

# Who are America's Children Today?

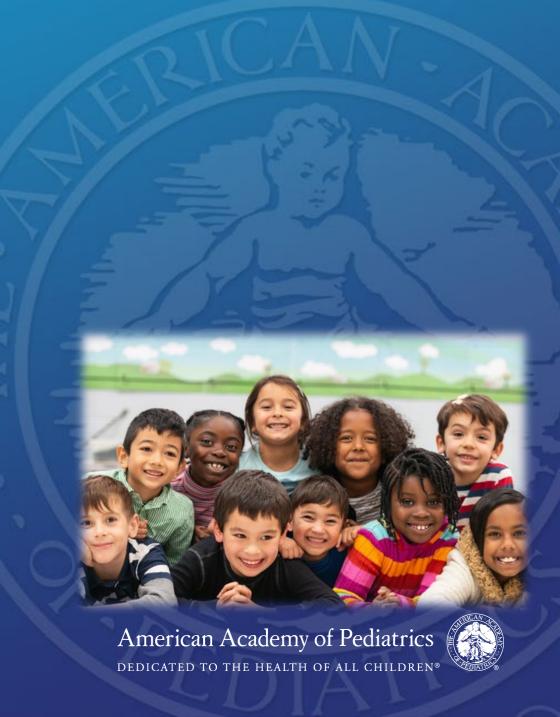
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# Historic Generational Change

- High Diversity
- Large Geographic Variability
- Interconnections: income, race & ethnicity, immigration, geography
- Diversity of Strategies to Reach Families



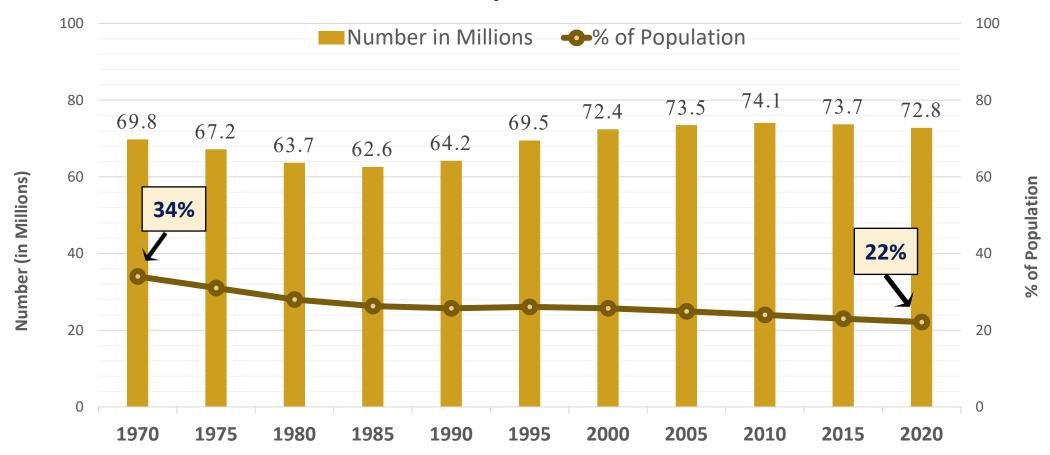
US TRENDS

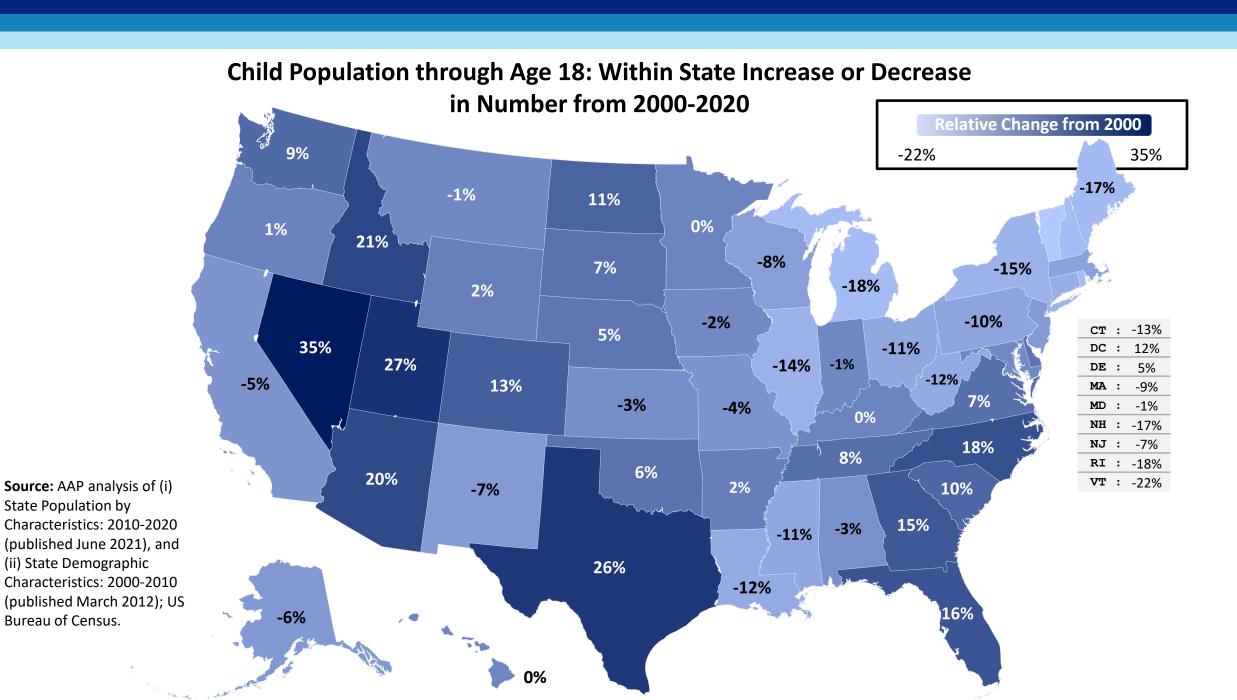
Declining child population

SUBSTANTIAL CHILD POPULATION SHIFT

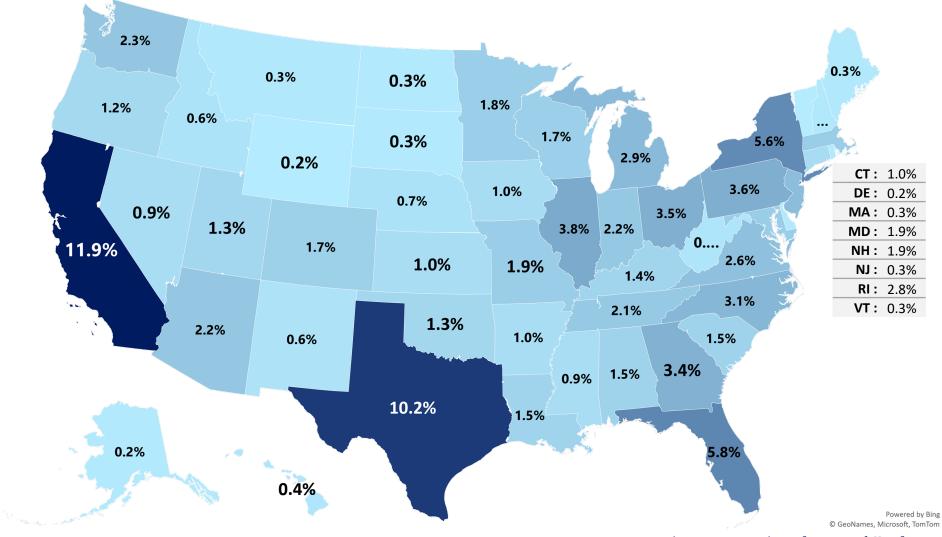
Notable growth in South, shrinkage in Northeast

# **US Child (under 18) Population: Number and** % of Overall Population, 1970-2020





## Percent of Total US Child (under 18) Population by State, 2021



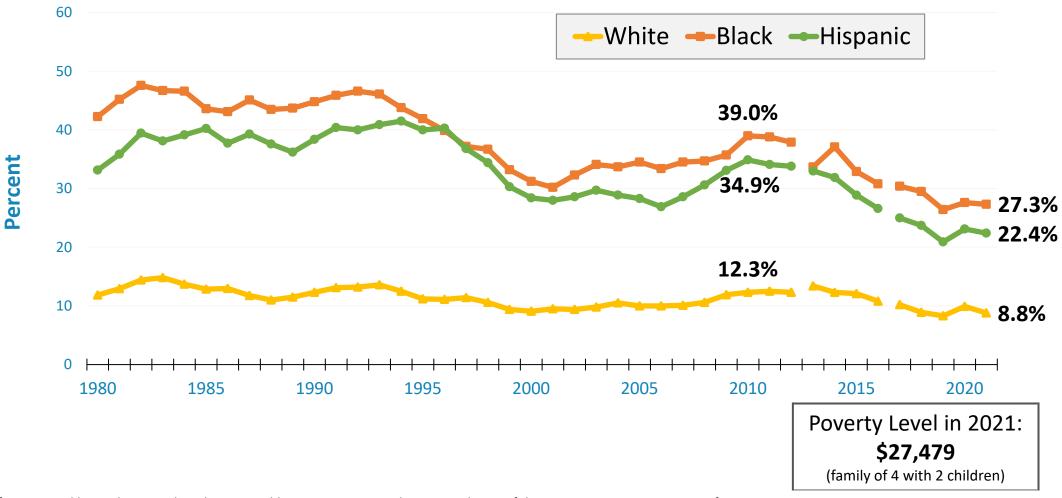
11.9%

**Percent** 

## CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE POOR

Interrelated with Race, Ethnicity, and Geography Currently: Historically High Income Disparities

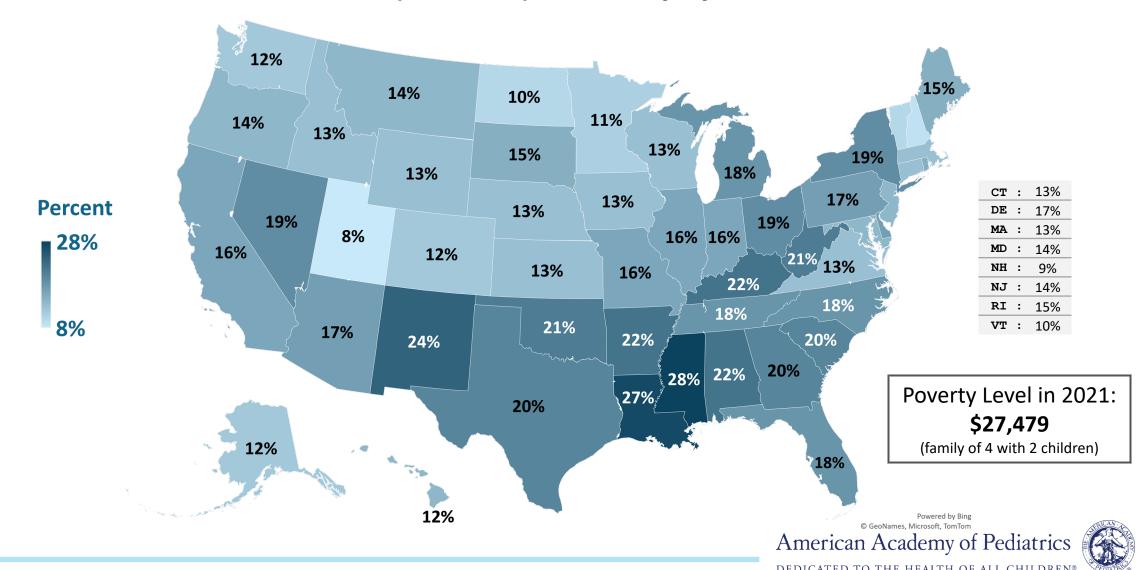
# Percent of US Children (under 18) Living Below the Poverty Level by Race & Ethnicity, 1980-2021\*



<sup>\*</sup>Estimates for 2013 and beyond are not directly comparable to previous years due to a re-design of the income questions. Estimates for 2017 and beyond are not directly comparable to previous years due to the implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system.

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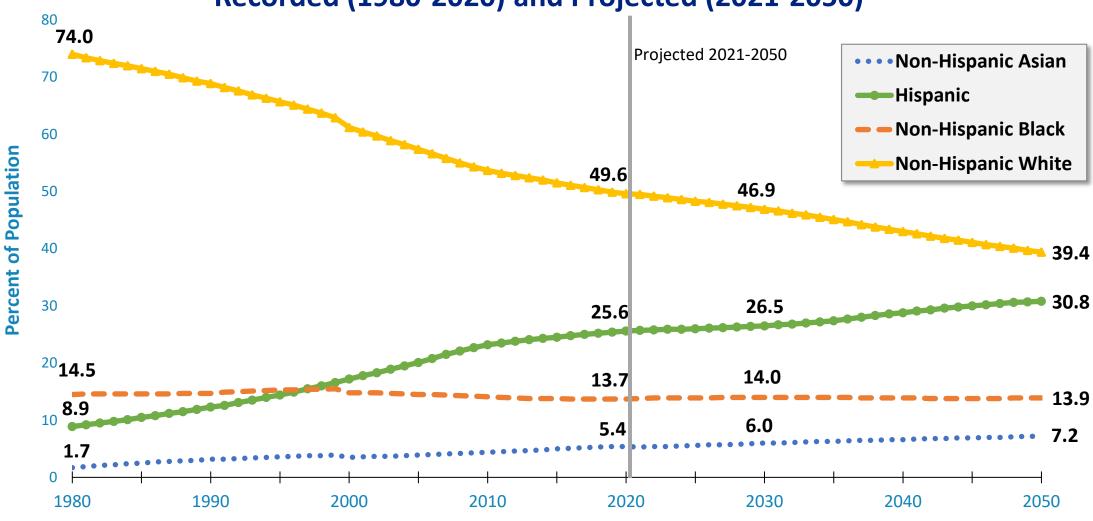
### Percent of Children (under 18) in Poverty by State, 2021



# THE CHILD POPULATION INCREASINGLY DIVERSE

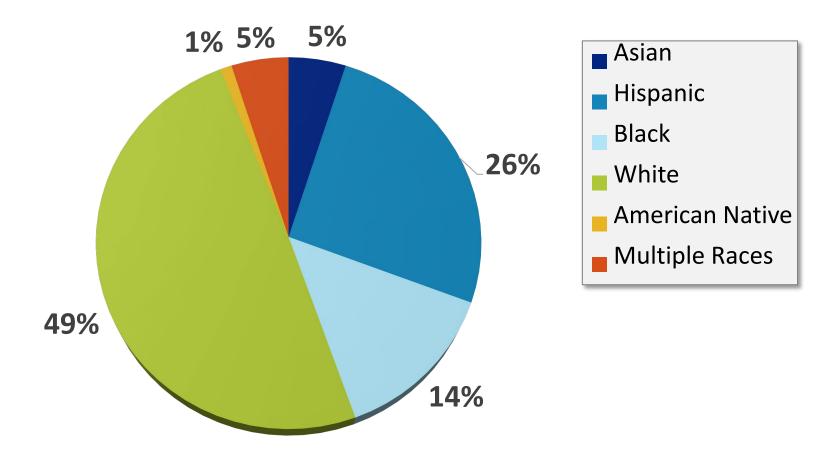
Decrease in White children
Increase in Hispanic & Latino children

## Race/Ethnicity of US Children (under 18), Recorded (1980-2020) and Projected (2021-2050)

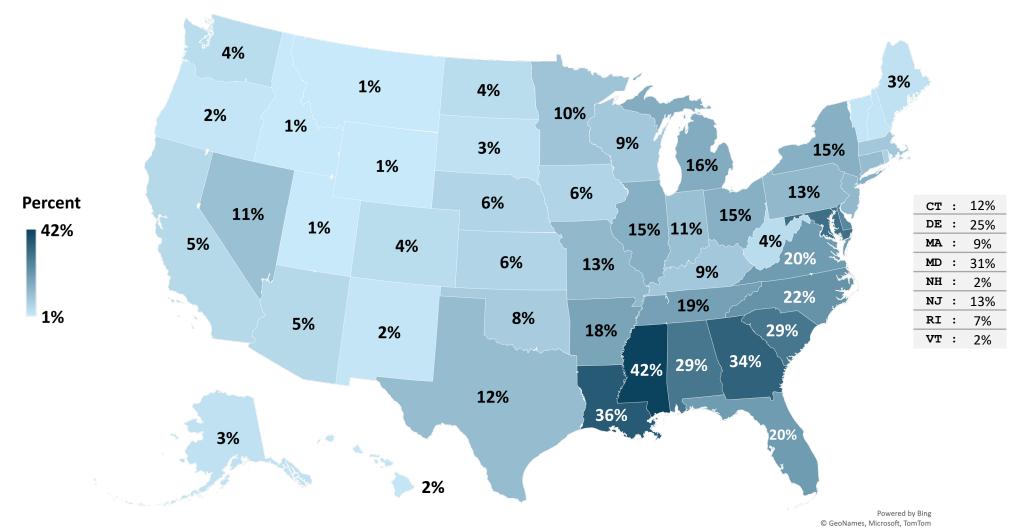


# US CHILDREN ARE HIGHLY DIVERSE <u>AND</u> CHARACTERISTICS HIGHLY VARIABLE ACROSS STATES

## Reported Race & Ethnicity of US Children < 18, 2020



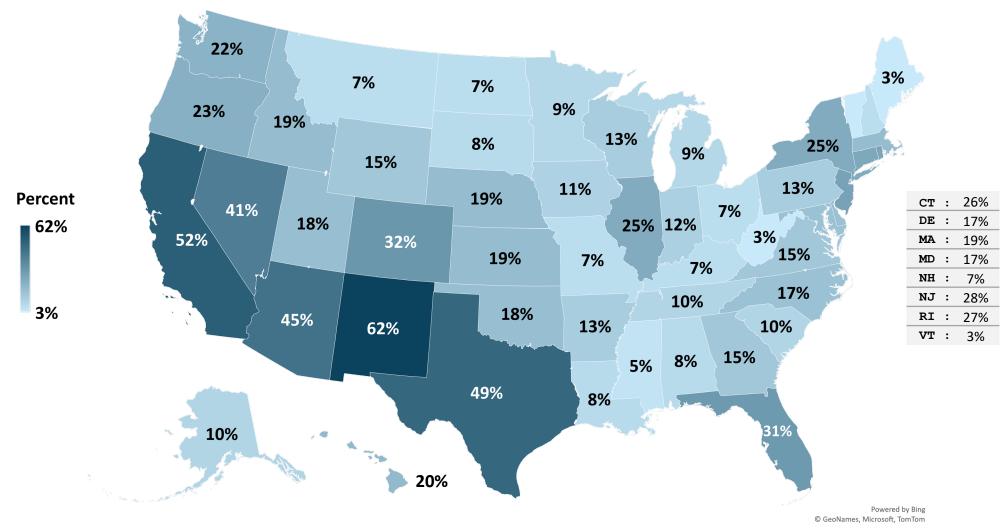
#### Percent of Children (under 18) Who Are Non-Hispanic Black by State, 2020



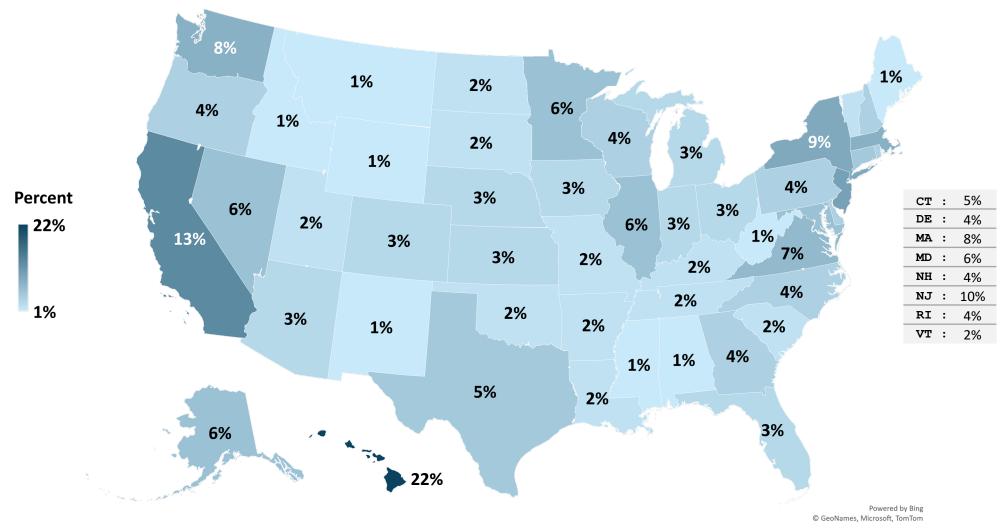
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#### Percent of Children (under 18) who are Hispanic or Latino by State, 2020



#### Percent of Children (under 18) who are Non-Hispanic Asian by State, 2020



POLICY STATEMENT Organizational Principles to Guide and Define the Child Health Care System and/or Improve the Health of all Children



#### Providing Care for Children in **Immigrant Families**

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## IMMIGRANT CHILDREN\* IN AMERICA

Understanding who they are: strengths & vulnerabilities

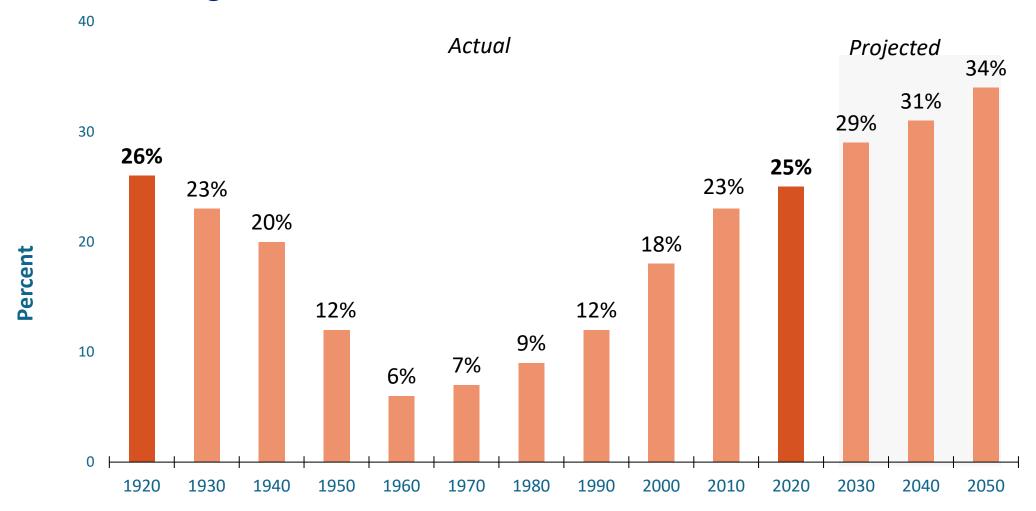
\* Immigrant Child = Child or parent born in another country



# Key Characteristics of Immigrant Children, 2021

- Growth at historic levels
- Families originate in countries across the globe
- Highly variable rates across US states, from 3% to 45% of the child population
- Core part of pediatric practice in the US

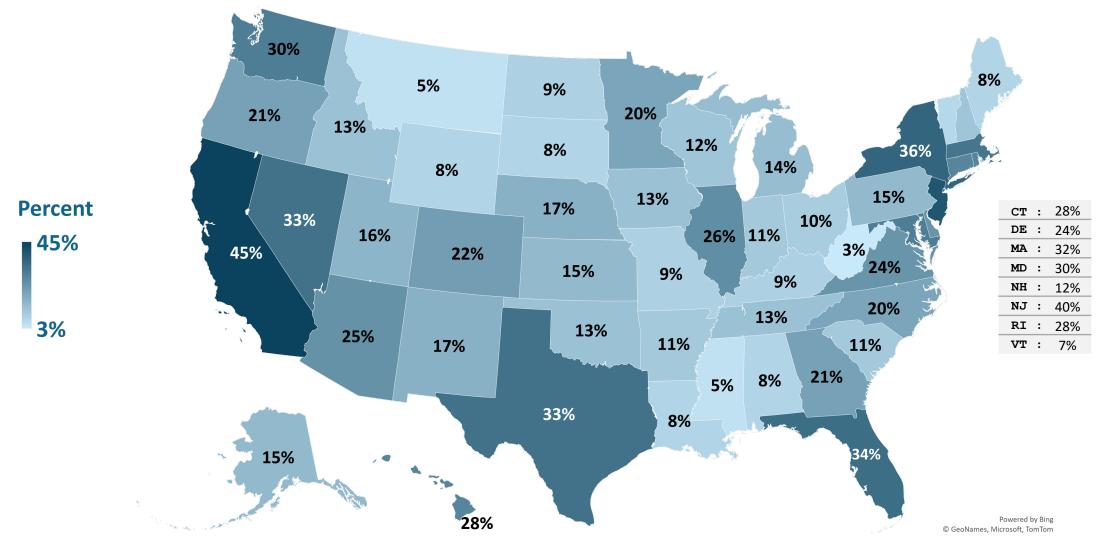
### Immigrant Children as Share of US All Children, 1920–2050\*



<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Immigrant children" defined as children under age eighteen who are either foreign-born or U.S.-born to immigrant parents; gray shaded region (2030-2050) refers to population projections.

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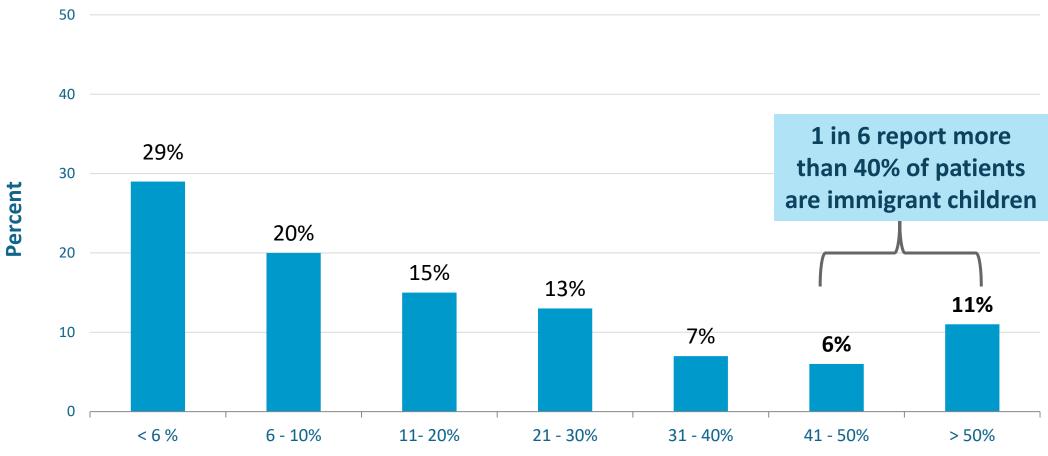
## Percent of US Children (under 18) in Immigrant\* Families by State, 2021







## Percent of AAP Member Patients Who are Immigrant Children



Percent of Patients Who are Immigrant Children



# Immigrant families highly diverse by education and income, but many face challenges

- About half (51%) have a parent who does not speak English very well
- 42% live in low-income families
- The "chilling" effect in many households to access programs

# THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN CHILD INSURANCE COVERAGE

Remaining gaps strongly related to geography, race, and ethnicity

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Insuring America's children should be Congress' common ground



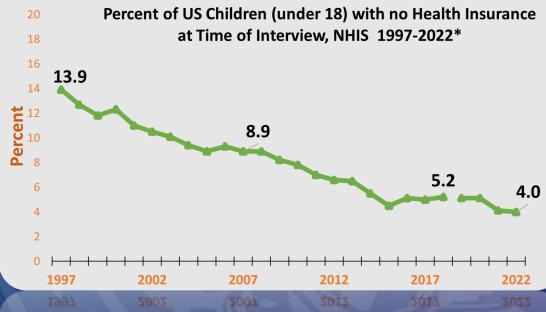
dren's agenda; how to better meet the health and educational needs of our children. These

The recent federal elections can health programs, but will become a secondary payer work to the advantage of America's for those pediatric services not covered by the national child health plan. Therefore, no child who now qualifies for Medicaid will lose benefits or have higher out-of-The closeness of the election pocket expenses with our approach. means that moderates of both parties

> Second, Medicaid will be expanded to provide "wrap around" coverage for children whose special health care needs exceed their benefit package. This means that even if there is an income-adjusted premium, this benefit will not be means tested and all children (those in the federal program and those with commercial, employer-

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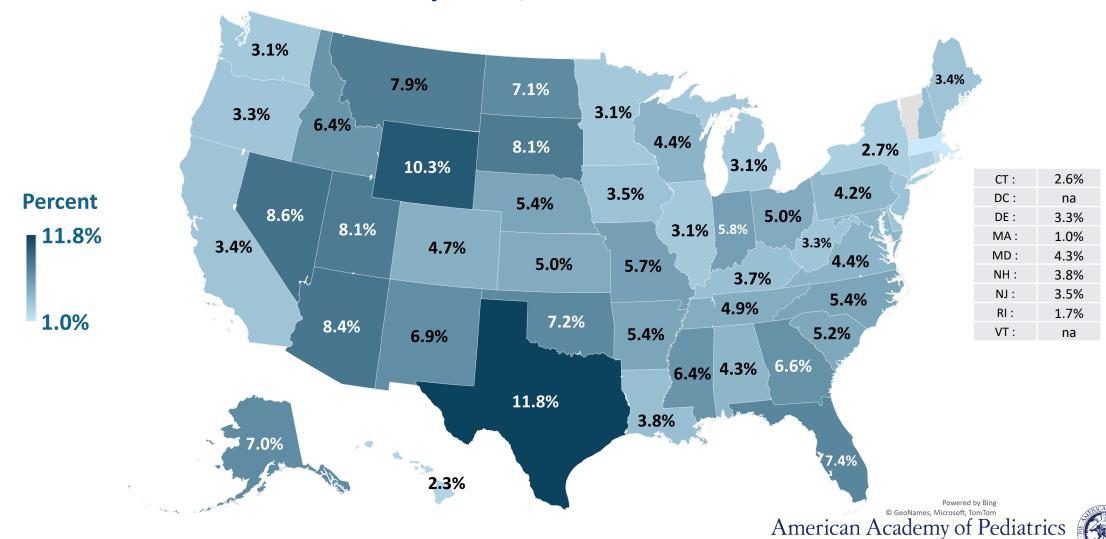
First priority as President:

"Health insurance for all children, regardless of family income."

Steve Berman MD, FAAP 1999



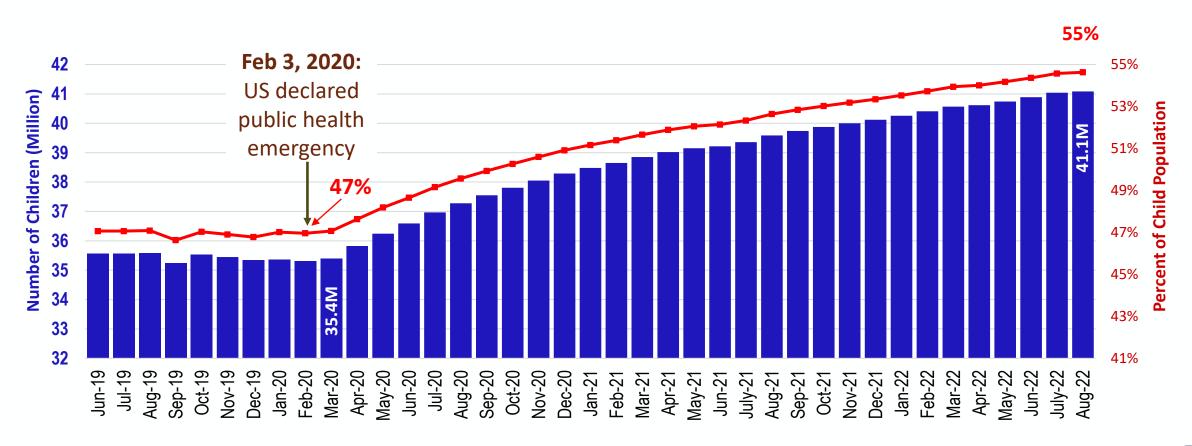
# Percent of US Children (under 19) without Health Insurance by State, 2021



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### Medicaid/CHIP Child Enrollment Trend June 2019 – August 2022

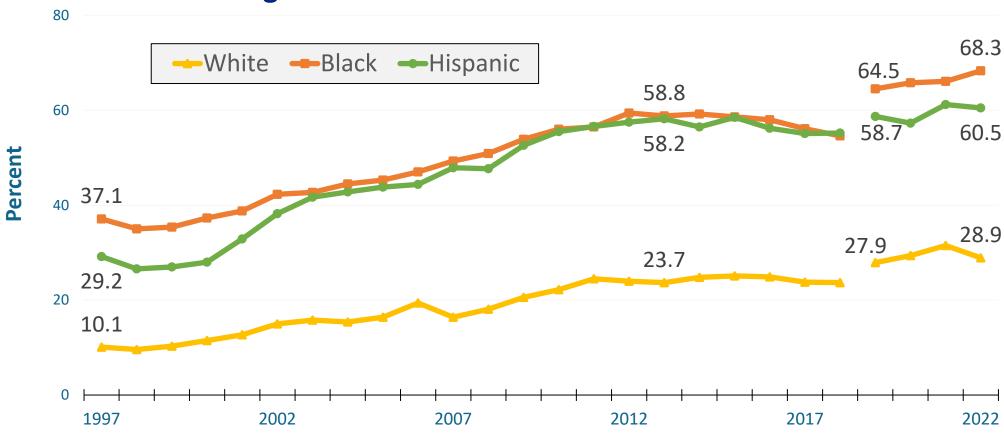
#### Number and Percent of US Children Enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP Before and Since the COVID-19 Pandemic



Note: Arizona did not submit any child data throughout the reporting period and is not included in this report. August 2022 data is preliminary. **Source:** AAP analysis of data submitted by states to CMS released through the Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Performance Indicator Projects.



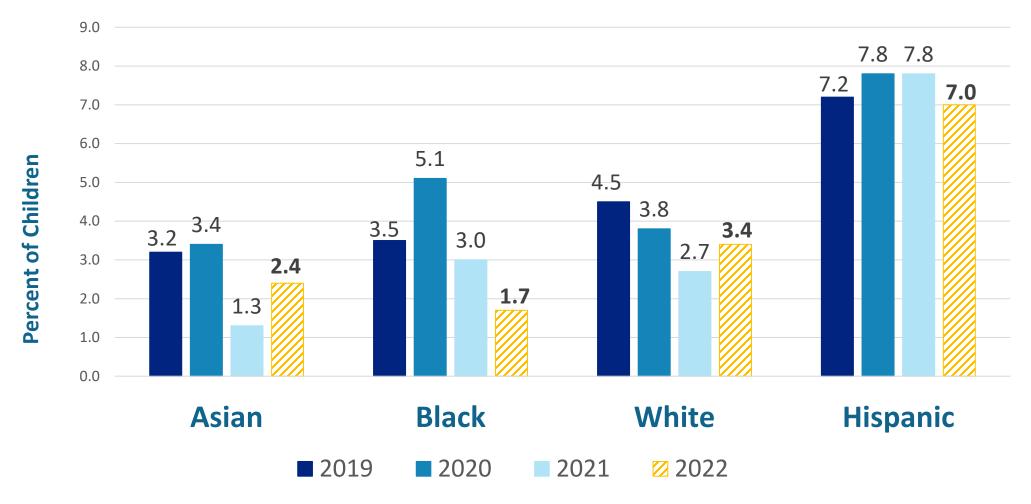
# Significant Increase in US Children (under 18) Covered Through Public Health Insurance: 1997-2022\*



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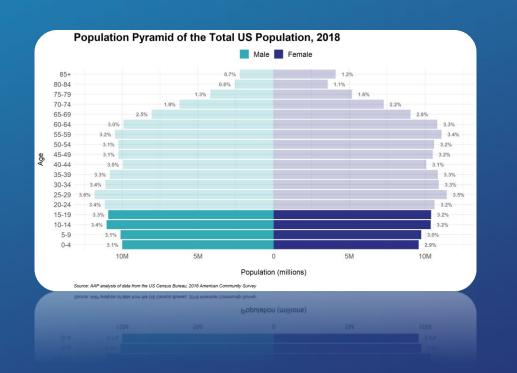
# Percent of Children Uninsured at the Time of the Interview by Race & Ethnicity National Health Interview Survey 2019-2022\*



<sup>\*</sup>January-June estimates for 2022. Full year estimates to be released in early summer 2023.



# The Numbers tell us: **Invest in the Diversity of** Children





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