

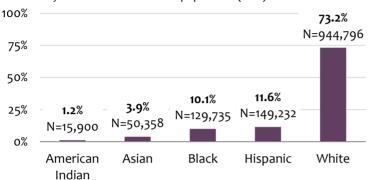
# **FACT SHEET: Children's Demographics** and Well-Being

# Population (2016)

Total Wisconsin population: 5,774,977

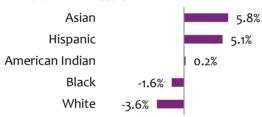
- Black residents make up 6.8% of the total population.
- Hispanic population in Wisconsin is 387,379, about 6.7% of the total.
- White residents make up 82.5% of the population.

Diversity within Wisconsin's child population (2016)



The Wisconsin population is changing, with an increase in the percent of children in Wisconsin who are Asian and Hispanic.

Child demographic change between 2012 and 2016 in Wisconsin.



# Geography

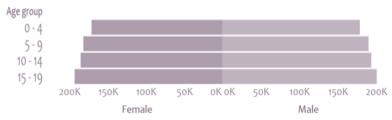
The majority of the children live in the Southeast region (38%), and 31% live in rural counties with fewer than 20,000 people.

Wisconsin county population, ages <18 (2015)Changes in county child population from 2011 to 2015. Changes over 10% up or down are displayed. <4,000 4 to 9,000 9 to 19,000 >19,000 Increase No Change Decrease

Child population (0-18) was 1,290,021, about 22% of the general population in 2016.

- Black children make up 10.1% of the child population.
- Hispanic children make up 11.6%.
- White children make up 73.2% of the Wisconsin child population.

Wisconsin's population by age and gender (2015)



# Wisconsin is 12th Overall in National Health Rankings (Kids Count)

**Contributing Factors** 

Strong economic well-being, with fewer parents lacking employment, and fewer children in poverty.

12<sup>th</sup>

High marks in education, such as more young children in school, better math proficiency, and more students graduating high school on time.

# Wisconsin ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in youth mental health (Mental Health America)

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**Contributing Factors** 

- High depression rates
- Low treatment for youth with mental illness

Of note: Wisconsin ranks ranked 11th for adult mental health.

Wisconsin ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation in best overall health for women and children (American Health Ranking)



**Contributing Factors** 

- High rate of insured children.
- Low food insecurity.
- Excellent health care available for women, particularly pregnant women.

Of note: Wisconsin ranks ranked 21st for infants' health and 15<sup>th</sup> for children's health.

# Demographics and Well-Being (page 2)

#### Wisconsin's Families

#### Family Stability

- The median household income in Wisconsin in 2016 was \$59,817, comparable to national and Midwest medians.
- One of five of Wisconsin's children lived in of poverty.
- In 2016, 73% of children ages 6-12 have all parents working outside the home.

### Community and Connection

- 85.1% of Wisconsin's children had stable housing, e.g., lived in the same house as one year ago.
- More Wisconsin children (48.6%) participated in community service than the national average (43.1%).





#### Adult Health

- 93% of Wisconsin adults have health insurance.
- 9 in 10 adults report good health.
- 1 in 10 adults received mental health services in 2015.
- 4% of adults reported having a serious mental illness, and 6.6% reported major depression in 2015.

#### Health

#### Health Care

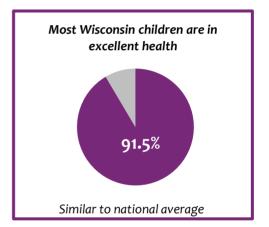
- 83% children visited a doctor for a check-up in 2015.
- Most children (91%) received family-centered care.

#### Insurance

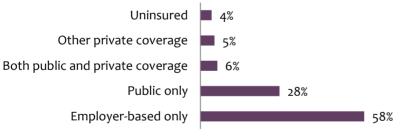
- Over 95% of Wisconsin children were covered by insurance in 2016.
- 45% of children ages 0-18 were covered by Medicaid throughout 2015.
- Wisconsin spends the least amount of money per child on Medicaid, at \$1,656/child/year compared to the Midwest. The average in the US is \$2,492/child/year.







# Percent of Wisconsin children by insurance type (2016)



# Education

### Children

- 863,381 children attended school in 2016/17.
- In 2015/16 64% of four-year olds attended kindergarten.
- 59% of high schoolers enrolled in postsecondary education in 2015/16.
- 13,300 students were Identified with Emotional/Behavioral disturbance for an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 1.5% of all enrolled students and 11% of students with disabilities.

#### Mental Health

 21% of Wisconsin children have any mental health issue (right).

| Any Mental Illness | 1 | in | 5  |  |
|--------------------|---|----|----|--|
| Ongoing EBD        | 1 | in | 11 |  |
| Depression         | 1 | in | 20 |  |
| Behavioral/Conduct | 1 | in | 14 |  |
| Anxiety            | 1 | in | 11 |  |

# Physical Health

- 1 in 3 youth ages 10-17 are overweight or obese.
- Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade get a minimum of 3 physical activity classes per week in school.
- 59% of Wisconsin's children ages 6-17 report 60+ minutes of exercise, 4+ days/week.



# Adults

- 91% of Wisconsin adults over 25, on average, had a high school degree (2011-2015).
- 40% of adults have an associates, bachelor or higher degree.