1 IN 2 children are economically disadvantaged in the Southside Region

Legend:
- 31-44%
- 45-59%
- 60-75%

FARMVILLE

ROCKY MOUNT

DANVILLE

LAWRENCEVILLE
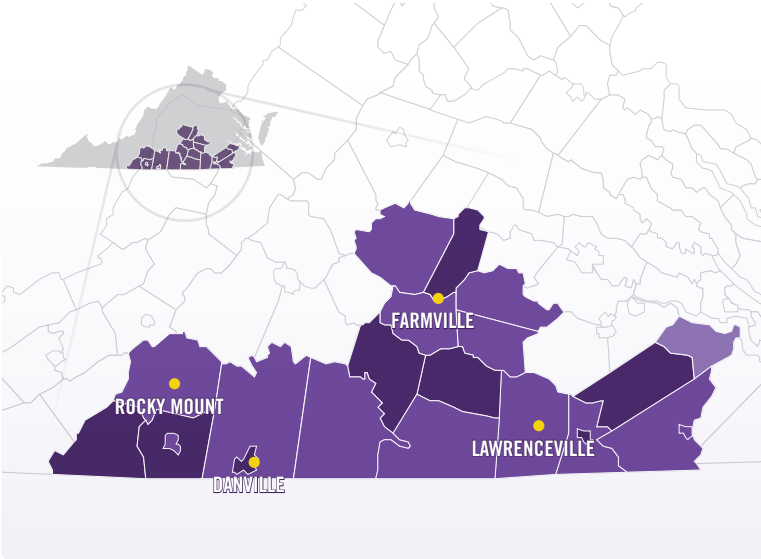
Children living below 200% of the poverty level are economically disadvantaged and live in families that struggle to meet basic needs: food, housing, utilities, child care, and transportation.
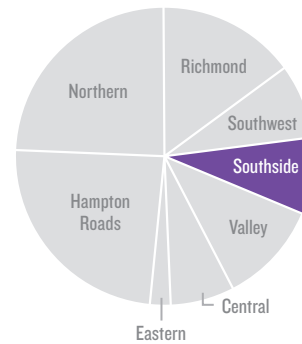
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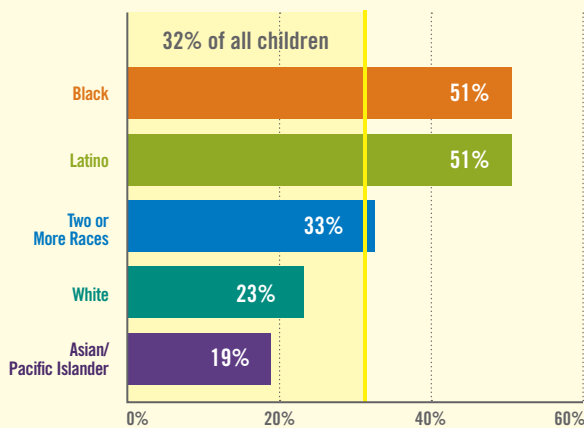
52,585 children

ENOUGH TO FILL

1,052 SCHOOL BUSES

WHICH REPRESENTS

Pie chart regions: Northern, Richmond, Southwest, Southside, Valley, Central, Eastern, Hampton Roads

8%

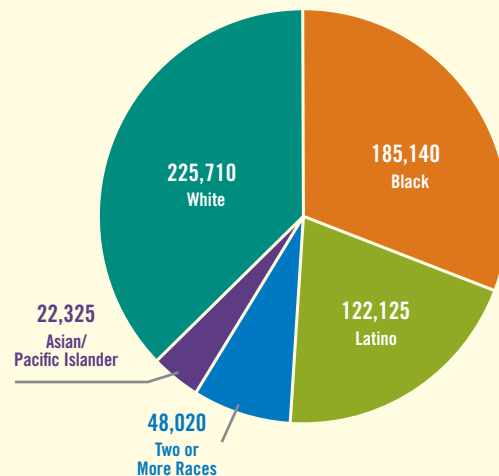of Virginia's economically disadvantaged children

Virginia children of every race and ethnicity face hardship

BLACK AND LATINO CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO GROW UP IN FAMILIES THAT STRUGGLE TO MEET BASIC NEEDS

32% of all children

- Black: 51%
- Latino: 51%
- Two or More Races: 33%
- White: 23%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 19%

0% 20% 40% 60%

Percent of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty by Race and Ethnicity

WHITE CHILDREN MAKE UP THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN THE COMMONWEALTH

- 225,710 White
- 185,140 Black
- 122,125 Latino
- 48,020 Two or More Races
- 22,325 Asian/Pacific Islander

Number of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty by Race and Ethnicity

Over time, a variety of federal, state, and local policy choices have had disproportionate impacts on families living in certain regions or belonging to certain races and ethnicities. Those effects are still felt today. To improve economic opportunity, we must recognize children have different starting points, which may require different policy solutions.

DEMOGRAPHIC		ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		EDUCATION			HEALTH		SAFETY
Locale	Total Child Population (Ages 0-17)	Number of Children Economically Disadvantaged (Below 200% FPL*)	Percent of Children Economically Disadvantaged (Below 200% FPL*)	Pass Rate of Kindergarteners on PALS-K Exam (Fall Kindergarten Readiness Exam)	Pass Rate of Third Graders on SOL Reading Exam		Number of Low-Income Children without Health Insurance (Below 200% FPL*)	Percent of Prenatal Care Beginning in 1st Trimester	Rate of Children Entering Foster Care (Per 1,000 Children)
					Economically Disadvantaged	Not Economically Disadvantaged			
Amelia	2,718	1,486	55%	95%	66%	88%	104	94%	0
Brunswick	2,961	1,514	51%	86%	45%	48%	92	81%	1.1
Buckingham	3,316	1,526	46%	79%	44%	69%	117	83%	2.5
Charlotte	2,661	1,907	72%	79%	72%	81%	130	68%	6.5
Cumberland	2,047	1,207	59%	92%	68%	88%	61	92%	2.1
Danville	9,280	5,459	59%	82%	43%	66%	213	98%	3.1
Emporia	1,380	1,078	78%	included in Greensville			31	81%	included in Greensville
Franklin City	2,043	1,155	57%	83%	37%	63%	39	77%	1
Franklin County	11,020	5,494	50%	81%	70%	80%	374	74%	3.3
Greensville	1,926	1,190	62%	85%	38%	62%	53	73%	3.1
Halifax	7,393	4,054	55%	83%	63%	81%	205	76%	1.1
Henry	10,507	6,225	59%	81%	61%	80%	299	88%	4.9
Lunenburg	2,358	1,420	60%	85%	62%	83%	102	76%	2.2
Martinsville	3,039	1,684	55%	86%	72%	74%	78	88%	included in Henry
Mecklenburg	5,987	2,991	50%	90%	62%	88%	192	83%	2.6
Nottoway	3,117	1,478	47%	74%	71%	92%	110	79%	1.6
Patrick	3,308	1,934	58%	79%	78%	90%	133	92%	1.9
Pittsylvania	12,477	6,422	51%	81%	78%	86%	310	85%	1.7
Prince Edward	3,614	1,967	54%	79%	39%	72%	127	78%	1.1
Southampton	3,605	1,535	43%	80%	70%	88%	109	65%	0.6
Surry	1,252	494	39%	95%	77%	92%	31	80%	0
Sussex	950	365	38%	85%	76%	78%	63	69%	0
Regional Total	**96,959**	**52,585**	**54%**	-	-	-	**2,973**	**82%**	**2.0**
State Total	**1,865,556**	**620,201**	**33%**	**84%**	**62%**	**75%**	**48,166**	**85%**	**1.5**

*FPL stands for Federal Poverty Level. The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition. In 2016, a 200% poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was $48,600.

Data helps us ask more questions about what is happening in a community and often does not provide any direct answers. To learn more about the data, sources, or child well-being in your community, please contact KIDS COUNT Director Beth Nolan at beth@vakids.org.

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