Economic Vitality and Education in the South (EVES)
The South’s Pre-Pandemic Position
Delaware, 2019

Poverty and Food Insecurity

Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch

31%

People living in poverty

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<td>Children Under 18</td>
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<td>18%</td>
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Children living in food insecure households

10%

Median Household Income

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On average, people of color were paid less than White people.

Childcare and Early Childhood Education

Children under 6 with all caretakers in the workforce

66%

Families who lived in childcare deserts

25%

Four-year-olds enrolled in a public ECE program in 2020

13%

Annual childcare expenses should cost just 7%* of a family's income, but infant care for one child cost

- 22% of the average Black household's income
- 20% of the average Hispanic household's income
- 14% of the average White household's income

If infant care cost 7% of the region's median income, just 13 of every 100 families could afford it.

Performance on NAEP*

Below the Proficient Level in 4th Grade

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Below the Proficient Level in 8th Grade

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<td>Low-Income</td>
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*National Assessment of Educational Progress

*according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Attainment and the Workforce

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Adults 25-64 with higher attainment have a higher employment-to-population ratio — they are more likely to be in the labor force.

- No high school credential: 56%
- High school or equivalent: 69%
- Some college or associate degree: 77%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 86%

Adults 25+ with lower attainment earn less.

- No high school credential: $31,024
- High school or equivalent: $33,671
- Some college or associate degree: $38,048
- Bachelor's degree: $56,603
- Graduate or professional degree: $70,579

Adults 25+ living in poverty

- No high school credential: 24%
- High school or equivalent: 11%
- Some college or associate degree: 8%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 4%

Adults 25-64 facing unemployment

- No high school credential: 6.9%
- High school or equivalent: 5.3%
- Some college or associate degree: 3.4%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 2.2%

2017-2018 School Discipline

Students who were suspended, by race:

- In-school suspension:
  - Black: 12%
  - Hispanic: 6%
  - White: 5%

- Out-of-school suspension:
  - Black: 15%
  - Hispanic: 6%
  - White: 5%

School enrollments in the school year:

- 31% were Black
- 17% were Hispanic
- 44% were White

Of those who were referred to law enforcement:

- 53% were Black
- 14% were Hispanic
- 25% were White

Of the students who had a school-related arrest:

- 62% were Black
- 15% were Hispanic
- 16% were White