Thriving PA

Maternal Health

Chester County

Total Births in 2020:

5,233

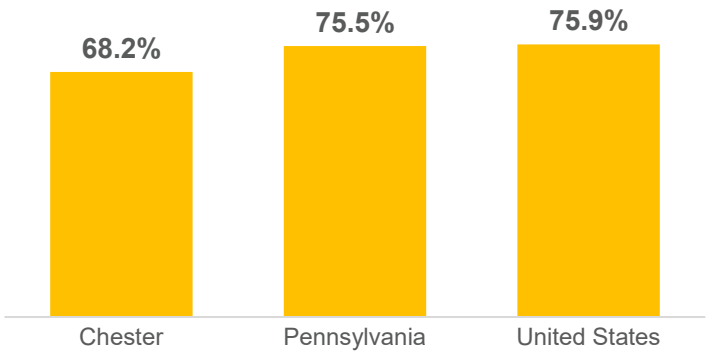
Overall Perinatal Vulnerability Index

lowest vulnerability — highest vulnerability

28.3

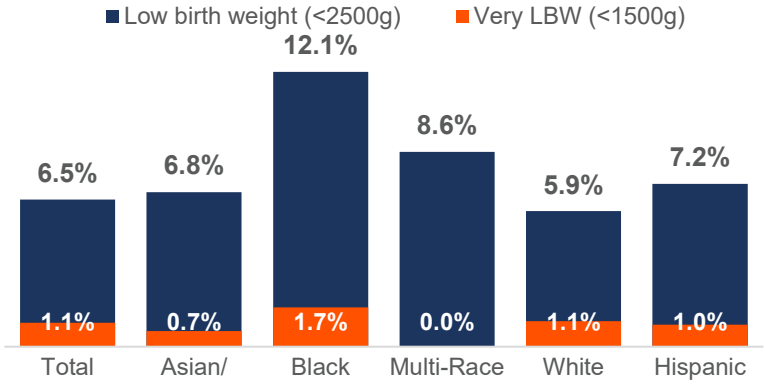
Social Stratification	Environmental Context	Health Care Availability	Behavioral Health	Pregnancy & Birth Outcomes
24.6	26.9	46.5	10.4	33.2
Categorization of the population based on socioeconomic factors related to wealth, income, education, race and ethnicity, gender, and social status.	*Aspects of the community that can impact health, such as internet access, crime rate, pollution exposure, transportation convenience, and residential segregation.*	*Population's health insurance status as well as access to maternity care, hospitals, primary care physicians, mental health providers, and community health centers.*	*Emotions and behaviors that affect perinatal well-being, including substance use, mental health problems, domestic violence, and sexually transmitted infections.*	*Status of reproductive health in terms of fertility, adequate prenatal care, preterm births, low birth weight, and racial disparities across maternal health outcomes.*

Adequacy of Prenatal Care



68% of live births were to birthing people who received prenatal care in the first four months of pregnancy with the appropriate number of visits.

Low Birth Weight Births



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In 2020, 6% of births in Chester County were less than 5.5 lbs and 1% were less than 3.5 lbs.

Thriving PA is led by Allies for Children, Children First, Maternity Care Coalition and Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

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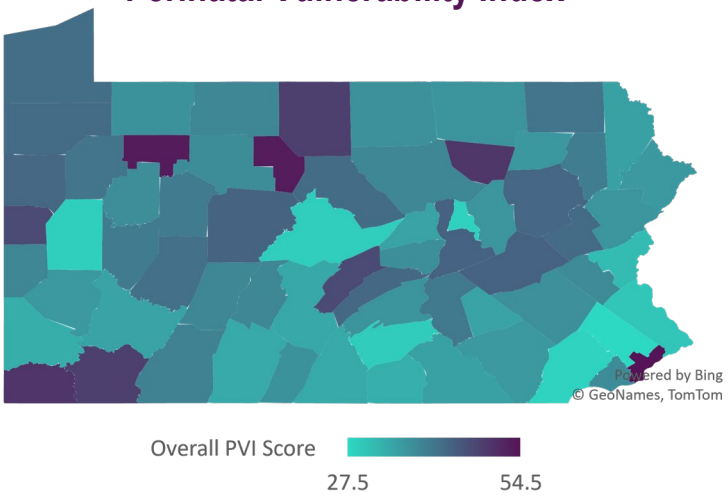
Pennsylvania

Total Births in 2020:
130,730

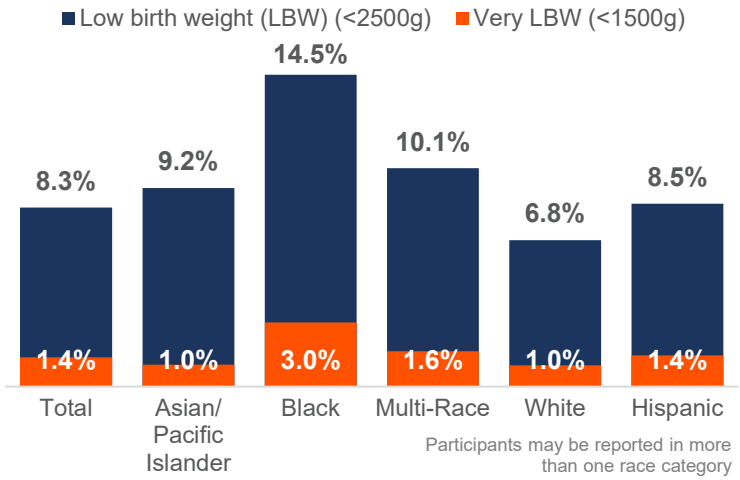
Moderate Access to Care:
13 counties

Maternity Care Deserts:
6 counties

Perinatal Vulnerability Index



Pennsylvania Low Birth Weight Births



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Thriving PA supports building a comprehensive and coordinated system of care and supports for Pennsylvania moms and birthing people by:

- Establishing a perinatal psychiatric access pilot program.
- Ensuring every birthing person has access to coverage during pregnancy by advocating for CHIP coverage for pregnant immigrants and their babies.
- Collaborating with DHS to expand and ensure the sustainability of the Managed Care Home Visiting initiative.
- Monitoring progress toward Medicaid reimbursement for Doula services.
- Supporting campaigns advocating for universal paid leave in PA and a state Earned Income Tax Credit.

Thriving PA is a non-partisan, statewide campaign that seeks to improve the quality of and increase equitable access to a coordinated system of health supports, including access to comprehensive perinatal health services, children's health insurance, nutrition supports, and lead screening and abatement.

The Perinatal Vulnerability Index is a composite measure developed by Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children. Low birth weight data is provided by PPC through analysis of information provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions.