

2026 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# PENNSYLVANIA

OVERALL SCORE	OVERALL RANK
<b>626</b> WORSE	<b>18</b>

<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>	SCORE	RANK
	<b>674</b> BETTER	<b>19</b>

	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 11,117,000   PA 396,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 18,420,000   PA 631,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	26% 2019	24% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 22,385,000   PA 687,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	27% 2019	26% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,218,000   PA 36,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	5% 2019	5% 2024	STABLE

<b>EDUCATION</b>	SCORE	RANK
	<b>491</b> WORSE	<b>10</b>

	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,277,000   PA 157,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	53% 2015-19	56% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   PA N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	60% 2019	67% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   PA N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	61% 2019	69% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> US N.A.   PA N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	14% 2018-19	12% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

**Note:** Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		SCORE	RANK
	2019	2024	TREND	2019	2024	667 STABLE	20
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 308,966   PA 10,594	8.3%	8.5%	↑ WORSE	8.4%	8.3%	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,648,000   PA 153,000	6%	6%	STABLE	5%	5%	STABLE	
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 21,189   PA 622	25	27	↑ WORSE	23	22	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   PA N.A.	31%	30%	↓ BETTER	29%	30%	↑ WORSE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			PENNSYLVANIA		SCORE	RANK
	2019	2024	TREND	2019	2024	674 BETTER	24
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,472,000   PA 829,000	34%	34%	STABLE	35%	33%	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,868,000   PA 232,000	12%	11%	↓ BETTER	9%	9%	STABLE	
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,419,000   PA 206,000	9%	7%	↓ BETTER	10%	8%	↓ BETTER	
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 137,273   PA 4,034	17	13	↓ BETTER	13	10	↓ BETTER	

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