

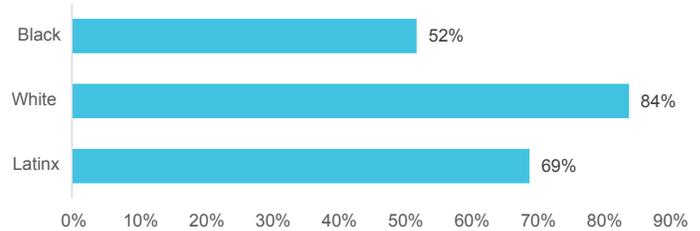


For both babies and parents, birth outcomes are worse for DC’s Black and Latinx residents.

- Twelve Black babies died in their first year out of every 1,000 live births, as did roughly four Latinx babies out of every 1,000 live births.
- Between 2013 and 2017, there were 20 deaths due to complications related to pregnancy. 19 of those who died were Black and one was Latinx.

First Trimester DC Prenatal Care by Race

Percent of parents receiving prenatal care in the first trimester for DC births.

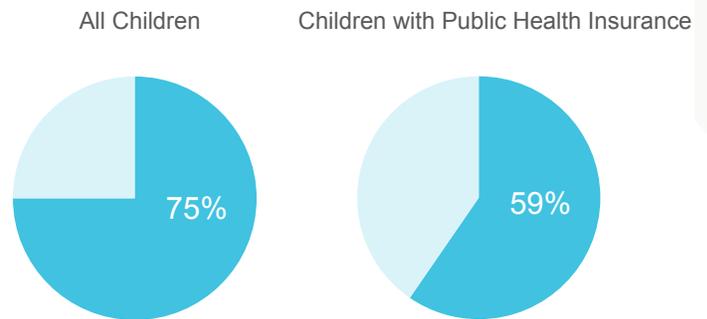


While DC does a better job than many states of providing health support, including insurance and home visiting, there are still big gaps in health care access.

- Approximately 7 out of 10 children are covered by Medicaid or DC Healthy Families, but coverage isn’t always continuous. 10% of Black and Latinx children and 1% of white children had periods without health insurance coverage in the year prior according to the 2018 National Survey of Child Health.
- Approximately 30% of Black and Latinx children didn’t have a preventative care visit in the past year, versus just 3% of white children.
- Home visiting is a way of delivering prevention and early intervention services for expecting parents and families of young children. In 2019 DC had capacity to serve roughly 1,347 children and families in these programs.

Preventative Care Visits for Children

Percent of DC children under 18 who had a preventative check-up in the last year (2018 National Survey of Child Health).



Many disparities exist in adolescent health outcomes.

- Black middle and high school students are almost three times as likely to have attempted suicide as white middle and high school students according to the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- Middle school girls of color have particularly high rates – nearly one out of five female Black and Latina middle school students reported having attempted suicide.
- One area where DC has made improvement is teen birth rates. The number of births to 15-19 year-olds fell from 637 in 2013 to 373 in 2018.

DC Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students are More at Risk for Suicide

Percent of DC students reporting having attempted suicide (2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey).



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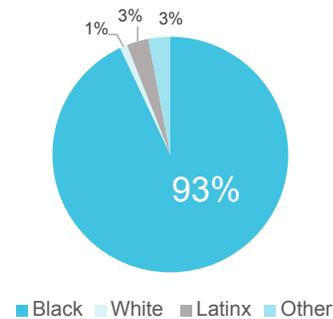


While DC does a good job of enrolling lower income families in SNAP and WIC, too many families don't have access to good nutrition.

- 93% of the DC residents receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) are Black and 3% are Latinx, while 73% of WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) recipients are Black and 25% are Latinx.
- WIC participation has been down in recent years (46% in 2017 from 62% in 2012) and there's concern that the recent "Public Charge" rule may create additional barriers.
- There are gaps in grocery access where many children live. Only four grocery stores service wards 7 and 8 (up from 3 in 2018) where 37% of DC children live. Each grocery store serves twice the number of residents as those in any other ward of the District.

SNAP Enrollment

Percent of DC residents participating in SNAP (2017).



Concerns about over-policing youth are born out in the stops, searches, and arrests data.

- Black youth under 18 were stopped at more than 10 times the rate of their white peers, with an even greater disparity for Black versus white boys.
- Police also searched Black youth under 18 far more often than they did white youth: 738 compared to just four.
- In DCPS, 92% of school-based arrests are of Black students (60% of the student body). And 29% of school-based arrests are of students with disabilities (18% of the student body).

7 out of 8 Children Stopped by Police are Black

Percent of youth under 18 subjected to DC Metropolitan Police Department stops who are Black (July 22 to December 31, 2019).



	TRENDS			RACE		
	PREVIOUS	RECENT	STATUS	BLACK	WHITE	LATINX
BIRTH OUTCOMES						
PRENATAL CARE IN FIRST TRIMESTER <i>Percent of births with prenatal care beginning in the first trimester.</i>	66%	66%	●	52%	84%	69%
INFANT MORTALITY <i>Number of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age.</i>	63	64	●	52	SUPPRESSED	5
DEATHS RELATED TO PREGNANCY <i>Number of deaths because of complications related to pregnancy, 5 years 2013-2017.</i>	-	20	-	19	0	1
ACCESS TO INSURANCE & CARE						
DC MEDICAID - COVERAGE <i>Percent of child population covered by DC Medicaid excluding DC Healthy Families enrollees, 2018.</i>	-	48%	-	71%	8%	51%
DC MEDICAID - ENROLLMENT <i>Child enrollment in Medicaid excluding DC Healthy Families enrollees, 2018.</i>	-	66,531	-	47,437	5,189	34,197

LEGEND

Improving (●) Neutral Impact (●) Getting Worse (●) Change (%) Data Not Available (-).
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HEALTH & SAFETY

	TRENDS			RACE		
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DC HEALTHY FAMILIES - ENROLLMENT <i>Child enrollment in DC Healthy Families, Feb. 2020 (previous Feb. 2015).</i>	7,599	16,842	223%	-	-	-
CONSISTENCY OF COVERAGE <i>National Survey of Child Health reported percent of children with consistent health insurance coverage during the past 12 months, 2018 (previous 2016).</i>	93%	92%	●	90%	99%	90%
DTAP/DT VACCINE COVERAGE <i>Percent of kindergarten students vaccinated, SY 2017-18 (previous SY 2012-13).</i>	92%	80%	●	-	-	-
MMR VACCINE COVERAGE <i>Percent of kindergarten students vaccinated, SY, 2017-18 (previous 2012-13).</i>	92%	81%	●	-	-	-

ADOLESCENT HEALTH - MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEMALE SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of female middle school students who have ever attempted suicide, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	16%	18%	●	19%	6%	19%
MALE SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of male middle school students who have ever attempted suicide, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	9%	10%	●	11%	4%	12%
LESBIAN, GAY, & BISEXUAL SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of lesbian, gay, and bisexual middle school students who have ever attempted suicide, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	31%	34%	●	-	-	-

ADOLESCENT HEALTH - HIGH SCHOOL

TEEN BIRTH RATE <i>Rate of births to teenagers age 15 through 19 per 1,000 females in that age range.</i>	32	19	●	31	SUPPRESSED	32
FEMALE SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of female high school students who attempted suicide within the last 12 months, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	14%	16%	●	15%	5%	18%
MALE SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of male high school students who attempted suicide within the last 12 months, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	11%	14%	●	14%	6%	13%
LESBIAN, GAY, & BISEXUAL SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of lesbian, gay, and bisexual high school students who attempted suicide within the last 12 months, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	25%	26%	●	-	-	-
TRANSGENDER SUICIDE ATTEMPTS <i>Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported percent of transgender high school students who attempted suicide within the last 12 months, 2019 (previous 2015).</i>	-	49%	-	-	-	-

NUTRITION

SNAP ENROLLMENT - CHILDREN <i>Number of children participating in SNAP.</i>	53,000	37,000	(30%)	-	-	-
SNAP ENROLLMENT - HOUSEHOLDS <i>Number of households participating in SNAP.</i>	80,000	68,000	(15%)	93%	1%	3%
WIC ENROLLMENT <i>Number residents participating in WIC, 2016.</i>	-	17,933	-	13,049	4,522	4,410
WIC ELIGIBILITY <i>Number of residents eligible for WIC, 2017 (previous 2012).</i>	26,073	29,059	11%	-	-	-
WIC COVERAGE <i>Percent of eligible residents participating in WIC, 2017 (previous 2012).</i>	62%	46%	●	44%	17%	58%

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- Child enrollment in Medicaid and the percent of the child population covered by DC Medicaid (excluding DC Healthy Families enrollees) pull from The Georgetown University Center for Children and Families' Snapshot of Children with Medicaid by Race and Ethnicity, 2018 available at <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Snapshot-Medicaid-kids-race-ethnicity-v4.pdf>.
- Child enrollment in DC Healthy Families data points pull from the DC Department of Health Care Finance Monthly Medicaid and Alliance Enrollment Reports available at <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/monthly-medicaid-and-alliance-enrollment-reports>. The numbers for a given month vary from one report to the next so the most recent reports available for each month were used (the October 2020 report for the February 2020 data point, and the June 2016 report for the February 2015 data point).
- Data points on consistency of health insurance coverage and preventative care visits use 2018 National Survey of Child Health data available through <https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey>. The "previous" data point pulls from 2016 NSCH data at the same site. This survey uses a fairly small sample size and has a fairly large margin of error. While for Black and white children rates are comparable in 2018 data and 2017/2018 two-year data, for Latinx children only 6% had periods of non-coverage if looking at the two-year value, versus the 10% single-year figure.
- The home visiting capacity number pulls from the DC Home Visiting Council's 2019 Annual Report available at <https://www.dchomevisiting.org/publications.html>.
- Vaccine coverage rates are also reported in the Kids Count data portal, which pulls from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention annual report on Vaccination Coverage Among Children in Kindergarten
- All data points about rates of suicide attempts pull from Youth Risk Behavior Survey results available at <https://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-youth-risk-behavior-survey-yrbs>.
- 2018 SNAP child enrollment and data on the race of the head of household in families receiving SNAP are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households report available at <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/Characteristics2018.pdf>
- WIC enrollment by race data pull from at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program - WIC Table I - Composition of Racial Participant Enrollment and Table III - Composition of Ethnic Participant Enrollment available at <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/TABLE%20I%20-%20COMPOSITION%20OF%20RACIAL%20PARTICIPANT%20ENROLLMENT%202016.xlsx.pdf> and <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/TABLE%20III%20-%20COMPOSITION%20OF%20ETHNIC%20PARTICIPANT%20ENROLLMENT%202016.pdf>, respectively.
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- The data points on school-based arrests use DC School Report Card data. While nominally this source should cover all DC public schools, both traditional and charter, only DCPS data were included in the report for this measure because there appear to be some issues with the school-based arrest data. When looking at the LEA level, the vast majority of arrests seem to occur in DCPS, with only a handful at 3 charters and none at most charters. While this is possible, it seems improbable, suggesting a data issue. In addition, when looking at the school level data, the numbers differ from the totals in the LEA and DC-wide data (while the LEA tab suggests that 3 charter LEAs have 4 arrests each, the school tab lists each of those three as only having 2 arrests each).



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