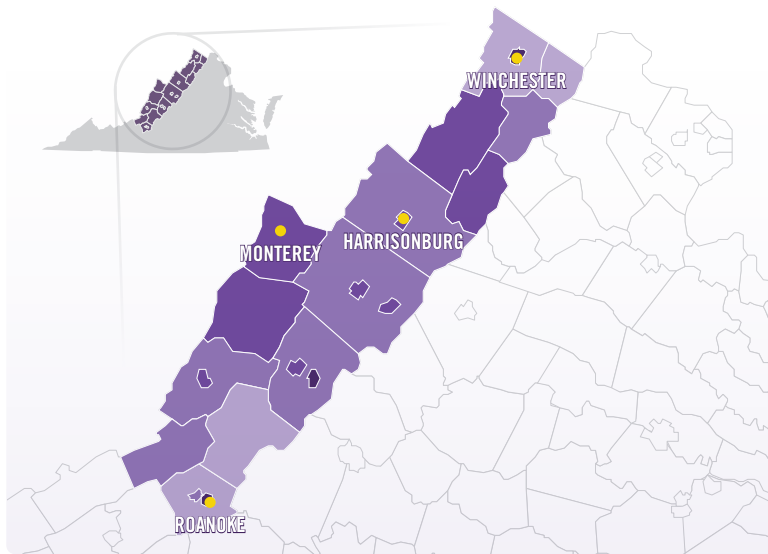


2 IN 5 children are economically disadvantaged in the Valley Region

15-30% 31-44% 45-59% 60-75%



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.

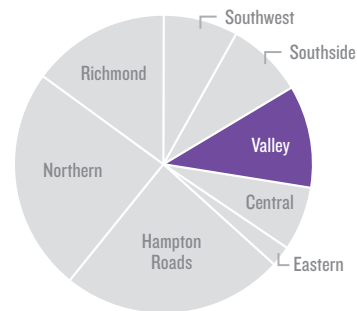
THAT'S

68,116 children

ENOUGH TO FILL

1,362 SCHOOL BUSES

WHICH REPRESENTS

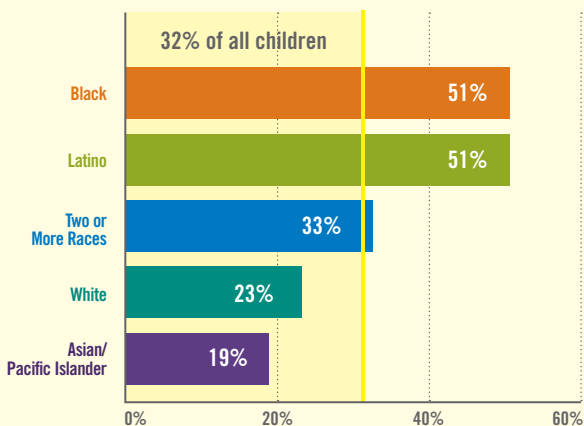


11%

of Virginia's economically disadvantaged children

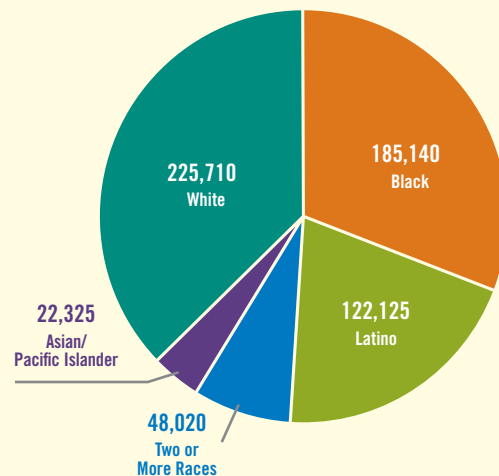
Virginia children of every race and ethnicity face hardship

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



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



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			
Alleghany	3,098	1,296	42%	85%	58%	91%	70	95%	2.4
Augusta	14,887	4,937	33%	81%	57%	82%	375	82%	0.5
Bath	876	376	43%	89%	65%	88%	30	87%	0
Botetourt	6,752	1,754	26%	81%	72%	86%	136	96%	0.2
Buena Vista	1,384	1,034	75%	92%	70%	77%	25	82%	included in Rockbridge
Clarke	3,094	981	32%	93%	64%	66%	107	91%	1
Covington	1,154	515	45%	67%	41%	71%	14	80%	included in Alleghany
Craig	1,079	491	46%	74%	71%	75%	34	83%	4.1
Frederick	19,424	5,051	26%	85%	53%	78%	433	78%	0.7
Harrisonburg	8,228	4,443	54%	72%	56%	81%	372	99%	included in Rockingham
Highland	309	143	46%	81%	> 50%	> 50%	16	81%	6.6
Lexington	586	232	40%	98%	67%	92%	13	78%	included in Rockbridge
Page	4,822	2,364	49%	84%	61%	80%	126	88%	2.1
Roanoke City	21,886	12,857	59%	78%	68%	82%	674	77%	6
Roanoke County	19,428	5,722	29%	85%	75%	89%	419	77%	2.6
Rockbridge	4,028	1,805	45%	84%	63%	85%	144	77%	4.1
Rockingham	17,711	6,746	38%	85%	63%	83%	613	100%	5.4
Salem	4,927	1,766	36%	83%	69%	89%	105	69%	included in Roanoke County
Shenandoah	8,738	4,049	46%	76%	50%	68%	337	98%	0.3
Staunton	4,480	2,169	48%	83%	57%	84%	108	97%	10.2
Warren	8,841	3,104	35%	76%	65%	76%	208	76%	0.8
Waynesboro	4,998	2,680	54%	81%	55%	73%	158	77%	included in Shenandoah
Winchester	6,163	3,601	58%	75%	55%	89%	244	69%	8
Regional Total	166,893	68,116	41%	-	-	-	4,761	84%	3.2
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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