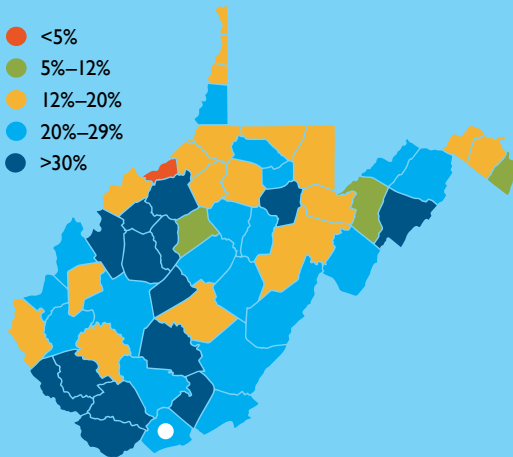


2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book

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PERCENTAGE OF KIDS UNDER THE POVERTY LINE



Percentage of children in each county that live in households with an income less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, which is \$23,030 annually for a family of three. *Current data from 2022*

DEMOGRAPHICS

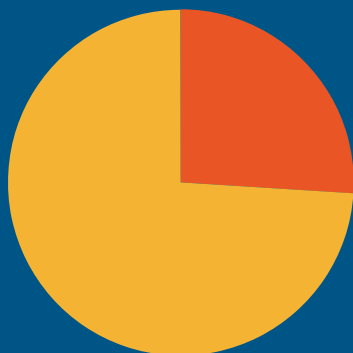
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	MERCER COUNTY	WEST VIRGINIA
Total Population of County (all ages)	58,700	1,775,156
Population of County (under 18)	12,312	351,543
White	85.5%	91.3%
Black	7.1%	4.2%
Hispanic	2.6%	3.4%
Other	0.9%	1.0%

COUNTY LEVEL DATA MERCER COUNTY

POVERTY

Percent of children in Mercer County living in poverty. *Current data from 2022*



CHILDREN BELOW 100% OF POVERTY
26.2%

CHILDREN ABOVE 100% OF POVERTY
73.8%

UNINSURED KIDS

Current data from 2022



of kids under 6 in Mercer County do not have health insurance.

FOOD INSECURITY

Current data from 2022



kids under 18 in Mercer County do not have enough to eat.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Current data from 2022





EDUCATION

Public School Enrollment Total headcount enrollment, 2023-24	8,415	245,047
Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency Percentage of fourth graders proficient in reading, 2023-24	47.7%	46.6%
Eighth Grade Math Proficiency Percentage of eighth graders proficient in math, 2023-24	28.9%	28.7%
Graduation Rate 2023 four year cohort	88.5%	92.6%
Students With Special Needs Percentage of students with a disability, 2023-24	20.7%	19.7%



HEALTH

Children Under Age Six Without Health Insurance As a percentage, 2022	4.0%	2.6%
Children Insured Through Medicaid Percentage of children insured by Medicaid, 2022	55.8%	47.4%
Live Births 2021	611	17,189
Pre-Term Births Percentage of live births born before 37 weeks of pregnancy, 2021	14.2%	12.8%



ECONOMIC

Children Participating in SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 2023	2,859	66,412
Households With Children Who Receive TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, 2023	435	8,654
Children Under Age Six With All Available Parents in Workforce 2022	1,713	62,000



FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Children Receiving Child Care Assistance Average number of children receiving child care assistance monthly, 2023	1,044	11,991
Child Care Gap Additional child care slots needed for children under six with working parents	0	24,855
Rate of Children With Juvenile Criminal System Involvement Rate per 1,000, 2022	7.39	5.78
Children in Child Welfare System Children in state custody, 2024	195	5,967