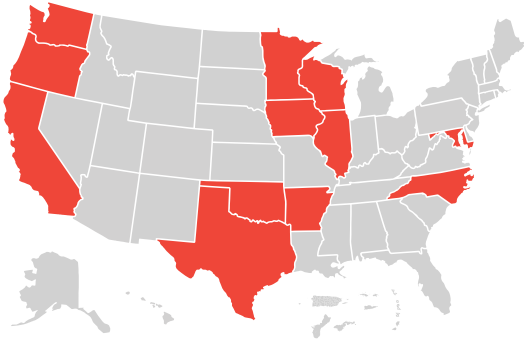


Family Connects

[Family Connects](#) is a population health model and systems-building strategy with nurse home visits at the center. The model offers newborn and postpartum health assessments via a registered nurse, who systematically assesses family needs, provides supportive guidance, and links families to community resources, as needed and desired. Family Connects identifies and aligns community services that support families and young children, resulting in improved communication and continuity across service providers. Through this alignment, the model also identifies gaps between family needs and available community resources. Family Connects aims to reach at least 60 to 70 percent of families with newborns in each community it serves.

<p>What is the model’s approach to providing home visiting services?</p>	<p>Home visits take place 2 to 3 weeks after birth, offering one to three home visits in total. Family Connects recommends families initiate services before the child is 12 weeks old. Families may enroll until the child is 6 months old.</p> <p>Family Connects serves all families with newborns.</p>
<p>Who is implementing the model?</p>	<p>Home Visitors</p> <p>Family Connects was implemented by 108.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) home visitors in 2021. Home visiting providers are Registered Nurses with up-to-date professional licenses, who function within the state’s Nurse Practice Act and are trained to provide newborn, caregiver, and family health and psychosocial assessments. Home visitors are required to maintain a caseload of six to eight new families per week.</p> <p>Supervisors</p> <p>Family Connects was implemented by 28.1 FTE nurse supervisors in 2021. The model requires a bachelor’s degree for nurse supervisors; a master’s degree is recommended.</p>
<p>Where is the model implemented?</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Family Connects operated in 28 local agencies across 12 states in 2021.</p> </div> </div>

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Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2021



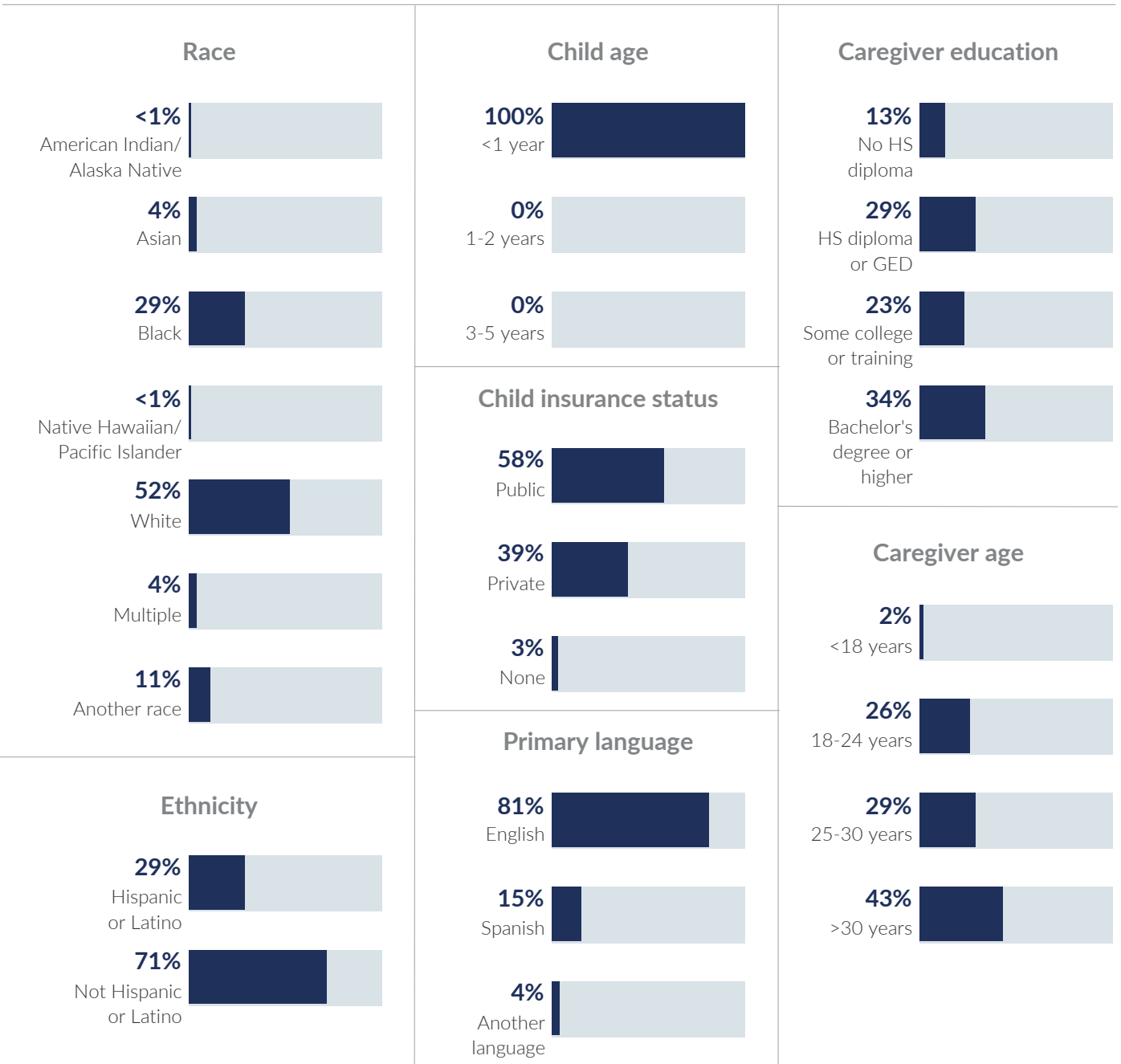
14,855

home visits provided
including **8,254** virtual visits



13,908

families served



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