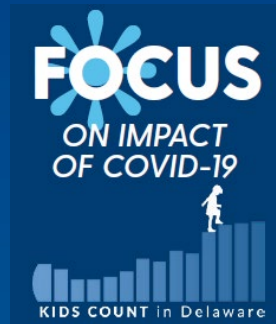




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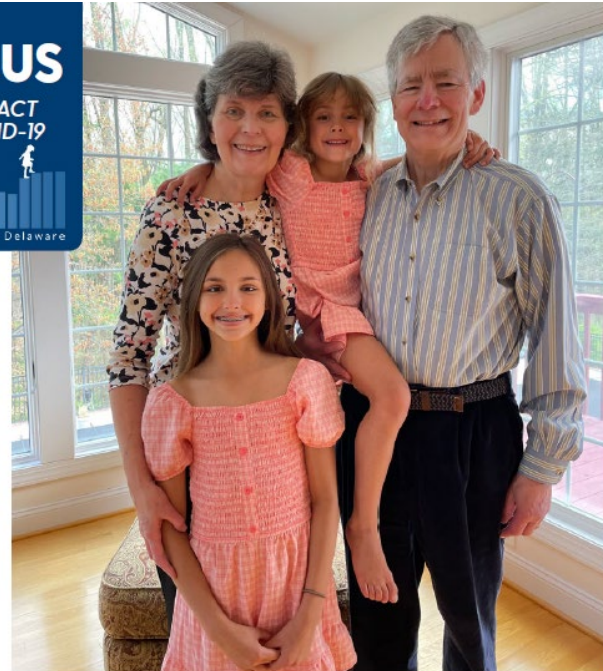


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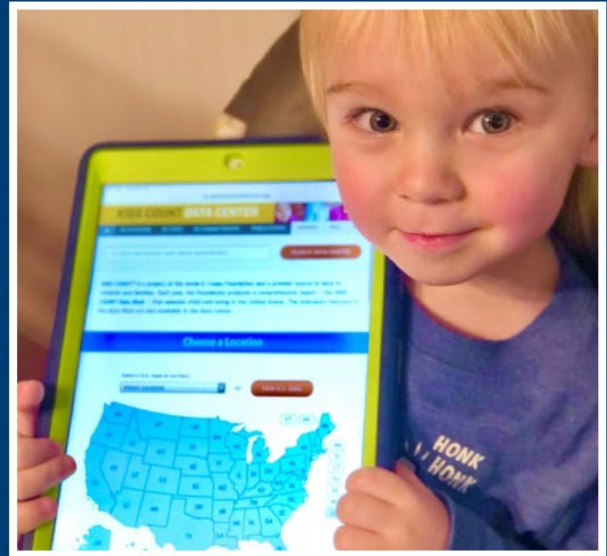
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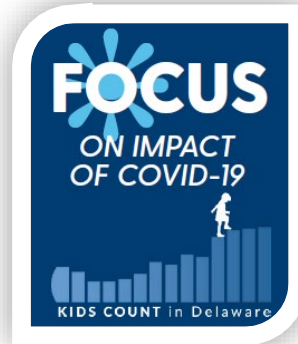


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## Measuring Equity

### DEFINING RACE AND ETHNICITY

Racial and ethnic definitions are not static constructs based in science or biology. In fact, the way racial and ethnic groups have been defined and measured in the U.S. has changed dramatically over time and continues to evolve,

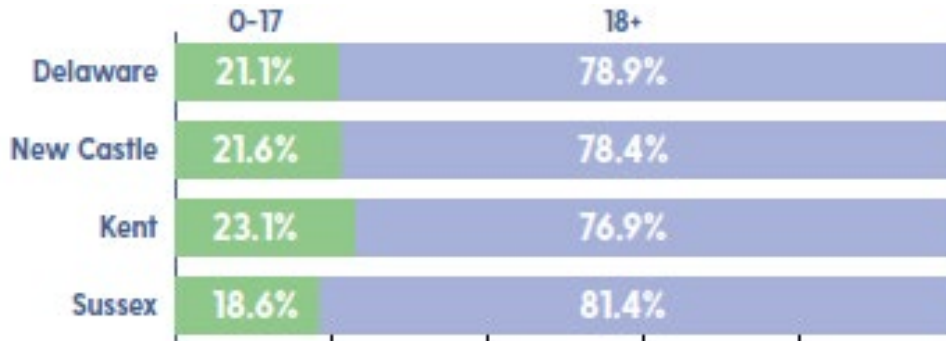
along with the country's changing demographics. For the purposes of this report, the terminology displayed is that which is reported by the primary data collection sources, meaning that group definitions are not comparable between individual indicators. It is also important to recognize that the racial and ethnic groupings

may mask significant intragroup differences. While the indicators selected are important measures of success, data selection was constrained by the availability of datasets large enough to reliably breakout by race and ethnicity. In other words, these data do not capture all of the numerous dynamics that contribute to a child's success. ♦

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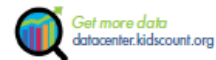
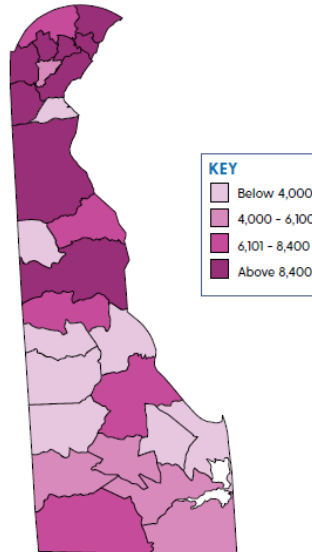
## Delaware Population by Age 2017-2021





## Child Population Distribution

Number of Children 0-17 by Census County Division, 2017-2021

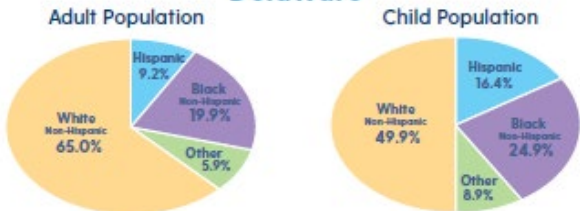


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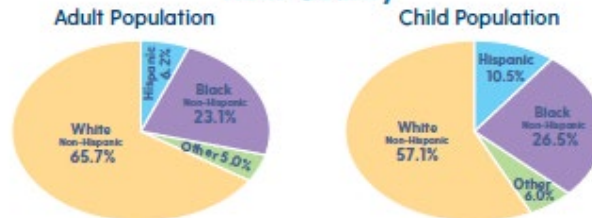
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Adult Population 20+ and Child Population 0-19 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

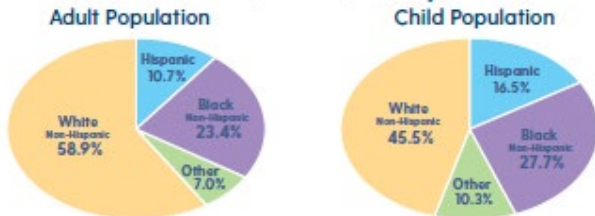
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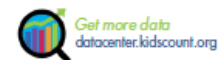
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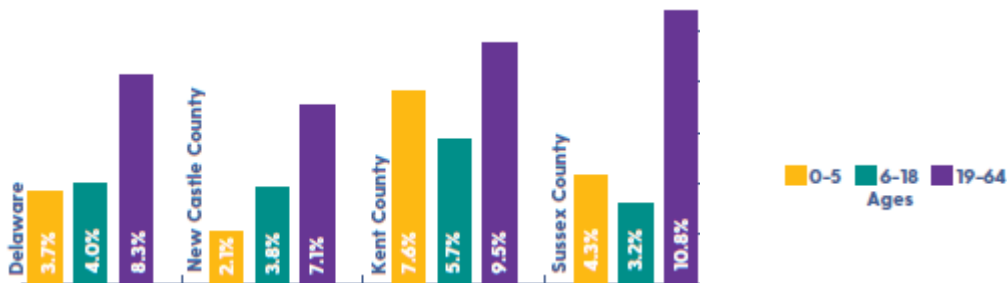
<b>DELAWARE HEALTH</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>American Indian</b>	<b>Asian and Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Two or More Races</b>
<b>Total births, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder</small>	100%	<0.5%	6%	29%	17%	48%	3%
<b>Low birth weight babies, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder</small>	8.9%	S	S	13.1%	7.0%	6.9%	8.9%
<b>Births to women receiving late or no prenatal care, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder</small>	6%	S	3%	6%	12%	4%	S
<b>Infant mortality, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of CDC data, National Center for Health Statistics, Multiple Causes of Death Microdata Files; VitalStats 6 per 1,000</small>	6 per 1,000	S	S	9 per 1,000	S	5 per 1,000	S
<b>Child and teen (ages 1-19) death rate, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of CDC data, National Center for Health Statistics, Multiple Causes of Death Microdata Files; VitalStats 24 per 100,000</small>	24 per 100,000	S	S	52 per 100,000	S	S	S
<b>Children without health insurance, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey</small>	4%	S	<0.5%	3%	6%	4%	2%
<b>Children who are not in excellent or very good health, 2019-2020</b> <small>Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health</small>	11%	N.A.	N.A.	12%	27%	6%	N.A.

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## Delaware Children are More Likely to Have Health Care Coverage than Delaware Adults

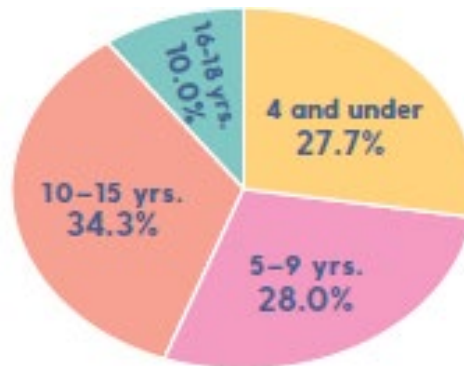
Percent of young children ages 0-5, children ages 6-18, and adults ages 19-64 without health insurance, Delaware and Counties, 2017-2021





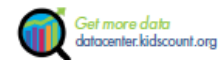
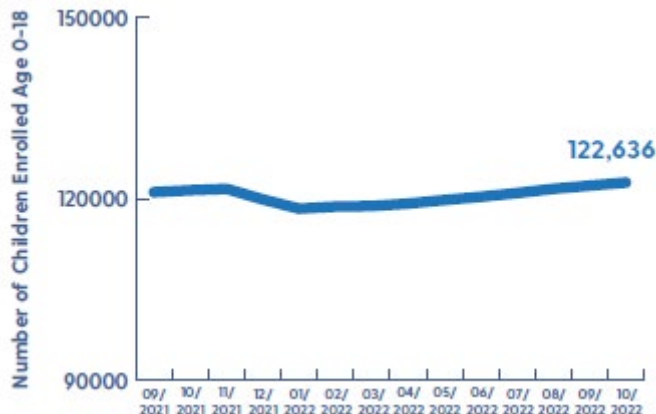
## More Than Half of Children Served by Medicaid/CHIP are Under Age 10

Children with Medicaid/CHIP claims by age group, Delaware 2021



# Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment Show Continued Growth Through COVID-19 Pandemic

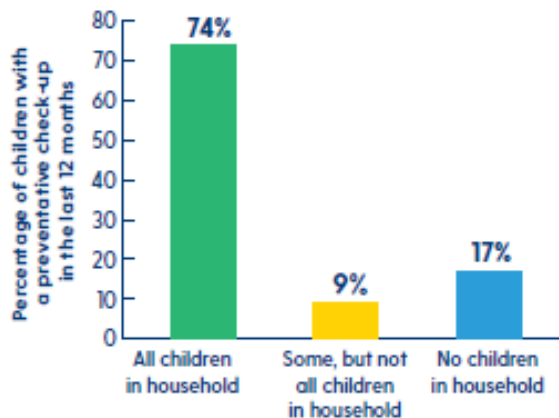
Delaware Medicaid/CHIP Monthly Enrollment for Children age 0-18



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

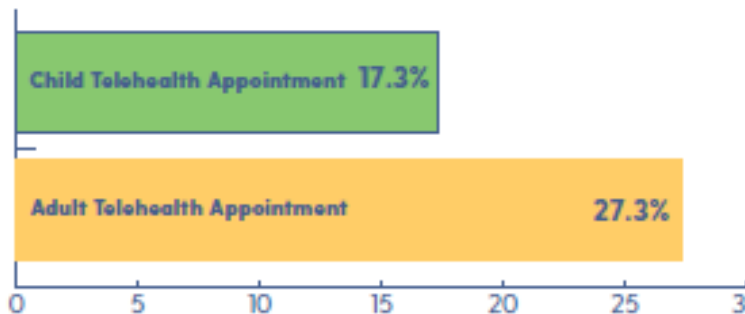
## Majority of Delaware Children Engaged in Wellness Visits During Second Year of Pandemic

Children who had a preventative check-up in the last 12 months, Delaware, January 26-February 7, 2022



## One Positive of the COVID-19 Pandemic is Increased Utilization of Telehealth Services

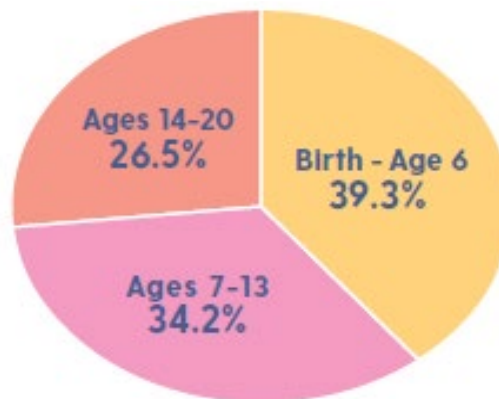
Children and adults who had an appointment with a doctor/nurse/other health professional by video or phone in the past 4 weeks, Delaware, July 27-August 8, 2022





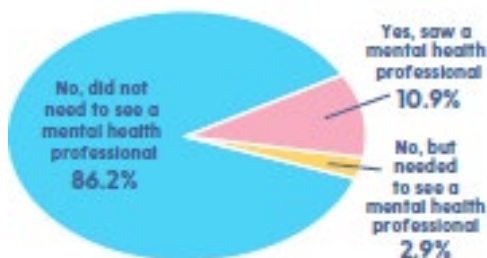
## Telehealth Allows Pediatric Patients of All Ages Access to Primary Care

Nemours Children's health primary care provider (PCP) total telehealth visits by age of patient, 2022



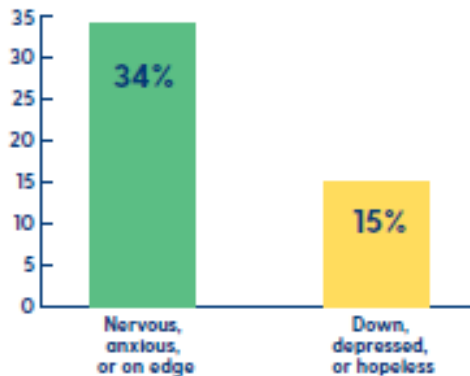
## One in Ten Delaware Children are in Treatment for Mental Health Concerns

Children ages 3-17 who received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional during the last 12 months, 2020-2021 two-year average



## Delaware Children Continue to Struggle with Mental Health Concerns

Adults living in households with children who experienced feelings of anxiety or depression for more than half of the days or nearly every day for the past two weeks, Delaware, November 2-November 14, 2022







## Measuring Equity: Education

<b>DELAWARE EDUCATION</b>	All	American Indian	Asian and Pacific Islander	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Non-Hispanic White	Two or More Races
<b>Children (under 6) whose family members read to them less than 4 days per week, 2019-2020</b> <small>Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health</small>	46.0%	S	43.0%	65.0%	74.0%	30.0%	N.A.
<b>Households with children in K-12 with computer and high-speed internet access at home, June 9 – July 5, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey</small>	93.0%	N.A.	S	96.0%	98.0%	93.0%	S
<b>4th graders who are chronically absent, 2022</b> <small>Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics</small>	35.0%	S	19.0%	37.0%	43.0%	32.0%	38.0%
<b>Students meeting the standard on Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA), 3rd grade reading, 2021/22</b> <small>Source: Delaware Department of Education</small>	40.0%	N.A.	N.A.	26.1%	28.6%	52.3%	N.A.
<b>Students meeting the standard on Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA), 11th grade math 2021/22</b> <small>Source: Delaware Department of Education</small>	24.3%	N.A.	N.A.	9.6%	13.4%	34.1%	N.A.
<b>High school dropouts as a percentage of total students, 2020/21</b> <small>Source: Delaware Department of Education</small>	1.4%	N.A.	N.A.	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	N.A.
<b>Graduation from high school, 2020/21</b> <small>Source: Delaware Department of Education</small>	87.0%	N.A.	N.A.	84.8%	81.7%	89.8%	N.A.

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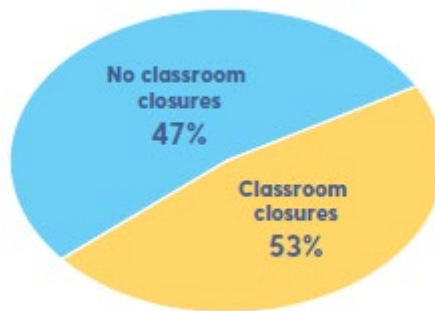
## Majority of Early Care and Education Providers in Delaware Report Difficulty Filling Staff Roles

Staffing within early care and education providers, Delaware, December 2022



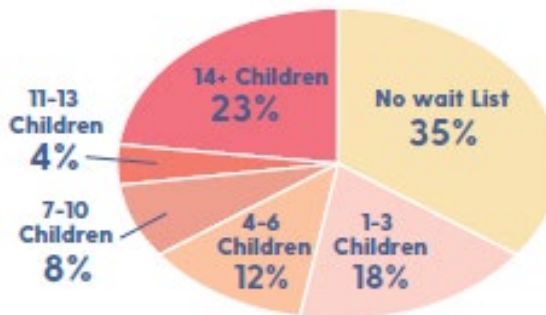
## Approximately Half of Delaware Early Care and Education Providers Report Classroom Closures

Classroom closures across center based programs, Delaware, December 2022



## In Delaware, 65% of Early Care and Education Providers Have a Wait List

Early care and education provider wait lists by number of children waiting for care, Delaware, December 2022



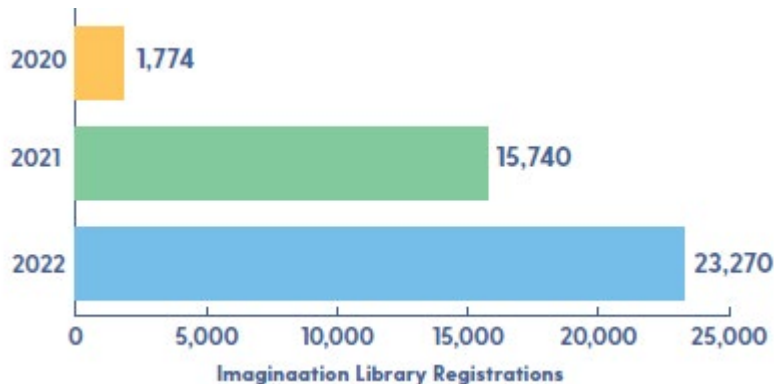
## More Than Half of Delaware's Young Children are Read to 4 or More Days per Week

Number of days children ages birth to 5 were read aloud to during the past week, 2020-2021 two-year average



## Early Literacy Skills Were Supported by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library During the COVID-19 Pandemic

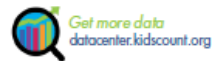
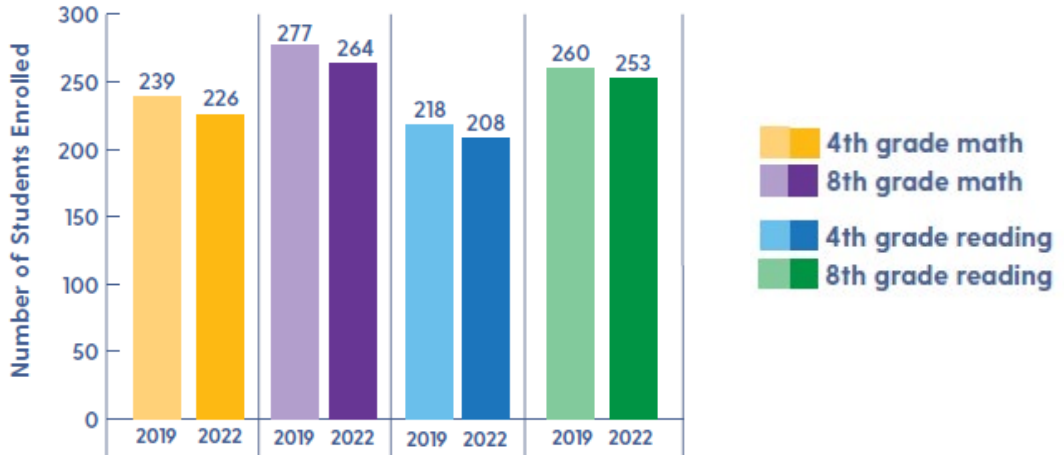
Total Imagination Library active participants in Delaware





## Delaware Student Proficiency Declines Revealed via Pre- and Post-Pandemic Assessment

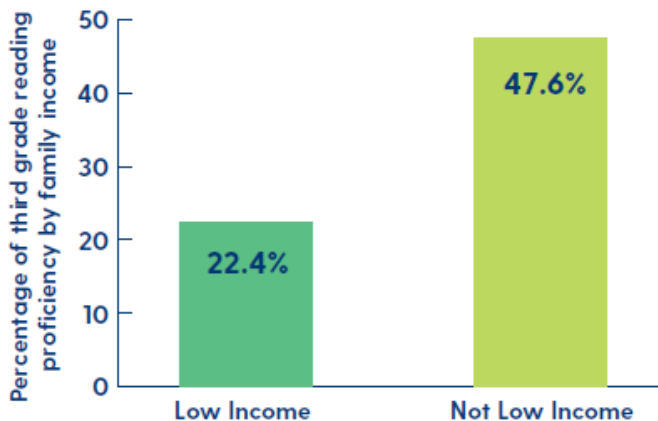
Average score for students on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) by grade and subject, Delaware



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress

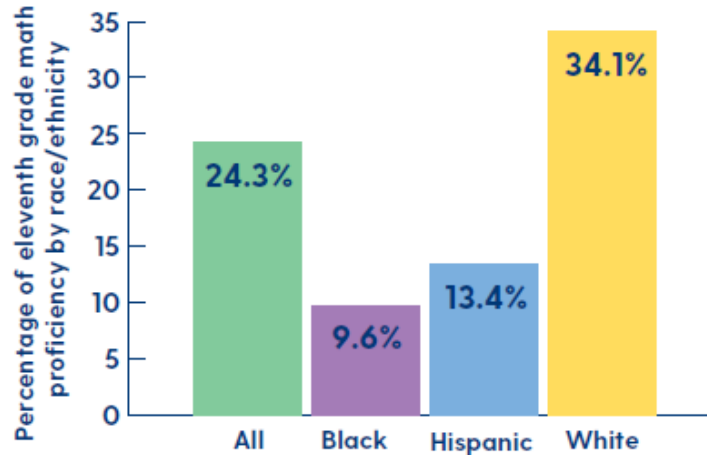
## Low Income 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Are Less Likely to be Proficient Readers Than Higher Income Peers

Third grade reading proficiency by family income as measured by Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA), Delaware, 2021/22 school year



## Disparities in 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Proficiency by Race and Ethnicity Persist After Height of Pandemic

Eleventh grade math proficiency by race/ethnicity as measured by Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA), Delaware, 2021/22 school year



## Measuring Equity: Economic Well-Being

<b>DELAWARE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>	All	American Indian	Asian and Pacific Islander	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Non- Hispanic White	Two or More Races
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey</small>	10%	S	S	6%	S	5%	17%
<b>Teens (ages 16-19) not in school and not working, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey</small>	5%	S	S	4%	S	1%	S
<b>Children in poverty, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the American Community Survey.</small>	17%	S	S	22%	S	17%	S
<b>Median family income, 2021</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey</small>	\$82,100	S	\$117,800	\$56,500	\$55,200	\$102,200	\$45,000

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# One in Ten Delaware Children in Single Mother Households Live in Poverty

Delaware and Counties, 2017-2021

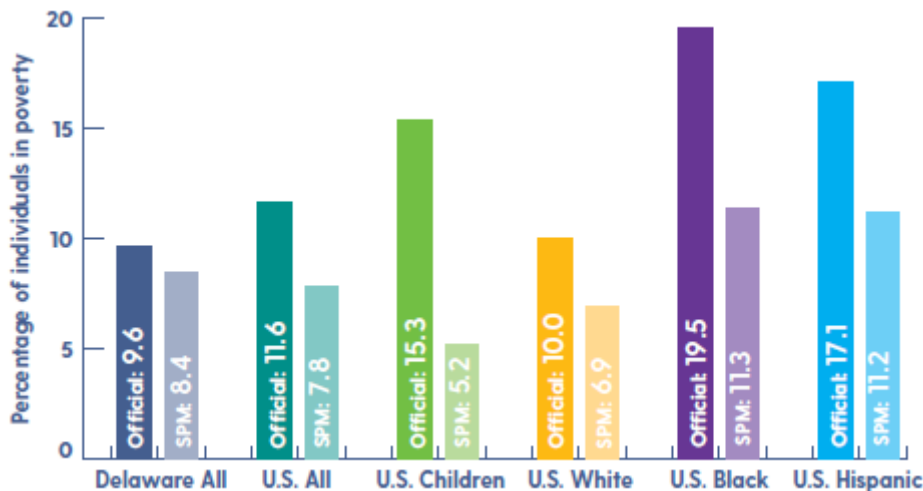


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## The Economic Well-Being of Children is Improved by Safety Net Programs Not Captured in the Official Poverty Measure

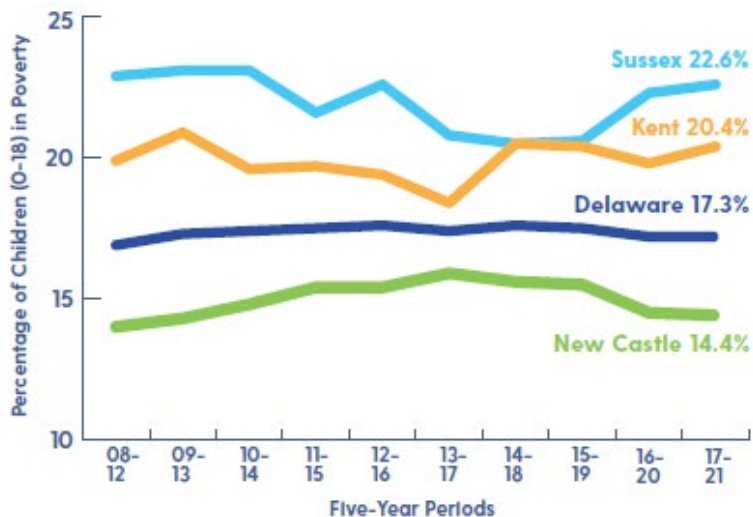
Official vs Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), U.S. 2021 and Delaware, 2019-2021





## About 1 in 6 Delaware Children Live in Poverty

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



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

## More Than Half of Delaware Families Struggle with Basic Needs

November 2-14, 2022

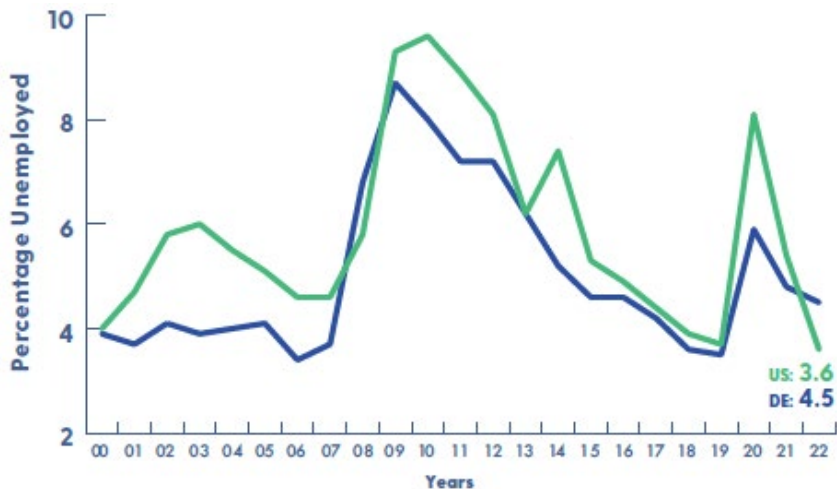


Households with  
children that had  
difficulty paying  
for usual household  
expenses in past  
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**54%**

# COVID-19's Unemployment Rate Spike in 2020 has Declined in Recent Years

Unemployment rate, U.S. and Delaware

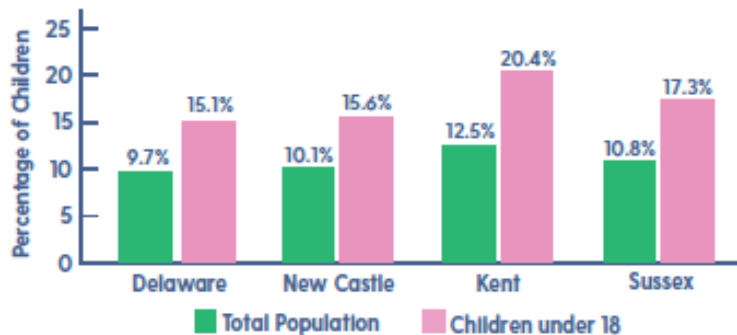


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## Children More Likely to Experience Hunger than Adults

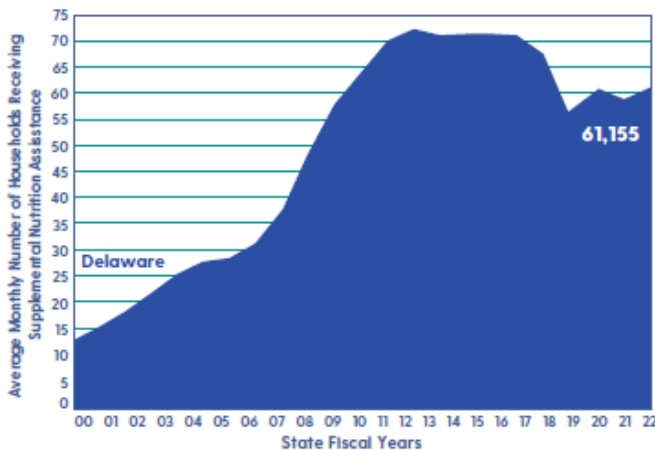
Food insecurity, Delaware and Counties, 2020



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

## SNAP is One Safety net Program Which Was Instrumental in Fighting Childhood Hunger During the Pandemic

Average monthly number of households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) benefits, Delaware



## Food Bank of Delaware Continues to Fight Hunger in Communities Throughout the State

Food Bank and pantry data, 2022



**35,893 visits to the Food Bank's Healthy Pantry Center in Newark & Milford**

**6,169,819 pounds of food distributed—75,150 visits**

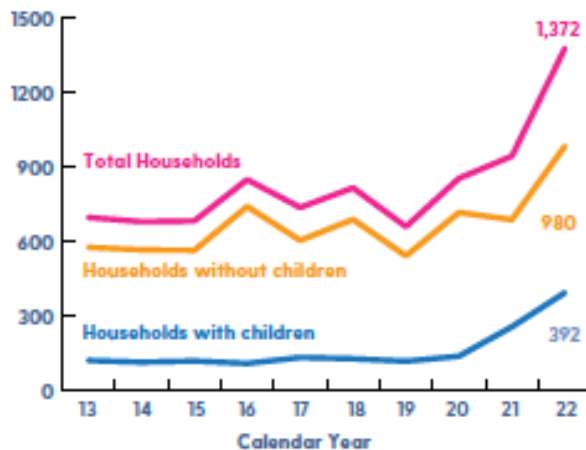
676 mobile pantry distributions held





## Delaware Homeless Families with Children Spiked During Pandemic

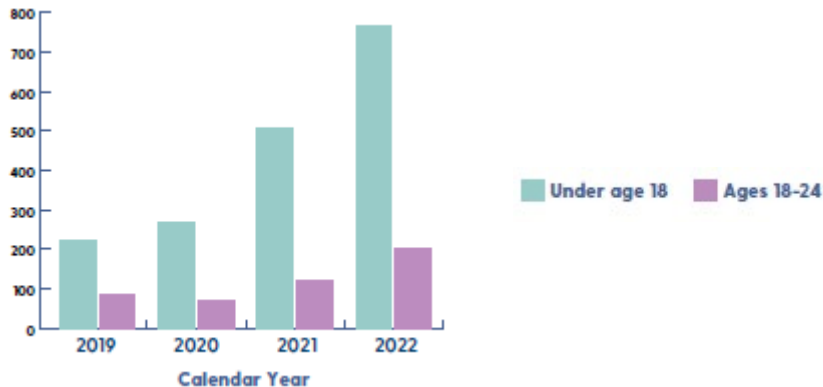
Households experiencing homelessness by presence of children, Delaware



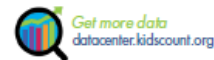
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# Number of Homeless Children More than Tripled During COVID-19

Homelessness among youth and young adults in Delaware

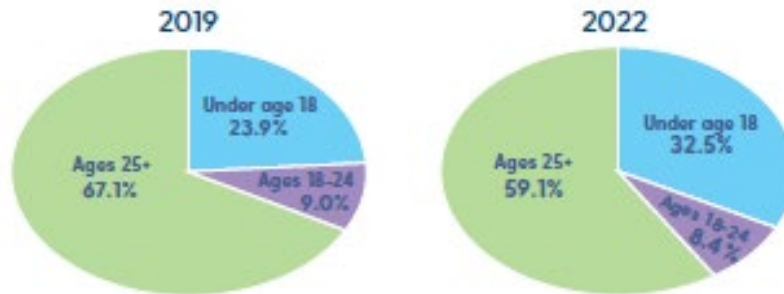


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## During Pandemic Delaware Children Grew to One-Third of Total Homeless Population

Homeless population by age group in Delaware



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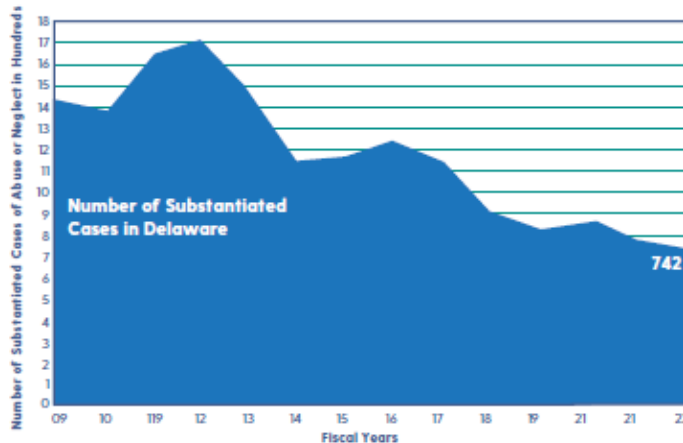
## Measuring Equity: Family & Community

<b>DELAWARE FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>American Indian</b>	<b>Asian and Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Two or More Races</b>
<b>Teen (15-19) births, 2020</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder</small>	15 per 1,000	S	S	20 per 1,000	32 per 1,000	8 per 1,000	19 per 1,000
<b>Children who have experienced two or more adverse experiences, 2019-2020</b> <small>Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health</small>	19%	S	S	24%	23%	14%	N.A.
<b>Children in foster care, 2020</b> <small>Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)</small>	100%	S	S	46%	12%	34%	7%
<b>Children who had a parent who was ever incarcerated, 2019-2020</b> <small>Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health</small>	6%	S	S	9%	S	4%	S
<b>Juvenile crime arrests, 2020</b> <small>Source: National Incident Based Crime, Delaware Statistical Analysis Center</small>	100%	N.A.	N.A.	69.9%	6.4%	29.4%	N.A.
<b>Youth (ages 14-17) with at least one adult mentor in the community who provides advice or guidance, 2016-2019</b> <small>Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health</small>	90%	S	S	95%	S	91%	S

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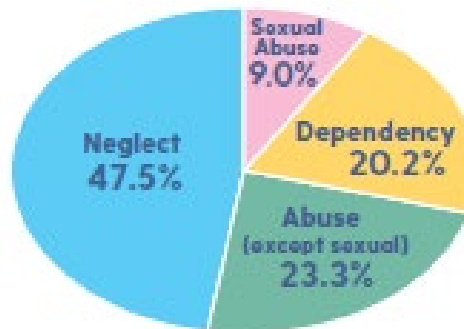
# Pandemic Related Health Precautions May Have Depressed the Number of Child Abuse and Neglect Instances Being Reported During COVID-19

Child abuse and neglect, number of substantiated cases, Delaware



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

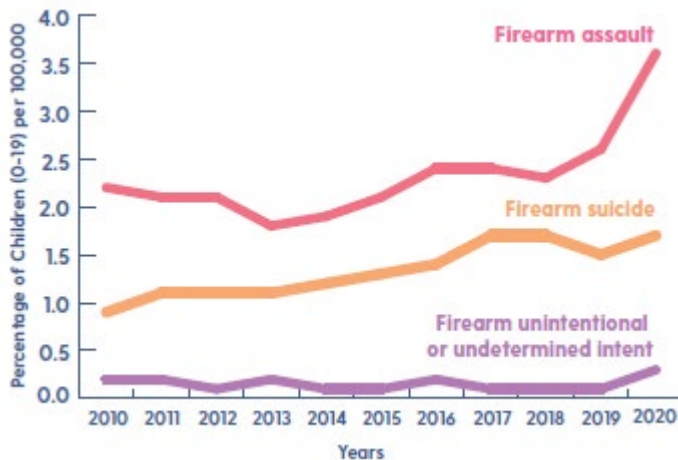
Child abuse and neglect by type, Delaware 2022





## U.S. Child Firearm Assault and Suicide Deaths Have Increased

Firearm mortality rates per 100,000 children ages 1-19 in the U.S. by type of firearm death



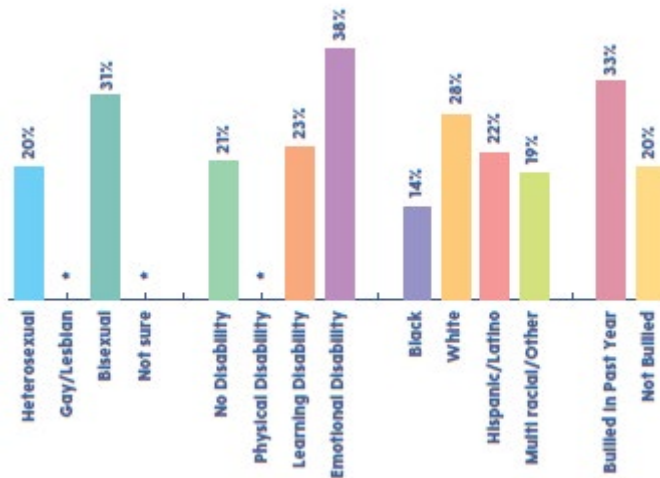
## In 2020 Firearms Became the Leading Cause of Death for U.S. Youth

Number of deaths by leading cause of mortality for U.S. (ages 1-19), 2020



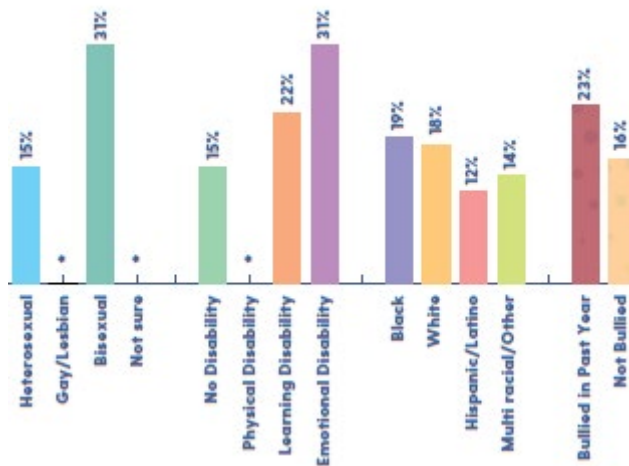
## One-Third of Youth Who Report Being Bullied Also Report Using Alcohol

Past 30 day use of alcohol by risk factor, Delaware high school students, 2021



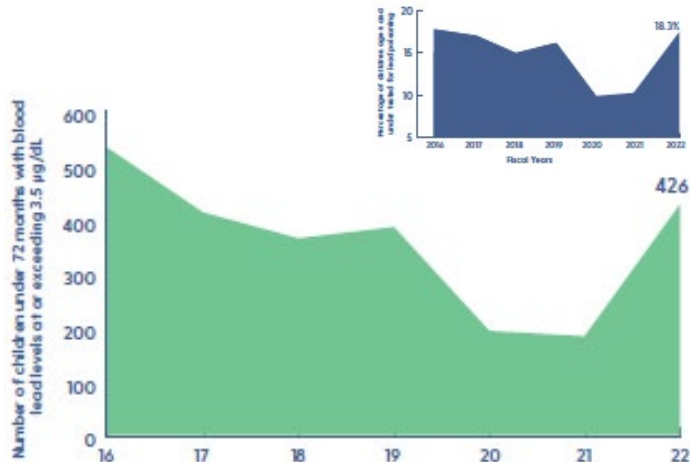
## Understanding Characteristics of Students Most Likely to Use Marijuana Will Help Target Prevention Efforts

Past 30 day use of marijuana by risk factor, Delaware high school students, 2021



## Fewer Children Tested and Fewer Lead Poisoning Cases Identified in Young Children During COVID-19

Children under 72 months tested for elevated blood lead levels and children under 72 months with blood lead levels at or exceeding 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, Delaware



## A Disproportionate Number of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels Live in the City of Wilmington

Children under 72 months with blood lead levels at or exceeding 3.5 micrograms per deciliter by zip code, 2016-2021

