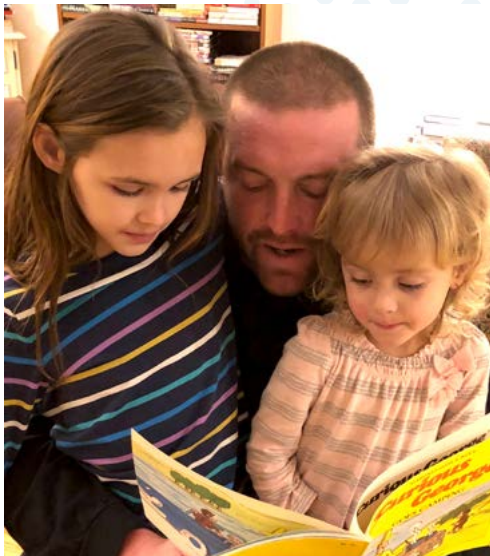
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Decades of scientific research show that experiences in the early years of a child's life play a crucial role in building the architecture of the developing brain, and also in programming an individual's biology to be prepared for the world that awaits.



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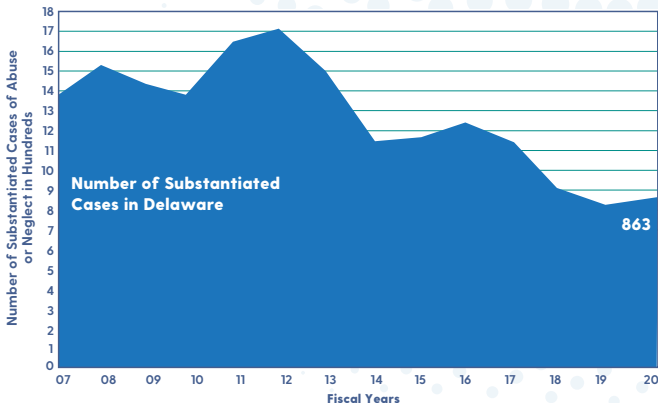




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## Child Abuse and Neglect Has Long Been Recognized as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE)

Child Abuse and Neglect, Number of Substantiated Cases, Delaware



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



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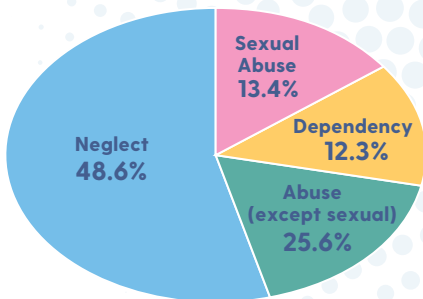
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## Abuse and Neglect Can Have Far Reaching Effects for Youth and Their Communities

Child abuse and neglect by type, Delaware, 2020



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



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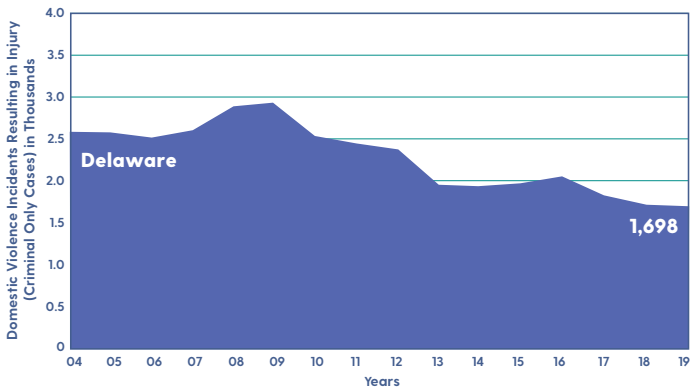
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## Fewer Domestic Violence Injuries Over Time

Domestic violence injuries by fiscal year, Delaware



Source: Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police



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**S**tressful early life experiences can permanently impact a number of our children's brain and biological systems, increasing the risk for both learning difficulties and lifelong health problems. Equally important, nurturing relationships with adults can serve as powerful buffers to counterbalance the effects of adversity during these critical years.



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Youth and young adults are the drivers of tomorrow's economy. In a very short time, they will be the parents, workers, volunteers, leaders, and change-makers determining the social and economic vitality of Delaware. As such, they need the educational and training opportunities that prepare them for today's workforce, permanent connections with caring adults and mentors who promote their growth and well-being, and knowledge and tools to keep more of what they earn and save for the future.



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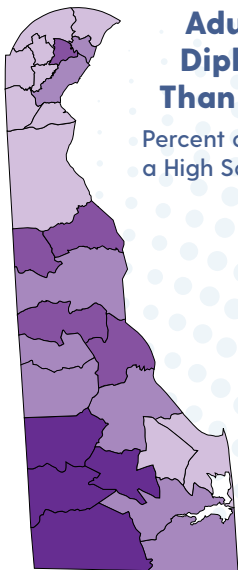
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APRIL 19

## Adults Without a High School Diploma Earn Less on Average Than Peers With More Education

Percent of People Over Age 25 Who are Without a High School Diploma or GED by Census County Divisions, 2015-2019



### Key

- No Data
- 0% to 7.9%
- 8.0% to 12.9%
- 13.0% to 15.9%
- 16.0% to 25%

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



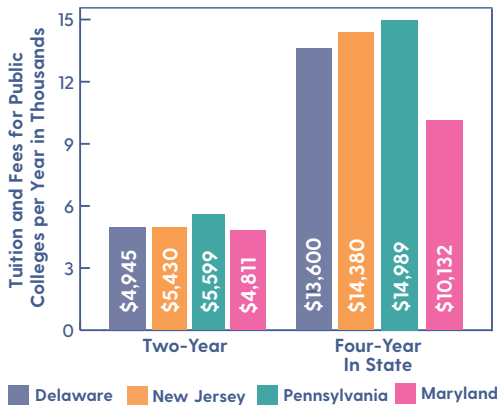
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**APRIL 20**

**A Bachelor's Degree in Delaware Costs an Average of \$54,400 in Tuition Alone**  
Annual of College Tuition, Delaware and Region 2019/20



Source: <http://trends.collegeboard.org/>



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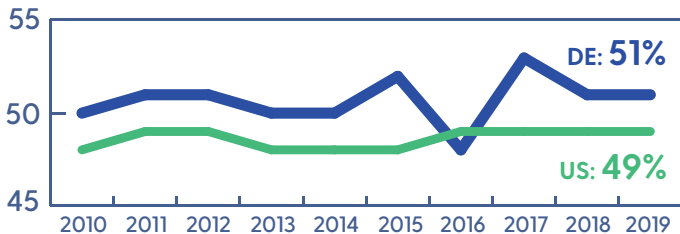
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APRIL 21

## Pre-Pandemic, About Half of Young Adults Sought Higher Education

Young adults ages 18 to 24 who are enrolled in or have completed college, U.S. and Delaware



Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Census American Community Survey



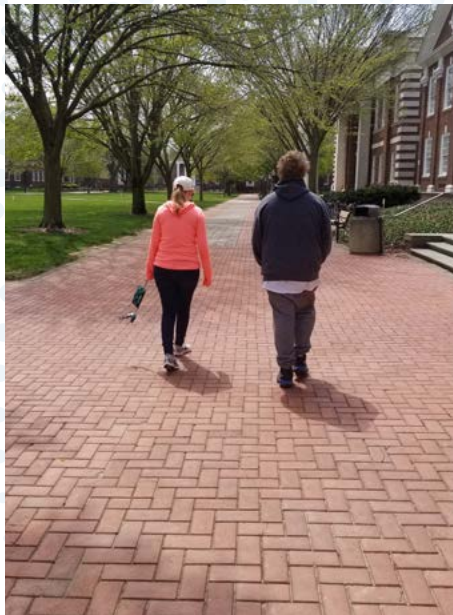
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**C**OVID-19 has created new barriers to obtaining a college degree for current and prospective students, hitting those from low-income families the hardest. For youth and young adults that chose another path, there are also concerns. Because early job opportunities as teenagers and young adults are a critical launch pad to further education and higher lifetime income, disadvantages increase for those starting their careers in a time when adult work remains the priority for relief and recovery.



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# APRIL 25

The health and well-being of adolescents is endangered by alcohol and drug use. Common social and environmental risk factors such as poor education, family-related stress, and exposure to substance-abusing peers have been shown to contribute significantly to use of drugs and alcohol.



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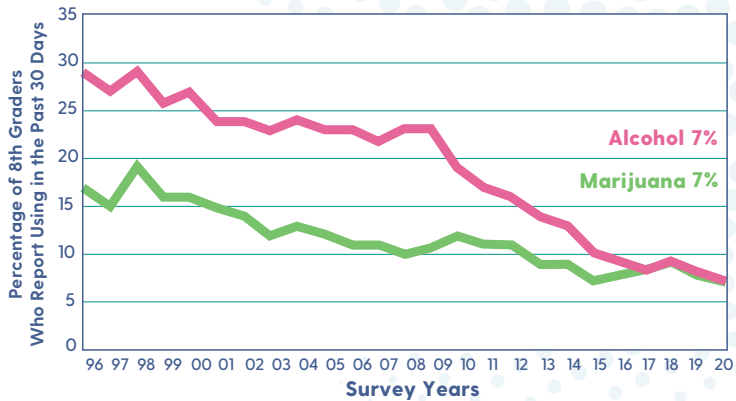
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# APRIL 26

## Less Than One in Ten Delaware 8th Graders Reported Using Alcohol or Marijuana Pre-Pandemic

Past 30 day use of alcohol and marijuana, Delaware 8th graders



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware  
[http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbps/pdf/trends/us\\_drug\\_trend\\_yrbs.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbps/pdf/trends/us_drug_trend_yrbs.pdf)



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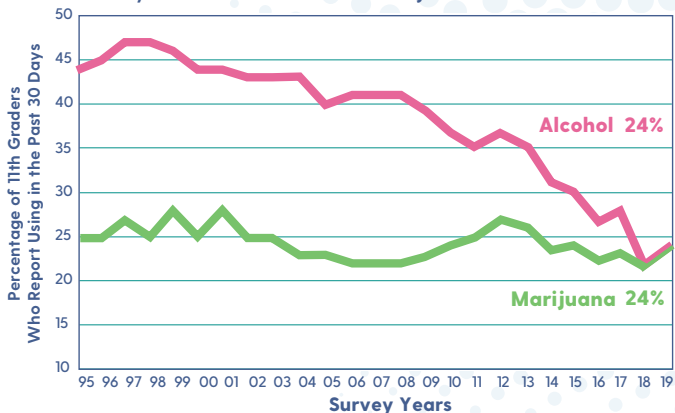
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# APRIL 27

## About One-Quarter of Delaware 11th Graders Reported Using Alcohol or Marijuana Pre-Pandemic

Past 30 day use of alcohol and marijuana Delaware 11th Graders



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware  
[http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trends/us\\_drug\\_trend\\_yrbs.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trends/us_drug_trend_yrbs.pdf)



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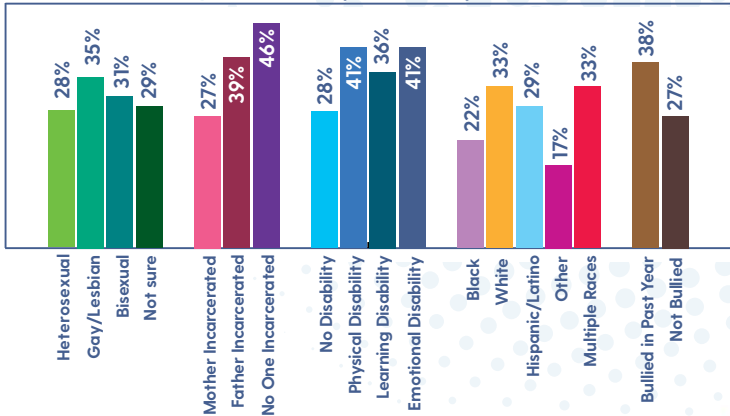
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# APRIL 28

## Understanding Which Groups of Students are Most Likely to Drink Alcohol Will Help Target Prevention Efforts

Percentage of Delaware high school students grades 9-12 that drank alcohol in the past 30 days in 2017



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware



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Periods of transition, and the new challenges and environments that often come with these transitional times in young people's lives, are considered especially high-risk periods for substance use. COVID-19 has come with its own challenges, environments, and transitions. Strategies to combat these stressors may include psychological and emotional support, drug and alcohol education initiatives, or comprehensive intervention.



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The health of a community begins with its children. COVID-19 is an extreme reminder that we are all interconnected - that the health of our children, families, and communities depends on the health of the person next to us and the person next to them.



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**MAY 3**

**HEALTH & HEALTH BEHAVIORS TIMELINE**



**TESTING**

Statewide testing strategy implemented which becomes more robust over time, including tracking and hotspot analysis



**CONTACT TRACING**

Plans unveiled to start contact tracing, Delaware National Guard joins effort



**FACEMASKS**

Recommendation made for children in kindergarten and above to wear facemasks



**MOBILE APP**

Launch of COVID Alert Delaware App

**1,000**

**DEATHS**

Delaware exceeds 1,000 deaths from COVID-19; changes in federal leadership re-introduce a nationally coordinated approach to managing the pandemic



**GOALS**

Set and enforce data-driven policies to save lives and protect well-being

**April 2020**

**May 2020**

**August 2020**

**September 2020**

**January 2021**

**next**










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**OVERVIEW**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | BASELINE DATA                                                                          | LATEST DATA              | CHANGE SINCE BASELINE    |                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <br><b>HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS</b><br>(<2500 GRAMS)<br>AS A PERCENTAGE OF LIVE BIRTHS      | 2010-2014<br><b>8.5%</b> | 2015-19<br><b>9.1%</b>   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS</b><br>(<1500 GRAMS)<br>AS A PERCENTAGE OF LIVE BIRTHS | 2010-2014<br><b>1.8%</b> | 2015-2019<br><b>1.8%</b> |  |
|  BETTER  WORSE  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                                                                                        |                          |                          |                                                                                     |



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# Fetal & Infant Mortality Review

The **Child Death Review Commission** reviews a substantial proportion of all the stillbirths and infant deaths that occur in Delaware each year to learn how to improve the systems of care for women & children.



**44%**

of mothers may have been eligible for home visiting services



**14%**

of mothers were appropriately referred for home visiting



**44%**

of women experienced multiple stressors during pregnancy



However no FIMR mothers were enrolled in home visiting programs<sup>1</sup>



Insurance reimbursement for

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting**








will increase access to these services which have been shown to improve maternal, infant & child outcomes

The Delaware CDRC  
**REVIEW & PREVENTION**  
OF CHILD DEATHS

<sup>1</sup>Based on findings from FIMR cases reviewed in 2020

**MAY 5**

**OVERVIEW**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | BASELINE DATA                                                                                                     | LATEST DATA              | CHANGE SINCE BASELINE    |                                                                                     |
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| <br><b>HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>INFANT MORTALITY</b><br><i>DEATHS OF INFANTS LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS</i>                    | 2009-2013<br><b>7.7</b>  | 2014-18<br><b>7.3</b>    |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</b><br><i>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN 0-17 YEARS OLD WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</i> | 2013-2015<br><b>6.7%</b> | 2018-2020<br><b>5.8%</b> |  |
|  BETTER  WORSE  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                                                                                                                   |                          |                          |                                                                                     |










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## OVERVIEW

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | BASELINE DATA                                                                                | LATEST DATA              | CHANGE SINCE BASELINE    |                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <br>HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIORS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>CHILD DEATH</b><br>PER 100,000 CHILDREN<br>1-14 YEARS OLD                                 | 2009-2013<br><b>16.1</b> | 2014-2018<br><b>15.6</b> |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TEEN DEATHS BY ACCIDENT, HOMICIDE AND SUICIDE</b><br>PER 100,000 TEENS<br>15-19 YEARS OLD | 2009-2013<br><b>40.0</b> | 2014-2018<br><b>38.9</b> |  |
|  BETTER  WORSE  SIMILAR  DATA NOT AVAILABLE |                                                                                              |                          |                          |                                                                                     |



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MAY 9

Health care - including coverage, access, and utilization - is critically important for children, especially in the first years of life. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) play a crucial role in providing coverage for uninsured youth. Medicaid/CHIP are especially important during a public health crisis such as the coronavirus pandemic, which has had a disproportionate impact on communities of color.



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Everleigh is learning to take steps towards the future with the help of Easterseals Children's Therapy.

"I don't know what I would have done if we didn't have them for support," Mom says.

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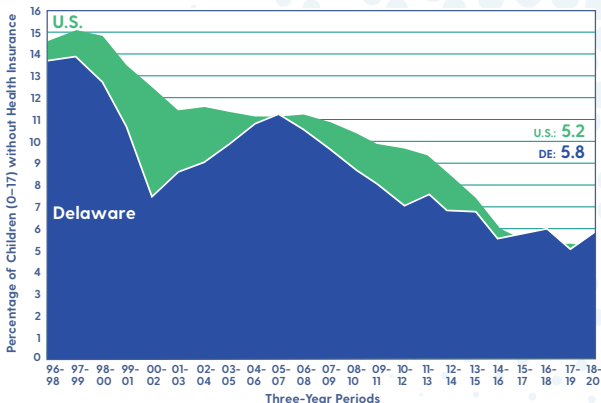


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**MAY 10**

## Fewer Children Lack Health Insurance

Children Ages 0-17 Without Health Insurance, U.S. and Delaware



Source: Current Population Survey 2016-2018 and prior provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research 2017-2019 and future provided by Center for Community Research and Service, University of Delaware



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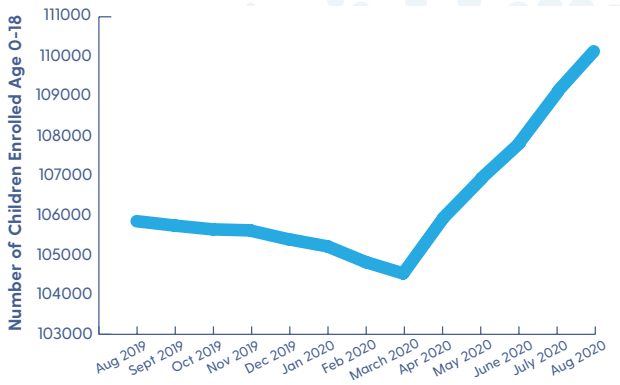
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**MAY 11**

## Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment Spiked at Start of COVID-19 Pandemic

Delaware Medicaid/CHIP Monthly Enrollment for Children age 0-18



Source: Center for Community Research & Service, produced from data from the data.Medicaid.org monthly enrollment



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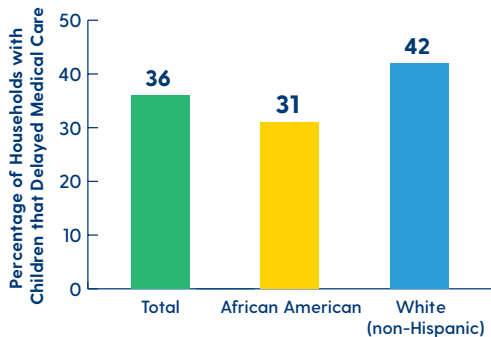
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**MAY 12**

## COVID-19 Delayed Medical Care in One-Third of Households with Children

Adults living in households with children who delayed getting medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic, Delaware by race, Nov 25-Dec 21



Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2020



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While COVID-19 has increased Medicaid/CHIP enrollment, health insurance alone does not solve all health-related issues for children. Whether due to a lack of insurance, low accessibility to care, or an interest to limit contact with the outside world, families have made decisions not to get the care they need.



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The health of the whole community is protected when we ensure that our children are immunized. Diseases that once spread quickly and affected thousands of children and adults are now largely contained by vaccines. Child vaccination is one of the most cost-effective preventative health measures.



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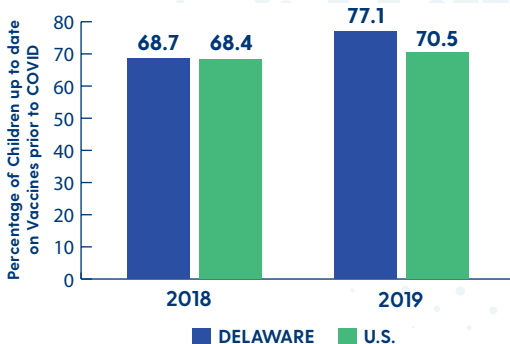


*FROM  
"Erik, Jonathan,  
Isaac and Elijah  
Raser-Schramm"*

**MAY 17**

## Three Quarters of Delaware Children Were Up To Date on Vaccines Prior to COVID-19

Vaccination coverage with selected individual vaccines and a combined vaccine series by age 24 months among children born 2016-2017, U.S. and Delaware



Source: Delaware Division of Health- Immunization and Vaccines for Children



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**MAY 18**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend every child continue to receive routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, in May 2020 the CDC released a report showing a drop in routine childhood vaccinations as a result of families staying home.



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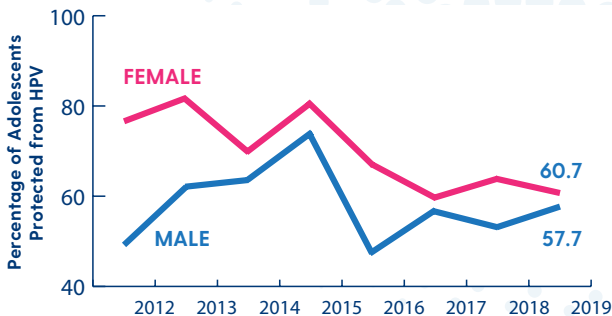
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**MAY 19**

## Three out of Five Delaware Adolescents are Protected from HPV

Immunization HPV series completion, Ages 13-17 by gender, Delaware



Source: Delaware Division of Health- Immunization and Vaccines for Children



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We know that worldwide, previous viral outbreaks have shown that when healthcare systems are overwhelmed, deaths from vaccine-preventable and treatable conditions can also increase dramatically.



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Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, national data showed a decades-long rise in the childhood obesity rate. Research also shows that childhood obesity is a powerful predictor of obesity in adulthood.



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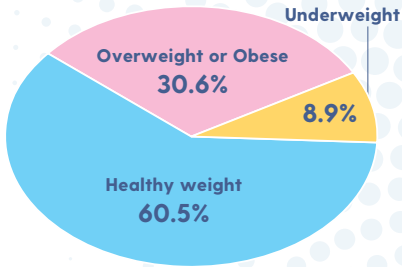
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**MAY 24**

## Almost One Third of Delaware Adolescents were Overweight or Obese Prior to Pandemic

Delaware, 2018-19



### Weight status of Delaware children 10-17 based on Body Mass Index

Source: National Survey of Children's Health, Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center of Child and Adolescent Health



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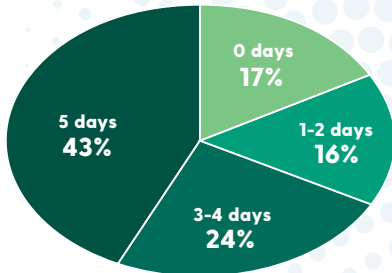


**MAY 25**

## Prior to COVID-19, One in Five Delaware Teens Were Sedentary

Number of days per week that Delaware students in grades 9-12  
participate in strenuous physical activity, 2017

### 9-12TH GRADERS



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware



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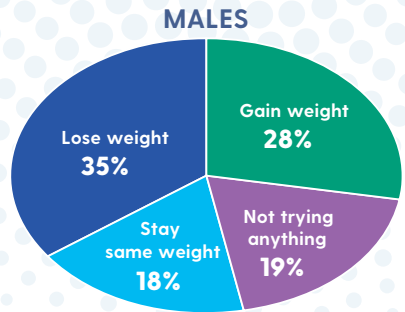
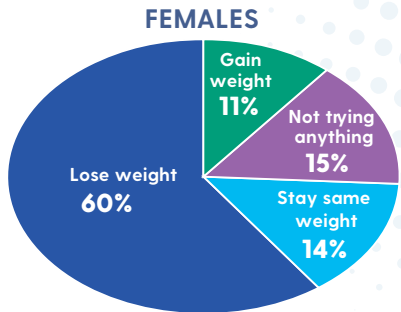


**MAY 26**

### Majority of Teens Actively Trying to Change Their Weight

Delaware students in grades 9-12 were asked: which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?

2017



Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware



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MAY 27

When schools serve nutritious foods and invest time in physical education and extracurricular activities, they become learning environments that shape strong minds and bodies for a lifetime. Neighborhood amenities, such as parks, recreation centers, sidewalks, and libraries make it safer for children to engage in physical activity and serve as a vehicle for socializing, increased time outdoors, and enhanced quality of life.



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The KIDS COUNT Data Center is your link to hundreds of child well-being indicators. Data can be easily accessed through a sophisticated search to create compelling visualizations and shared across networks. The power is at your fingertips to encourage data-driven policies.



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**MAY 31**

Data indicate that all children in Delaware do not have equal access to opportunity. Disparities exist in well-being outcomes by gender, zip code, income, and race/ethnicity. If we want a better future for all of us, we need better results for today's children.



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JUNE 1

While children have different starting points, every child deserves opportunity that leads to prosperity. However, equality of opportunity is not something that just happens: it is a product of systems, policies, and programs that work together to lay a foundation that allows every young Delawarean to have an equal chance for participation and for success.



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## JUNE 2

**P**olicy change is rarely quick, simple, or easy. Yet, policy matters. Making kids a priority in our budget matters. Tracking outcomes for kids across time matters.



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## JUNE 3

Throughout June, we'll spotlight recent policy wins in the state and highlight additional policy opportunities which would strengthen opportunity for children and their families.



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## JUNE 6

Children can't vote or lobby for public resources, yet their well-being and development directly impacts the future economic and social health of our state. All racial and ethnic groups are affected by poverty. However, the likelihood of living in poverty is far greater for Delaware's children of color.



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In the time of COVID-19, our staff equips Delaware's youth with resources and flexibility to support learning and well-being while empowering and encouraging them to reach their fullest potential becoming successful in school and beyond.

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# JUNE 7

## ECONOMIC SECURITY SPOTLIGHT:

Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) policies serve many public policy goals including reducing child poverty, increasing the incentive to work, stabilizing income, and spurring consumption. In 2021, the legislature passed HB 16 which modifies Delaware’s EITC to allow recipients to choose the most beneficial credit to be applied against their Delaware Personal Income Taxes.



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**JUNE 8**



### ECONOMIC SECURITY SPOTLIGHT:

**W**ith the passing of SB 15 w/ SA 1, Delaware's minimum wage will gradually increase to \$15/hour over the next several years.



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**JUNE 9**

**ECONOMIC SECURITY SPOTLIGHT:**

**C**COVID-19 impacted children across Delaware economically when caregivers suffered pandemic-related job loss. HB65 provided COVID-19 related relief to both claimants receiving unemployment benefits and to employers who are assessed unemployment taxes.



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JUNE 10

## ECONOMIC SECURITY SPOTLIGHT:

On July 15, 2021 millions of American parents began receiving their first monthly payment from the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC). Refundable tax credits are powerful tools for advancing economic security and opportunity. This refundable tax credit was particularly impactful for the lowest-income families. However, the changes to the CTC were temporary measures incorporated into the American Rescue Plan. Permanently enacting provisions such as these would ensure a long-term decrease in child poverty.



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JUNE 13

Education plays a primary role in equipping children with the necessary skills, knowledge, and experiences for achievement later in life. Delaware public schools serve a diverse student population with complex needs and immense potential. However, there are equity gaps that we must address including lags in proficiency levels and graduation rates. Data show disparity across dimensions of race/ethnicity, gender, income, and disability status.



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# JUNE 14

## EDUCATION POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

In 2021, legislation was established to create a common registration system for public school to simplify the process for families and students, while enabling schools to plan in advance of the school year, and integrate data systems.



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**JUNE 15****EDUCATION POLICY SPOTLIGHT:**

**H**B 163 w/HA 1 requires schools to excuse a student's absence for observance of a religious holiday, requires districts and charters to have a policy discouraging teachers from scheduling tests, presentations, or similar activities on days when some students may be absent for a religious holiday. The legislation also allows a student who does miss a grading event access to recover the credit.



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**JUNE 16**

**EDUCATION POLICY SPOTLIGHT:**

**D**elaware's Opportunity Fund was codified as an additional source of educational funding intended to support the increased needs of low-income and English learner students.



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JUNE 17

## EDUCATION POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

**B**efore the arrival of COVID-19, Delaware was working to close the digital divide for students in the state, a reality made increasingly apparent as the pandemic took a toll on our educational system. Access to technology and connectivity is the first step in what is needed to engage students in robust learning opportunities.



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JUNE 20

**K**IDS COUNT in Delaware wants to see our state provide equitable opportunities for every child. For that vision to be realized, children's risks and opportunities in life should not be dictated by their gender, zip code, family income, race, or ethnicity. Families with children have their best chance of thriving when they have access to physical and mental health care, education, adequate nourishment, safe housing, and high-quality early care.



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**JUNE 21**

**FAMILY/COMMUNITY  
POLICY SPOTLIGHT:**

**H**B 115 prohibits prosecution of children under 12 and bars transfer of juvenile prosecution to Superior Court unless the child is age 16 or older, with exceptions made for serious felonies.



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**JUNE 22****FAMILY/COMMUNITY  
POLICY SPOTLIGHT:**

In 2021, the “Clean Slate Act” created a monthly automatic expungement process for adult and juvenile charges that are eligible for mandatory expungement.



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**JUNE 23**

**FAMILY/COMMUNITY  
POLICY SPOTLIGHT:**

**H**B 125 w/ HA 1 makes it a felony to possess or manufacture an untraceable, undetectable, or covert firearm.



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JUNE 24

FAMILY/COMMUNITY  
POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

Systemic change that eliminates barriers to success based on race and ethnicity is one step toward reducing child well-being outcome disparities. Dismantling systemic racism should be viewed as a step toward ensuring equity of opportunity.



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JUNE 27

State and federal partnerships are more important than ever as we work to collectively address the COVID-19 crisis.



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# JUNE 28

## HEALTH POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

The advancement of telehealth is a positive outcome of the pandemic, allowing providers and patients to interact virtually in order to keep safe. However, telehealth does have constraints, including: reliability of internet connection, privacy concerns, and limits to services available electronically.





# JUNE 29

## HEALTH POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

**W**ell-child visits and vaccinations are essential services and help make sure children are protected. Vaccines are important because they not only protect individual children against dangerous diseases, they protect communities by slowing down or preventing disease outbreaks and by helping to protect children who are not able to be vaccinated. As communities are opening up, it's important for parents to work with their children's health care provider to make sure their children get and stay up to date on routine vaccines.



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# JUNE 30

## HEALTH POLICY SPOTLIGHT:

**H**B 222 mandates lead screening at or around 12 and 24 months of age and directs the Division of Public Health to develop regulations and to annually report elevated blood lead levels to the General Assembly.



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JULY 1

**K**IDS COUNT in Delaware remains committed to raising awareness and driving actions in support of policy and program choices which will enhance the well-being of all children and families to emerge healthy and strong into the future. As the legislature breaks for summer, KIDS COUNT in Delaware would like to say *Thank You* to all of the many individuals working hard on behalf of each and every one of our state's children!



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