KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present the 2015 Fact Book, which is now available online. This year, we celebrated our 20th anniversary of serving children in Delaware with a new focus on the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), alongside indicators of child well-being both new and returning. These indicators show a mix of positive and negative changes since our 1st fact book in 1995. Over the last 20 years, teen pregnancy in Delaware is less common by 52%, youth incarceration is down 45%, the state’s high school dropout rate is nearly half of what it used to be, and lead poisoning in children has decreased by more than 85% percent. In those same twenty years, however, the percentage of Delaware children living in poverty has nearly doubled, from 12.7% to 22.1%. Contributing to this increase is a corresponding uptick in children being raised in one parent families and in particular female-headed families in poverty. These figures impact other trends, such as increased infant mortality or obesity rates, less educational success and an increased likelihood of experiencing violent crime.

Our data can also be found online in the KIDS COUNT Data Center here. You can create custom graph and charts for any of the indicators for use in presentations, grant proposals, or discussions.

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