Child Population
- 204,274 children lived in Delaware in 2016.
- 50 percent were children of color: 25 percent were Black; 16 percent were Hispanic; 4 percent were Asian; and <1 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native.

Child Poverty
- 17 percent of Delaware’s children were poor in 2016—a total of 35,002 children—and children of color were disproportionately poor.
- 29 percent of Black, 34 percent of Hispanic and 8 percent of White children were poor.
- 7 percent of children were extremely poor (their family had income at less than half the poverty level).
- 19 percent of children under 6 were poor.

Income and Wealth Inequality
- $78,200 was the median income for White families with children compared with $47,200 for Black and $40,200 for Hispanic families in 2015.

Housing and Homelessness
- 3,098 homeless children were enrolled in public schools during 2014-2015.
- 2.6 full-time jobs at minimum wage were needed for a family to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent in 2016.

Child Hunger and Nutrition
- 17 percent of children lived in food-insecure households in 2015.
- 31 percent of children 10-17 were overweight or obese in 2016.
- 31 percent relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in FY2015.
- 85 percent of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch during the school year did not participate in Summer Nutrition Programs in 2016.

Child Health
- 6,243 children 0-17 were uninsured in 2016.
- 126,361 children 0-18 were enrolled in Delaware Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) & Healthy Children (Children’s Health Insurance Program).

Early Childhood
- $10,396 was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2015.
- 7 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded preschool during 2015-2016.

Education
- 79 percent of Black, 78 percent of Hispanic and 49 percent of White 4th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 84 percent of Black, 82 percent of Hispanic and 57 percent of White 8th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 83 percent of Black, 81 percent of Hispanic and 88 percent of White students graduated high school on time during 2014-2015.
- 26 percent of Black, 15 percent of Hispanic and 9 percent of White public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2011-2012.

Child Welfare
- 1,538 children were abused or neglected in 2015.
- 780 children were in foster care on the last day of FY2016.

Juvenile Justice
- 162 children were in residential placement in 2015.
- 80 percent were Black; 7 percent were Hispanic; and 13 percent were White.
- 8 children were in adult jails or prisons in 2015.

Gun Violence
- 10 children and teens were killed with a gun in 2015.