State of Mecklenburg’s Children
Reflects the most recently available data as of July 2017

More than 1 in 5

White 7.11%
Asian 16.88%
Other 51.12%
Black 23.63%
Multi Race 27.04%
Hispanic 30.36%

Total number of Families with Children: 123,557

Approximately 251,990 children reside in Mecklenburg County, 46,495 of them live in poverty, 18.5%.

Mecklenburg County Children Living in Need

- Married 7%
- Just Dad 17.74%
- Just Mom 32.32%

Data Note:
The percent listed reflects the proportion of children in poverty for each racial group. Percentages will not equal 100%.

Live in Poverty + Live Below Basic Living Standard (200% of poverty line) = Total Living in Need
Concentrations of Students of Color in Title I Schools

**CMS FACTS**

145,592

2015-2016 K-12 Enrollment

**Student Body**
- 39.7% Black
- 29.4% White
- 22% Hispanic
- 6% Asian
- 2.4% Multi Race
- 0.5% Other

**Grade Level:**
In 2015-16 only 48.7% of economically disadvantaged 3rd graders were at level; All 3rd graders... 63.5%

**Per-Pupil Spending:**
For 2015-16, CMS budgeted an average of $9,215 for each student.

**Graduation Rates:**
The 4-year cohort graduation rate for 2015-16 rose to 89.6%, up from 88.3% in 2014-15

In 2015-16, 29 schools had 60% or more of the student population directly certified for the Community Eligibility Provision which replaced the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

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**Low Birth Weight:**
In 2015, 42.4% of births billed to Medicaid involved babies born low birthweight (<=2500 grams) compared to 9.2% of all Mecklenburg County births.

**Juvenile Justice:**
Of the 3,271 total delinquency complaints in 2016, 63.38% were minor or status offenses. The delinquency rate was 23.07.

**Youth Risk**
In 2015, 16.8% of high school students reported being bullied on school property. 17.2% report having seriously considered suicide.**

**Child Abuse & Neglect:**
In 2015-16, 1,320 (17.1%) reports involving 2,740 children were considered substantiated.

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*Data note: Beginning in 2014-15, CMS schools began participation in a USDA program called the Community Eligibility Provision that allows all students enrolled at a school where 40% of students are identified through public subsidy data (SNAP, TANF, etc.) to eat lunch for free. As part of this program, free/reduced meal application data are no longer collected. Therefore, we cannot report on increases or decreases in concentrations of poverty and children of color prior to 2014-15 and will instead report on CEP schools with more than 60% of the student body are directly identified.

**Data note: Middle school YRBS data was not reported in 2015.