2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE **PENNSYLVANIA**



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
Children in poverty us 11,445,000 pa 404,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	17%	16% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment us 18,437,000 PA 661,000	26 % 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	26%	25% 2023	U BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden us 22,134,000 pa 675,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= Same	27%	26%	U BETTER
Teens not in school and not working us 1,168,000 pa 35,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	5% 2019	5% 2023	≡ SAME

EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 PA 159,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	53% 2014-18	56% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. PA N.A.	66 % 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	60%	67% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math us N.A. PA N.A.	67 % 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	61%	69%	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	U BETTER

N.A.: Not available

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.

HEALTH

_	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 PA 10,703	8.3 % 2019	8.6 % 2023	↑ WORSE	8.4%	8.4%	= SAME
Children without health insurance us 4,155,000 PA 147,000	6 % 2019	5 % 2023	↓ BETTER	5%	5% 2023	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 PA 675	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	23 2019	24 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese us N.A. PA N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= Same	29% 2018-19	30% 2022-23	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
Children in single-parent families	34%	34%	=	35%	35%	=
us 23,531,000 pa 874,000	2019	2023	Same		2023	SAME
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 7,998,000 PA 235,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	9% 2023	= Same
Children living in high-poverty areas	10%	8%	↓	2014-18	8%	↓
us 5,546,000 pa 203,000	2014-18	2019-23	BETTER		2019-23	BETTER
Teen births per 1,000	17	13	↓	13	10	BETTER
US 140,977 PA 4,077	2019	2023	BETTER	2019	2023	

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