2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE DELAWARE



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						17
	UNITED STATES			DELAWARE		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 DE 32,000	17 % 2019	16 % 2023	↓ BETTER	16%	15%	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 DE 54,000	26 % 2019	25 % 2023	↓ BETTER	28%	26 %	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 DE 51,000	30 % 2019	30 % 2023	= SAME	28%	24 % 2023	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working us 1,168,000 DE 3,000	6 % 2019	7 % 2023	† Worse	6 %	5 %	↓ BETTER

EDUCATION						37
	UNITED STATES			DELAWARE		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 DE 12,000	52 % 2014-18	54 % 2019-23	↑ WORSE	49 % 2014-18	54 % 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. DE N.A.	66 % 2019	70 % 2024	† Worse	67%	74 %	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. DE N.A.	67 % 2019	73 % 2024	↑ Worse	71%	81%	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time	14 % 2018-19	13 % 2021-22	↓ BETTER	11% 2018-19	12 % 2021-22	↑ WORSE

HEALTH						27
	UNITED STATES			DELAWARE		
Low birth-weight babies us 308,263 DE 954	8.3 % 2019	8.6 % 2023	↑ Worse	9.4%	9.2%	↓ BETTER
Children without health insurance us 4,155,000 DE 11,000	6 % 2019	5 % 2023	↓ BETTER	5 %	5 %	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 us 22,841 DE 57	25 2019	29 2023	↑ Worse	29	25 2023	↓ BETTER
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. DE N.A.	31% 2018-19	31 % 2022-23	= SAME	30%	31% 2022-23	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY						33
	UNITED STATES			DELAWARE		
Children in single-parent families us 23,531,000 DE 81,000	34 % 2019	34 % 2023	= Same	38%	41%	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 DE 22,000	12 % 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	14%	11%	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 DE 7,000	10 % 2014-18	8 % 2019-23	↓ BETTER	3 % 2014-18	3 % 2019-23	= SAME
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 DE 444	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	15	13	↓ BETTER

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