

Who are America's children? AAP analyzes federal data

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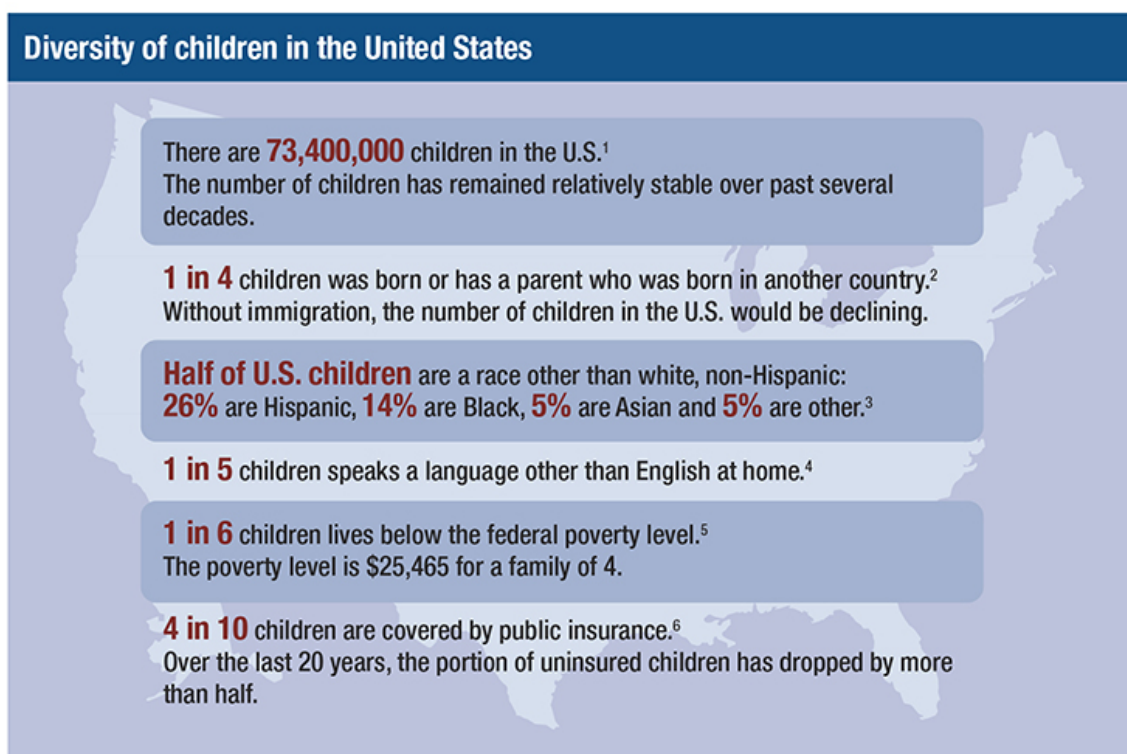
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The more than 70 million children under 18 who live in the U.S. are highly diverse. Half are identified as a race or ethnicity other than white, non-Hispanic, and a quarter are in immigrant families.

Over the past two decades, the percent of children without insurance has dropped more than half, to 5%, while the portion covered by public insurance has doubled to about 42%.

Children also are more likely than adults to be living in poverty (16% vs. 11%).



¹U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, 2018

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⁶Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 2018

The AAP has been using data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other federal datasets to monitor trends in child demographics and in the health and health care of children, <https://bit.ly/38JVoqD>.

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Resources

For more about the Academy's commitment to diversity, health equity and dismantling racism, read:

- ["AAP Diversity and Inclusion Statement"](#)
- ["New Resources and Strategies to Advance the AAP's Values of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity"](#)
- [AAP News article "Dismantle racism at every level": AAP president"](#)
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