



TOOL 3

Creating a Community Profile

The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Kids Count Data Center (<http://www.kidscount.org>) links data from the Census Bureau and other sources to create profiles of communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as of counties, Congressional districts, cities and other areas. Data are updated and expanded as they become available.

Factors			
	Current County	Current State	Current U.S.
Population Characteristics:			
The total population that is less than 18			
The percentage of the child populations that is:			
0-4			
5-11			
12-14			
15-17			
The percentage of the total population in poverty			
THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT. The percentage of children:			
In poverty (100% of poverty level)			
In extreme poverty (50% of poverty level)			
Single parent homes			
Living with neither parent			
In the care of grandparents			
In households where the head of the household is a high school dropout			
In households where the householder has a bachelor's degree or higher			
In families where no parent has full time, year -round employment			

THE LANGUAGE CHALLENGE: The percentage of children:			
That speak a language other than English at home			
Living in immigrant families			
In immigrant families in which resident parents have difficulty speaking English			
In immigrant families in which resident parents have less than a 9th grade education			
OTHER CHALLENGES for young adults in your community. The number or percentage of:			
Children under age 18 in foster care at any time of the year			
Persons residing in juvenile detention and correction facilities, age 10 to 15			
All youth residing in juvenile detention and correction facilities			
Teen mothers ages 15 to 19			
Teen births to women who were already mothers			
Births to mothers with less than 12 years of education			
EDUCATION. The percentage of:			
Young adults enrolled in or completed college			
High school graduates age 25-29 who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher			
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. The percentage of:			
Unemployed teens age 16-19			
Teens who are not attending schools and not working			
Persons age 18 to 24 not attending school, not working and no degree beyond high school			